

Ka Waihona Puke 'Ō iwi

NATIVE HAWAIIAN LIBRARY

From the Director's Chair



Aloha Kākou,

This month's issue is the second in a series of articles profiling our satellite libraries in our Native Hawaiian communities.

In October 2006, ALU LIKE, Inc. Native Hawaiian Library established its first charter school library at Ka Waihona O Ka Na'auao.

Funded by Kamehameha Schools, the library services 486 students, of which over 90% are Native Hawaiian.

With over 30 public charter schools statewide, we look forward to the opportunity to serve these charter schools and their communities.

It is through partnerships like these that ALU LIKE, Inc. Native Hawaiian Library is able to fulfill its purpose.

Mahalo Ke Akua, Mahalo ke Ali'i 'o Pauahi, Mahalo Kamehameha Schools, Mahalo Principal Alvin Parker, Mahalo i ka 'Ohana o Ka Waihona O Ka Na'auao.

Me ka ha'aha'a,
 Keikilani Meyer

Opening Young Minds to Possibilities

HO'OIKAIKA NĀ HAUMĀNA I KA HELUHELU

It took vision, partnership and a few coats of colorful paint to transform what was once a museum and home economics class into a full-service Native Hawaiian Library, servicing Ka Waihona o ka Na'auao Public Charter School's 500 students.



In just one semester, the Native Hawaiian Library at Ka Waihona o ka Na'auao implemented a number of programs and activities for its K-8th grade students, including the Library Club, Student Ambassador Program and Reading Buddies. It is also the only school in Hawai'i invited to participate in *A Gathering of Readers*, a national literacy program for indigenous children.

The Library Club, with 67 members and student-elected officers, helped organize the school's bi-annual Book Fair, which raised \$13,000 worth of books for new teachers and classes.

"Literacy is an important component to education," Principal Alvin Parker said. "I couldn't be happier with the way our library program is expanding."

The Native Hawaiian Library services each student at least three times a month, which also includes cultural lessons and computer database research.

SAVE THE DATE!

Who: Parents/'Ohana of K-2nd Grade
 What: **4th Annual Kupukupu Family Literacy Conference**
 When: **Friday, July 18, 8am-2:30pm**
 Where: Pauoa Elementary School
 Cost: FREE



Call 535-6700 to register (Limited seating)

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Ka Waihona o ka Na'auao Librarian Analu Josephides notices the impact of literacy on the youth; students' higher test scores, good conduct and respect for one another is evident to teachers and school faculty. "It's rewarding to see the children grow and become empowered through reading to become more than they are now," Kumu Analu said.

Ka Waihona o ka Na'auao PCS is located in Nanakuli on the Wai'anae Coast, where a large percentage of the population is Native Hawaiian.

Students Speak Out

"I like the Library because it's a place where I can go to think things out."

- Sidney Torres-Villarin (6th grade)
 Library Club Secretary

"I believe in my heart that if we can read, we can do anything."

- Makana Cervantes (4th grade)

"Kumu Analu provides us with research resources and teaches us a lot of things."

- Kamalani Willis (5th grade)



Ka Waihona o ka Na'auao students: Sidney Torres-Villarin, Makana Cervantes and Kamalani Willis

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

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