

# Ka Waihona Puke 'Ō iwi

## NATIVE HAWAIIAN LIBRARY

### From the Director's Chair



Aloha Kākou,

Educator. Administrator. Founder. Visionary. Mentor. Public Servant. Leader. Advisor.

These words describe Mrs. Winona Ellis Rubin's commitment to education, children, families, communities, and Hawai'i.

The new children's library, Ka Waihona Puke Kamali'i 'o Winona Ellis Rubin is our way of saying, "Mahalo, Mrs. Rubin for all you've done and continue to do for the betterment of Native Hawaiians."

Our kuleana is to strengthen families through reading. Le'a nā 'ohana i ka heluhelu.

Me ka ha'aha'a,  
 Keikilani Meyer

## Leaving A Legacy For the Next Generation

Colorful murals and fabrics were hung. Books and puzzles were placed neatly on shelves. The day had finally come. The Native Hawaiian Library has become a proud parent of a keiki corner.

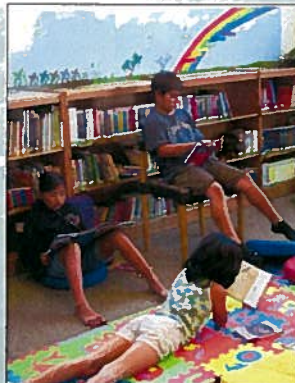


Winona Ellis Rubin



February 15 was a day of celebration as *Ka Waihona Puke Kamali'i 'o Winona Ellis Rubin*, the Winona Ellis Rubin Children's Library, made its mark in our communities. Seventy people celebrated the grand opening, including ALU LIKE, Inc. staff and board members, community leaders and the Guest of Honor herself, Winona Ellis Rubin, along with her 'ohana.

"My sister doesn't often get surprised," Edith Ellis said of Mrs. Rubin, as the Children's Library sign was unveiled. The Library is named in honor of Winona Ellis Rubin, ALU LIKE, Inc. co-founder and literacy advocate. "It's a wonderful and tremendous idea that's come to fruition and I'm proud of my sister for what she had to do with it."



*Pauoa Elementary students get comfortable while reading.*

"Education, children and reading are my first love," Mrs. Rubin said. "Young people should be reading more and expanding their horizons in different ways. Libraries are needed in educating youngsters."

Our aim is to present a library that's welcoming, enjoyable and comfortable for children and families to leisurely spend time together looking at and reading books. Librarian Myles Furubayashi continued, "It should feel like home."

We invite organizations that serve families with children in grades PreK-6 to visit our Children's Library. We also welcome preschools and charter schools to participate in our storytelling sessions in either the English or Hawaiian language.

### COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT

#### WAIMANALO, WINDWARD O'AHU

Keiki of all ages ran from booth to booth, enjoying the festivities with their families at the Kamehameha School's *E Kuu Lima* Community Resource Fair on February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Waimanalo preschool. Various community organizations, including ALU LIKE, Inc., offered information on early childhood, parenting, cultural, literacy and health programs available to the Ko'olaupoko community.



*Keiki color their way through the Native Hawaiian Library booth.*

Over 100 families shared in the day's activities. "It was many hands working together, sharing all the resources available to our 'ohana," said Library Director Keikilani Meyer. Families learned about our services, including the upcoming summer reading program.

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LAYOUT / DESIGN .....RONNIE HEE

The Winona Ellis Rubin Children's Library is open to the public, Monday through Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm, and located at ALU LIKE, Inc., 458 Keawe Street, in Honolulu.

## UA POHĀ KA NO'ONO'O HANA

### IMAGINATION UNLEASHED

The Children's Library murals reflect Hawai'i and our relationship to the sea and land. It may also be used as a teaching tool, encouraging keiki to read. "It's a multi-generational work. It's our work...it's our library," explained Kawai Aona-Ueoka, Literacy Specialist.

*"My favorite part of the Children's Library is the mural, colorful cushions and volume books."*

- Makana Ueoka, age 8

*"The library has lots of hawaiian books and a hawaiian feel. I think the keikis are going to like it."*

- TJ Bajarin, age 11



*Mural Artists TJ Bajarin, Kawai Aona-Ueoka, Makana Ueoka, Kawai Kaeo*

Our purpose is to kokua Native Hawaiians with access to information and to provide materials and services that foster reading and lifelong learning.

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