Na Keiki Puni Moʻolelo

Goals

- Foster a love for reading in children
  Books inspire and plant seeds of hope! By helping to develop a joy for reading and literacy, these students will improve their writing and reading comprehension skills. This will create a passion for learning and spark a hunger for knowledge. Books are essential in fostering imagination and helping students to dream of and realize their full potential.

- Expand Leeward CC’s outreach and partnerships with our surrounding communities
  Current Waiʻanae Elementary and Kamaile Academy students will likely be future Leeward CC students. Inviting these young children onto our campus and creating an engaging and positive learning environment will allow them to experience college pathways. Through literacy and art, we will build lasting relationships with school communities and introduce the idea of higher education as a very real possibility to these young students!

- Give Leeward CC students hands-on experience working with children and implementing workshops/activities
  Participating Leeward CC students involved in this event will gain real-world teaching skills. By facilitating lessons and activities, students will be able to bridge the theory they learn in their Education, Theatre, and Hawaiian Studies courses with real-world classroom teaching experiences. These practical skills are invaluable and will contribute greatly to their future career choices.

- Showcase libraries as collaborative spaces with valuable resources
  We want children to learn at an early age that libraries are an amazing resource...they’re portals to success! Libraries have made great strides in recent years, breaking free of its “traditional” stigma to become a more open, fluid learning atmosphere that encourages both collaboration and self-exploration. As such, we want to foster partnerships with various departments on-campus for a common good....to inspire young minds!

- Educate!

Initial Plan

Half-day visit
- The children will alternate between multiple activities/stations: read-alouds, arts & crafts, and a puppet show! Leeward CC students will be responsible for organizing and executing the various activities. Participating Departments: Library, Education, Theatre.

Intertwining Theme
- There will be an overarching theme to all the activities, based on the book “Waiʻanae: Where I Live”.

A Keiki Reading Program Debuting in Fall 2015.