

## Community Organizations in Hawai'i that Support Literacy

Through a preliminary search of the organizations that support literacy in Hawai'i, the following organizations were identified. Please note this list is not meant to be exhaustive and will be added to in the near future.

### ADULT LITERACY and READING SUPPORT SERVICES

- Hawai'i Literacy 1-to-1 adult tutoring. [www.hawaiiliteracy.org/adultlit](http://www.hawaiiliteracy.org/adultlit).
- Hawai'i Department of Education: Adult Education. The two primary Community School for Adults campuses are at McKinley and Waipahu high schools, with eight satellite sites. <http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/TeachingAndLearning/AdultEducation/Pages/Home.aspx>.

### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

- Executive Office on Early Learning guides the development of a comprehensive and integrated statewide early childhood development and learning system. <https://earlylearning.hawaii.gov>.
- Family-Child Interaction Learning (FCIL) programs are offered in community-based settings. Through a variety of experiences, FCIL programs teach language and literacy learning with young children as a shared responsibility among the family and the early childhood educator. FCIL programs are offered in communities on every island.
- Family Hui Hawai'i offers a series of free workshops for families with a focus on promoting children's language and literacy development. <https://familyhuihawaii.org>.
- Head Start and Early Head Start programs provide education, health, nutrition, social, and other services for children, from birth to age 5, from low income families. Head Start/Early Head Start federal grants are managed by six Head Start/Early Head Start grantees in Hawai'i. <https://earlylearning.hawaii.gov/parents-and-families/hawaii-head-start-collaboration-office>.
- Learning to Grow provides home learning activities to families and home care providers to promote parent/family involvement in early literacy. <http://learningtogrowhawaii.org>.
- Read To Me International provides read-aloud resources and activities, coaching programs, and community events for families with

children, from birth to age 9.

<https://www.readtomeintl.org>.

- YMCA Come... with ME: <https://www.ymahonolulu.org/youth-programs/preschool/come-with-me>.

### ENGLISH LEARNER RESOURCES

- Hawai'i Department of Education, English Learner Program. <http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/ConnectWithUs/Organization/Offices/StudentSupportServices/StudentServicesBranch/Pages/EL.aspx>.
- Hawai'i State Office of Language Access. <https://health.hawaii.gov/ola>.
- Hawaii Literacy provides four programs – adult literacy, bookmobile, English Language Learner, and Family Literacy Libraries. [www.hawaiiliteracy.org/ell](http://www.hawaiiliteracy.org/ell).

### HAWAI'I PUBLIC LIBRARIES

- The Hawai'i State Public Library System is the only statewide public library system in the United States. There are 51 branches throughout 6 islands. Ongoing community reading programs. [www.librarieshawaii.org/read/reading-programs/ongoing-reading-programs](http://www.librarieshawaii.org/read/reading-programs/ongoing-reading-programs).

### LITERACY FOCUSED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Hawaii Association for the Education of Young Children promotes, supports, and expands the quality of professionalism in early childhood programs and services for Hawai'i children, birth to age 8, and their families. <https://hawaiiikeiki.org>.
- The Hawai'i Council of Teachers of English (Hawai'i chapter of the National Council of Teachers of English) provides professional development opportunities for those interested in English Language Arts. <https://sites.google.com/site/hctewebsite>.

- The Hawai'i Writing Project (local affiliate of the National Writing Project) works with educators, across grades and disciplines, introducing them to writing practices and theories. Institutes are held each summer.  
<https://coe.hawaii.edu/programs/hwp>.
- Hawai'i Literacy offers reading strategies training for volunteer groups, youth development workers, and parents.  
<https://hawaiiliteracy.org>.
- Ka Hui Heluhelu (chapter of the International Literacy Association) hosts notable speakers, authors, and local educators who share researched-based best practices in literacy, reading strategies, and ways to instill the love of reading for both educators and students.  
<https://www.kahui.org>.
- Kamehameha Schools (Literacy division).  
[https://www.ksbe.edu/education/kealaponoprograms\\_and\\_services](https://www.ksbe.edu/education/kealaponoprograms_and_services).
- People Attentive to Children (PATCH) is Hawai'i's statewide child care resource and referral agency that supports the professional development of care givers through the training. <https://www.patchhawaii.org>.
- Read To Me International hosts annual literacy conferences and offers parent coaching programs and workshops.  
<https://readtomeintl.org>.

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

- Hawai'i Department of Education: Special Education.  
<http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/TeachingAndLearning/SpecializedPrograms/SpecialEducation/Pages/home.aspx>.
- Hawai'i Department of Health: Early Intervention Services.  
<https://health.hawaii.gov/eis/home/eiservices>.
- Leadership in Disabilities and Achievement in Hawaii. [www.ldahawaii.org](http://www.ldahawaii.org).
- Special Parent Information Network.  
[www.spinhawaii.org](http://www.spinhawaii.org).

## **UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII'**

- Pacific Literacy Consortium, Curriculum Research & Development Group (CRDG) builds and aligns strategic partnerships between UH and HODOE to improve literacy rates across the preschool to post-secondary education continuum in Hawai'i and throughout the Pacific. <https://plc.crdg.hawaii.edu>.
- Hawai'i Statewide Family Engagement Center promotes high impact activities and policies that build powerful partnerships among family, school, and community in order to enhance child development and student achievement.  
<https://cde.coe.hawaii.edu/hfec>.