

Ka Waihona Puke 'Ō iwi

NATIVE HAWAIIAN LIBRARY

From the Director's Chair

Aloha Kakou,

Listening to Dr. Roy speak during her visit here reaffirms our responsibility toward increasing Native Hawaiian literacy and cultivating the next generation of Native Hawaiian Librarians—Stewards of Knowledge.

We will continue to provide literacy services, like Community Read Alouds, in public schools which have a large Native Hawaiian student population.

We will dedicate our efforts to the next generation of Native Hawaiian Librarians by partnering with the University of Hawai'i to increase recruitment in the School of Library & Information Science.

Mahalo to Ka Waihona O Ka Na'auao PCS, Pauoa Elementary, community readers, and ALA President Dr. Lorienne Roy for their contributions and commitment to our communities.

Me ka ha'aha'a,
 Keikilani Meyer



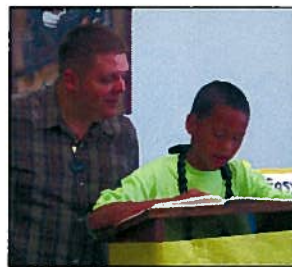
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ESTABLISHING A READING CULTURE

As a member of the Anishinabe Bear clan, Dr. Lorienne Roy understands the importance of culture. As a librarian and college professor, she emphasizes the importance of reading. After meeting Dr. Roy, one could call her a professor, or advocate, of both books and culture.



"Literacy is an essential ingredient in Native language recovery and economic stability... and libraries play an essential part in these efforts."
 - Dr. Lorienne Roy



Ka Waihona O Ka Na'auao Librarian Analua Josephides encourages a student as he reads

Dr. Roy is the first indigenous American Library Association (ALA) President in the world's oldest and largest library association, with over 66,000 members. Promoting literacy within indigenous peoples' communities is the focus of Dr. Roy's year-long presidential term.

Sixty people, including students, teachers and community leaders in education attended a special event hosted by our satellite library at Ka Waihona O Ka Na'auao Public Charter School, in Nanakuli, in honor of Dr. Roy's visit to Hawai'i and our Native Hawaiian libraries.

"Hawai'i is special to me because it all started in 2005 under the stars in Hilo when I announced my ALA presidential campaign," Dr. Roy said. "There's a special sense of connection, a sense of family here," she said.



Ka Waihona O Ka Na'auao students, faculty and community leaders welcome Dr. Lorienne Roy during a cultural exchange

"Dr. Roy's visit started important discussions in the development of Native Hawaiian librarianship," said Dr. Andrew B. Wertheimer, Assistant Professor and Chair of the Library & Information Science (LIS) Program at UH-Mānoa.

"It is very important to have kanaka maoli librarians as they preserve rare Hawaiian historical materials and work closely with publishers to create collections that empower readers of all ages," Dr. Wertheimer explained.

The Native Hawaiian Library is committed to this endeavor. We will continue to forge partnerships with the UH-Mānoa LIS Program and others to recruit and nurture a new generation of Native Hawaiian librarians.



Ka Waihona O Ka Na'auao students and faculty join Native Hawaiian Library staff in celebrating cultural literacy

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT

Leaders Are Readers

PAUOA ELEMENTARY GETS COMMUNITY TO READ ALOUD

The Native Hawaiian Library celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday and his legacy to reading with our 1st Annual Community Read Aloud event in Papakōlea held at Pauoa Elementary on March 3.

Nearly 30 community leaders visited classrooms to read their favorite book, in either English or Hawaiian, and shared with students the importance of reading.

Mahalo to our readers, who included Lt. Governor Duke Aiona, Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, State Rep. Sylvia Luke, Council Member Rod Tam, OHA



Pictured from left: HPD Sgt. Henry Roberts, Officers Celine Aiu and Anthony O'oa



Lt. Governor Duke Aiona captures 5th graders' attention with "Walter the Farting Dog"

Trustees, Police officers, Fire fighters and Air Force service men and women.

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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