

**2013 Hawaii Library Association (HLA)
Annual Conference
Nov. 8-9, 2013**

By Jennifer Hainrick

Selected as the recipient of the 2013 Karen Peacock Scholarship Award, I was provided an opportunity to participate in the 2013 HLA Annual Conference that took place on November 8-9 at Aulani A Disney Resort & Spa.



The theme for this year's HLA conference covered information literacy, which was *Teaching Library Instruction & Information Literacy: Opportunities, Challenges, and Future Directions*.

A broad spectrum of information sessions rich in content was provided for HLA participants to select from. Sessions covered not just method of information literacy for our students at all types of libraries, but also on assessment tools that can be used to evaluate how well our students are learning. Some sessions that stood out for me that I felt are practical to our libraries in the region include the following. A study was conducted by the University of Hawaii at Manoa library on how they used circulation statistics to identify what types of materials are needed and most used by their users. Paul Drake from the University of Guam RFK library shared an online library tool that his library developed to help students learn more about the library's resources, services, and research skills. The use of Google Drive is a popular tool for information literacy where students can make use of Google Forms, Google Presentations, Google Docs, Google+ and Hangouts to collaborate on learning with each other and with their teachers. Many of the tools that were shared during the conference are available online for free.

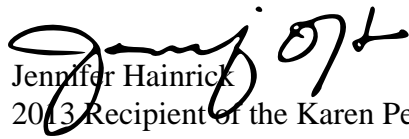
Below is a list of useful links that provide useful information for information literacy and assessment that are applicable to academic, public, school libraries, and special libraries.

Useful Links for Information Literacy and Assessment

- <http://meredith.wolfwater.com/wordpress/2013/11/07/aloha-hawaii-library-association/>
- <http://www.slideshare.net/mbowlesterry/hawaii-library-association-what-didtheylearn>
- <http://www.slideshare.net/mbowlesterry/hawaii-library-association-data-everywhere>
- <https://sites.google.com/site/kadanielsfl/>

To earn more support and exposure to PIALA from HLA, it would be ideal for PIALA to host a similar program, providing an HLA participant the opportunity to network and collaborate with PIALA participants at the annual PIALA conferences. I hope PIALA would consider such a venture to increase the networking partnership with HLA.

A warm thank you to Jane Barnwell, Ruth Horie, Jean Thoulag, and friends of HLA for making my stay in Honolulu a successful one. Much appreciation is also extended to the PIALA Executive Board members for your support of this training opportunity with HLA.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Hainrick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a stylized "H" at the end.

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