

Ka Waihona Puke 'Ō iwi

NATIVE HAWAIIAN LIBRARY

From the Director's Chair



Aloha Kākou,

This month's issue, the third in a series of articles, profiles our primary library located in Kaka'ako.

June was a very busy month for the library. Our annual summer reading program was in full swing, and we prepared to attend and present at the 2008 American Librarian Association (ALA) Annual Conference in Anaheim.

There we were allowed the opportunity to share with library professionals about Hawaiian language, literature and culture at the Diversity Fair and at an evening reception for Asian, Pacific and Native Hawaiian Librarians hosted by 2007 ALA President Dr. Loriene Roy.

A sincere mahalo to Dr. Loriene Roy (University of Texas at Austin), APALA President Buenaventura "Ven" Basco (University of Central Florida Libraries), Gail Fujimoto and Kawika Makanani (Midkiff Learning Center/Kamehameha Schools) and Analu Josephides (Ka Waihona O Ka Na'auao) for the occasion to share with over 100 library professionals from all over the world about our library and the services we provide to our Native Hawaiian communities.

Me ka ha'aha'a,
Keikilani Meyer



A Nation of Readers

I HA' AHEO NO KA LAWAI'A I KA LAKO I KA 'UPENA
Good tools help the worker to succeed

The Native Hawaiian Library offers a familiar sense of place for keiki, adults and 'ohana to learn about and appreciate its land, culture and people.

Established in 1985, the Native Hawaiian Library provides library and information services to Native Hawaiians and others interested in the history, culture and contributions of Native Hawaiians. Its specific focus is to service Native Hawaiians where they live and develop a collection that prioritizes Hawai'i and the Pacific in both the English and Hawaiian languages.



High School student Sarai Bullock enjoys reading new books

The Library, located at the main office of ALU LIKE, Inc. on Keawe Street in Kaka'ako, serves as a centralized location for its collection of over 55,000 books, references, research materials and a unique collection of Hawaiian quilt patterns.

"When Native Hawaiians think of somewhere they need assistance, I want them to think of us," said NHL Librarian Myles Furubayashi. "We provide friendly personalized care and will do all that we can to get people what they need."

Library services extend beyond its physical address, accommodating library patrons from the comfort of their own home. Statewide programs, such as Books By Mail and the Summer Reading Program, allow greater accessibility to library resources.

For those unable to visit the Keawe Street location, including neighbor island patrons, they may check out books either on-line or by phone and their request will be sent to them via mail.

Another way the Native Hawaiian Library extends its services is through its Book Deposit Service, in which schools and other educational agencies borrow a number of books for an extended period of time for their in-house circulation.

To view our on-line catalog and services or to apply for a Native Hawaiian Library card, visit our website at www.nativehawaiianlibrary.org.



Makaha Elementary students consider storytelling a relaxing event

Reaching Around the World



The Native Hawaiian Library presented book sets as makana to librarians from Asia/Pacific, Europe and America to add to their collections



Students from Kawaiaha'o Church School learn about insects from Bishop Museum's Catch A Bug! outreach program

SUMMER FUN in the Library

The Native Hawaiian Library is hosting a keiki learning series, *Get To Know Our Community Helpers*, as part of our Summer Reading Program. All events are held at the library on Thursdays at 10:30am and is free and open to the public.

- June 26 HPD "Keiki Print Program"
- July 10 Fire Safety with HFD
- July 17 Emergency Medical Services
- July 24 Pet care with the Hawaiian Humane Society

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the Native Hawaiian Library
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'Aha'i 'Olelo Ola
<http://kgmb9.com/main/content/view/8073/173>

