

Hawaii Library Association Annual Conference November 30th - December 1st 2012, Hyatt Regency Maui Resort & Spa

My trip to HLA conference enabled me to visit the Kamehameha school library and meet librarians of the Hawaii Kamehameha school libraries. Nalani Naluai, Library Media Specialist at Kamehameah school was one of them. Given this opportunity, I introduced the Pacific Digital Library project to the group.



I met the HLA President, Christine Pawliuk, along with some HLA members and extended PIALA greetings and my gratitude for the Karen Peacock scholarship. I then presented the Pacific Digital Library project and shared it's history, successes, and challenges, it encountered since 2009.

The sessions I attended were the Astronomy in Hawaii: Telescopes Research and Libraries, Hawai'i State Public Library System, and Summoning the spirits of authors that haunt human.

Astronomy in Hawaii: Telescopes, Research and Libraries talks about how early Polynesians navigated by observing sky and ocean, that allowed them to locate and settle far islands of the Pacific. With modern technology and expert astronomies in Hawaii, Hawaii was selected to host telescopes on Haleakala, Maui and Mauna Kea on Hawaii Island. With study, research and records, they were able to develop unique libraries of the universe. They have future projects such as the Advanced Technology Solar Telescope on Maui and the Thirty Meter Telescope on Hawaii Island and they promise to continue to expand their understanding of the Universe.

Paola Saibene from the Hawai'i State Public Library System discussed new digital collections and support they have for Hawai'i residents devised to support state and federal information guidelines. HSPLS pays and makes resources available online to users. However to use these resources, a person must have HSPLS card. The database has all subject information from Elementary to High school levels along with teacher references and it can be found online at <http://www.librarieshawaii.org/serials/databases.html>.

A Maui Psychic did a presentation on summoning the spirits that haunt human. She is from England but moved to live in Hawaii. She summons spirit if needed using various tools but used cards at that time. She flips them with focus, concentration, and intentions to communicate with spirits. In her presentation, she stated that the spirits haunts if they are not satisfied with something

happened while they were alive or when messages needed to be passed on to the living. She not only can communicate with them but can sense if a life is in danger or not. The gift (she called) passed down from her family. Her knowledge toward spirits confirms that human and spirits (good and bad) can't interact if they don't associate with one another.

HLA allowed me to meet the HLA treasurer Naomi Chow the ILL/ESP librarian at Hamilton Library, Amy Nogami the Registration Committee Chair and the HLA former President Stewart Chun.

I would like to extend my Kalahngan to COM-FSM for giving me the opportunity to attend HLA conference and present Pacific Digital Library project.

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