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# ORIGAMI PETER PAN FLIES OVER HAWAII'S LIBRARIES WITH A STORY: STORYTELLING WITH MAGIC HAWAII LIBRARY TOUR

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Touring magician storyteller, Yasu Ishida is about to hit the road for his Hawaiian library tour. He will be performing his storytelling show, *Wondrous Stories Through Magical Papers*, all over the Hawaii at 9 libraries on two islands from June 4th till July 14th 2016.

This show features stories in Kamishibai ("Paper-Theatre") style, incorporating magic tricks and various paper art forms, including Origami and Pop-Up Arts. Kamishibai is a storytelling style, which was popular in 1920's Japan, and the storyteller tells stories with using illustrated paper-boards. The stories include *Peter Pan* and *Old Man Cherry Blossom*. In *Peter Pan*, with audience's happy thoughts and a magic trick, an Origami Peter Pan flies over a pop-up Neverland and London city. In a famous Japanese old folk tale, *Old Man Cherry Blossom*, a kind, old Japanese man makes dead trees come to alive with his magical generosity.

Yasu has developed the show with East West Center and premiered it in January 2016. He has toured the show to 9 preschools in Hawaii then and the show was featured at the 2016 Florida Storytelling Festival. Kathleen Evans, Chaminade University Montessori Laboratory School Director, refers to his show as "It was very engaging and the children were

spellbound!”. It was well received that University of Hawaii at Manoa Outreach College brought him back for summer library tour through Statewide Cultural Extension Program.

Yasu Ishida is an award winning magician, director and storyteller. He is a graduate from the Chavez Studio of Magic (the most prestigious magic school in the world!). He imbues the essence of traditional Japanese culture beautifully into his magic and storytelling. He has enchanted audiences all over the United States at, from Disney Summer Stage Kids in New York, Hawaii Theatre, Hawaii Talkstory Festival to Honolulu Theatre for Youth. He is a nominee for the 2013 RAW Honolulu Performing Artist of the Year.

Shows are free and open to public. Tour Schedule is listed below.

**YASU ISHIDA LIBRARY TOUR DATES**

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| 6/4 11:00am | Manoa Public Library |
| 6/8 10:30am | Ewa Beach Public Library |
| 6/12 3:00pm | Kaneohe Public Library |
| 6/15 5:30pm | Thelma Parker Public Library |
| 6/18 10:30am | Kaneohe Public Library |
| 6/21 9:30am | Kalihi-Palama Public Library |
| 6/28 10:00am | Waipahu Public Library |
| 7/13 10:00am | Pearl City Public Library |
| 7/14 5:30pm | Honokaa Public Library |

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