

Ka Waihona Puke 'Ō iwi

NATIVE HAWAIIAN LIBRARY

From the Director's Chair



Aloha Kākou,

This month's issue, the fourth of its series, profiles our Miloli'i satellite library on Hawai'i island.

Established in 2004, Ka Waihona Puke 'Ōiwi o Miloli'i is a partnership between ALU LIKE, Inc., Papa Ola Lōkahi and the Miloli'i Community Association to provide library and literacy services to Miloli'i families.

On Oahu, we held our 4th Annual Kupukupu Parent Conference at Pauoa Elementary School.

Kupukupu is our annual conference dedicated to parents, providing workshops on literacy and Hawaiian culture to equip 'ohana with tools that foster reading, promote parent/child interaction, strengthen literacy skills and build a foundation for educational achievement and life-long learning.

*'O nā mākua ke kahua o ka 'ohana
Parents are the foundation of the family*

Mahalo to Miloli'i, Papa Ola Lokahi, Pauoa Elementary School and Keiki O Ka 'Āina. Partnerships like these enable ALU LIKE Native Hawaiian Library to fulfill its purpose.

Mahalo Ke Akua.

Me ka ha'aha'a,
Keikilani Meyer

Miloli'i – Casting their net on literacy

If you take the long, windy road 35 miles south of Kona, drive past the 52 beachfront houses and find yourself in front of a handful of hanging 'ōpelu fishing nets, you've reached Miloli'i.

Miloli'i has the reputation of being the last Hawaiian fishing village, but its charm is in its people, all 270 of them, mostly related. With no electricity, cell phones or running water, this residential community relies on solar energy, generators and lots of aloha. Subsistent living is their way of life.

Its piko is the Miloli'i Native Hawaiian Library, a gathering place to promote literacy and education for the community.

Our library provides a centralized location for the keiki, makua and kupuna to access the internet, reference books and library referral assistance.

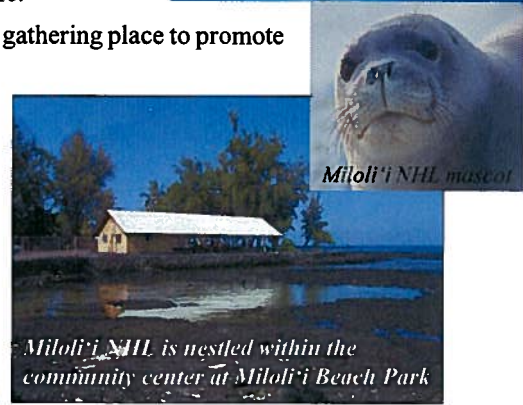
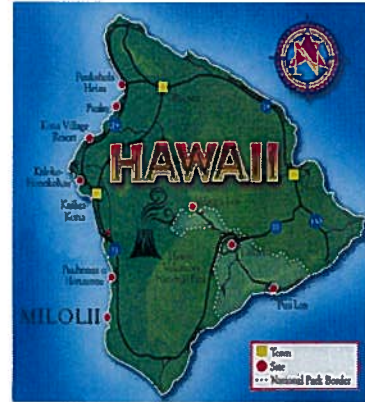
To combat the high number of high school dropouts, Ka Waihona Puke 'Ōiwi o Miloli'i recently started providing High School Diploma Competency classes for both youth and adults. Other family literacy programs in the works include Book It!, Mommy Read and the Big Brother/Big Sister reading program.

A resident of Miloli'i for five years, Library Assistant La Cher Napeahi views the Ka Waihona Puke 'Ōiwi o Miloli'i as a neutral place to promote literacy and education.



"Miloli'i has not had a consistent service provider except for ALU LIKE, Inc. Native Hawaiian Library," Napeahi said. "This is now our opportunity as a community to focus on education for our children and strengthening our families through literacy, media, computers and projects to boost our morale, community and family pride."

Visit Ka Waihona Puke 'Ōiwi o Miloli'i at 89-1151 Miloli'i Road, Monday through Friday, 3:00pm - 7:00pm.



Miloli'i NHL mascot

Miloli'i NHL is nestled within the community center at Miloli'i Beach Park

Parents Kukakuka about Kupukupu Conference



(Above) Twirling colorful ribbons keep keiki busy;
(Right) Moms join discussion groups during the Motherread training session at our 4th Annual Kupukupu Conference



"The main goals of the Kupukupu Conference were to get families involved in literacy and to convey to parents how important it is to be a part of their child's education."

- Lori Roldan, Native Hawaiian Library Literacy Manager

"The workshops were very informative. I think journaling may help me to connect with my six-year-old son, helping me understand what he's thinking and feeling."

- Terrilyn Lau

"Before the Motherread literacy training, I never thought about reading deeper into stories and being able to include my personal experiences to teach my grandchildren lessons."

- Robin Hauki

"The workshops showed how words can make a difference in a child's life. I wish more parents came [to this conference] and learned what I now know."

- Monica Gouveia

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