

Rotary Club of Mililani Sunrise

Mililani Kakahiaka

September 2025

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Aloha!

Zoom Meeting on Sept 10: Great speakers from Leeward Community College; Leanne Villanueva, recruiter and Kaylah Kelly-Weiss, student employee. This coincides with our impending scholarships for community colleges.

DOE Community Resource Fair: On Oct at TCM, has been canceled. We could consider including Resource Fair with our ILBF I Love Book Fair.

HRYF Give Aloha: Ends on Sept 30.

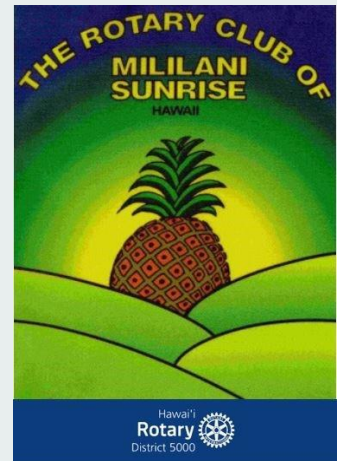
Purchase donations at any Foodland & related stores. Please submit your receipts to Mel

- **Kipapa Community Partners**
Breakfast: Tuesday Oct 7, 8:30-10:00
- **World Polio Day:** Oct 24, fundraiser in planning stage: Mel
- **YMCA, Trunk or Treat:** MMS, Sat, Oct 25, 3:30-7:30; chaperones needed
- **Halloween Event TCM:** Sun, Oct 26, 1100-3:00: Shelley, serve popcorn & shaved ice
- **Library Book Sale:** Sat, Nov 8, 7:00-9:00, & 1:30-3:30
- **UKA Fall Fest:** Tues, Nov 11, 4:00-7:30, chaperones needed
- **Mililani Craft Fair Fundraiser:** Sat, Nov 22, 7:00-2:00 at MHS, selling popcorn and shaved ice: June

Mahalo Paul



Paul Nakachi
Club President
2025- 2026



- [Board Meeting Rec 2 Mililani](#)

Sep. 03, 2025
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

- Guest Speaker [Leanne Villanueva, Leeward Community College](#)

Sep. 10, 2025
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

- [DARK no meeting](#)

Sep. 17, 2025

- Guest Speaker [Veda Darby Soberman & Kimo Nichols Mililani Library](#)

Sep. 24, 2025
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

[Zoom - Guest Speaker Dannah Barnes Read To Me](#)

Jul. 30, 2025
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

[TCM Hawaii Foodbank Food Drive](#)

Aug. 02, 2025

[Rec 2 - District Governor Nancy Cabral Visit](#)

Editor: Jodie Brede

Longs Drugs held their annual shot clinic at TCM Town Center of Mililani Sep 6, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, in parking lot across from Taco Bell.

Rotary Club of Mililani Volunteers helped with traffic control.

President Paul Nakachi



June Kasaoka



Shelley Morisaki



Doggie Patrol



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June Kasaoka & Mikayla with 6 Pillars Marketing - the event coordinator



Shelley, Paul, June and Kim



Complex Teacher Workday for all the Mililani public schools. Bridget Hannu and some of her officers presented a slideshow on some activities that **MMS Mililani Middle School - Interact club** has done.



MMS - Mililani Middle School - Interact club



Ongoing Activities we do:

- Make Lei for all of the 8th graders-Over 600 lei! (we take yarn donations)
- Helping on our campus library
- Bookmarks with positive messages
- Posters around campus and at Town Center
- Bell Ringing for Salvation Army
- Access Surf
- Do you have any ideas?

September GUEST SPEAKERS: Veda Darby Soberman and Kimo Nichols, Mililani Public Library

Veda Darby Soberman is the Branch Manager at Mililani Public Library. Born and raised on the Big Island, Veda has always been passionate about learning and sharing knowledge. A graduate of Pāhoā High School and UH-Hilo, she spent 10 years working in education before deciding to pursue a degree in library and information science from Drexel University. In 2015, she began serving as the Adult Librarian at Mililani Public Library. She likes to describe her role as being an “information matchmaker”—pairing people with the resources, stories, experiences and tools they need. In 2024, she became Mililani's Branch Manager, where she hopes to lead the library as a welcoming place for discovery and community connection.

Kimo Nichols is the Adult Services Librarian at Mililani Public Library, where he provides reference, collection development and public programming services to the Mililani community. He grew up on O'ahu, graduated from Kaiser High School, and received both his bachelor's degree in American Studies and his master's degree in library and information science from UH-Manoa. In his spare time, he is an avid vinyl record collector, reggae DJ, football fan and movie-goer. He is passionate about public libraries and feels strongly about their potential to serve as the educational, social and cultural hubs of their communities.

• Facts & Services:

- Open Monday through Saturday, with Monday and Wednesday being open till 7pm.
- Recently went through a rebranding. No longer the red with the yellow hibiscus. New logo, new card.
- 65,000 items ranging from books, magazines, newspapers, CDs, DVDs, ukuleles.
- Large Hawaiian collection
- Large-print fiction and non-fiction material
- Foreign language books
- 8 internet computers (library card and PIN required)
- On-site computer aide for instruction and advice (coming soon)
- Free WiFi
- Printing from internet computers available at \$0.15/page
- Photocopy machine available at \$0.20/page/black and white; \$0.50/page/color
- Scanning available to your own USB thumb drive at \$0.05/page
- Quiet Study Room with laptop station for charging your mobile technology

• Library Card: Needed to borrow/check-out anything.

- Currently, a replacement card is FREE! (Used to be \$5/card)
- Apply online or at a library
- Need to come in person to pick up your card and verify your identity.
- Need to renew every 5 years.

• Programs:

- Free throughout the year for all age groups and interest levels
- Programming focus areas: Community engagement, digital learning, childhood literacy, economic development, education/lifelong learning, health and career development.
- Summer Reading Challenge: Annual 2-month program to incentivize reading. This year's grand prize winner was from the Mililani branch; 4 roundtrip airline tickets.
- Check for program offerings in: Newsletter “Mu'ai Puke News,” online calendar at librarieshawaii.org/branch/mililani-public-library/, e-newsletter (coming soon), Midweek Magazine, Central O'ahu Voice supplement.

• Resource Offerings in the Library: (Check their website or mobile app)

- Special guest speakers (e.g., authors)
- Preschool Storytime
- Arts and Crafts
- October is Pet Month
- Lego Play
- Special sessions (e.g., Windward Community College Vet Tech session; MHS Drama Club Storybook Theater). *[Note: WCC is the only place in our State where there is a veterinary technician program.]*

• Book Club

- Teen Librarian (coming soon)
- Teen Volunteer to assist with computer questions (coming soon)

• Resource Offerings Online:

- Website: librarieshawaii.org
- Do searches online via online card catalog.
- Do research via online data bases. Popular/trendy topics: Genealogy search, test prep, Consumer Report articles.
- eBooks, magazines, newspapers (except local papers) can be accessed through Libby. Borrower can read online in print form or audibles.
- Mango Languages – learn another language
- Artist Works – learn to play an instrument
- NorthStar Digital Literacy – learn digital basics

• The LibrariesHawaii Mobile App.

- Allow you use your library card digitally instead of carrying around your card.

• Ways to Get Involved: ◦ Support your library – legislative issues, as a patron, participating in events, etc.

- Electronic gates at the entrance of the library count the number, of visitors/day. Circulation counts are gathered. Both could guide funding. Currently, Mililani Public Library is sufficiently funded. In good use especially after school hours.
- Count Week occurs twice a year. October 13-17 is the next.