



Micronesian Immigrants in Hawai‘i

How Can Hawai‘i State Public Libraries Advocate Resources & Social Services to Immigrants?

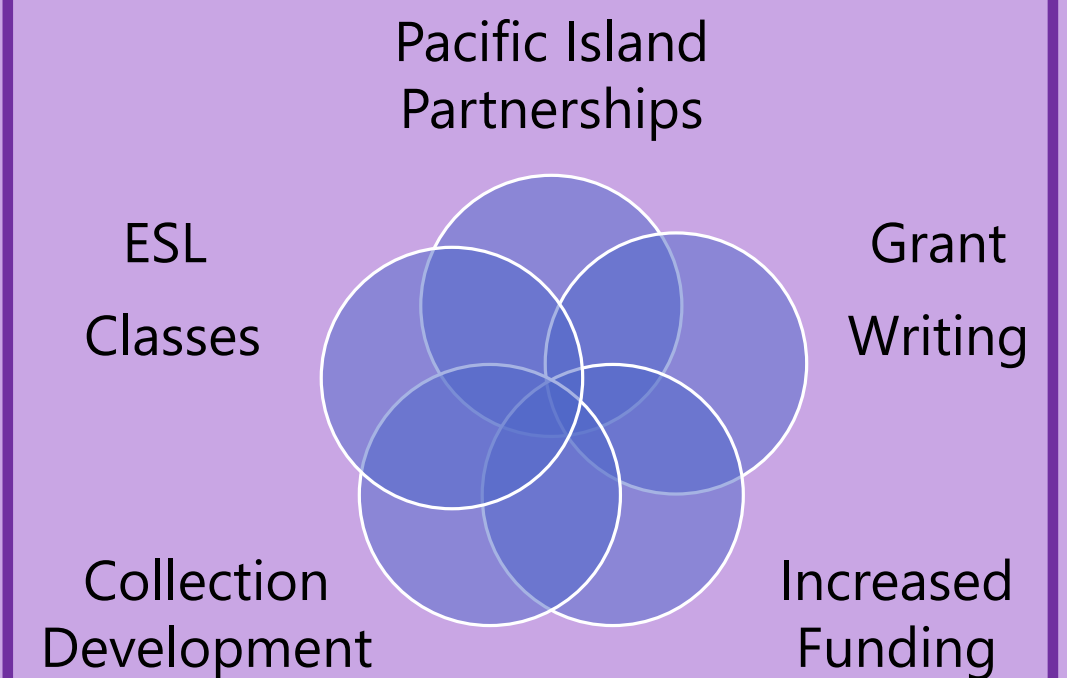
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Introduction

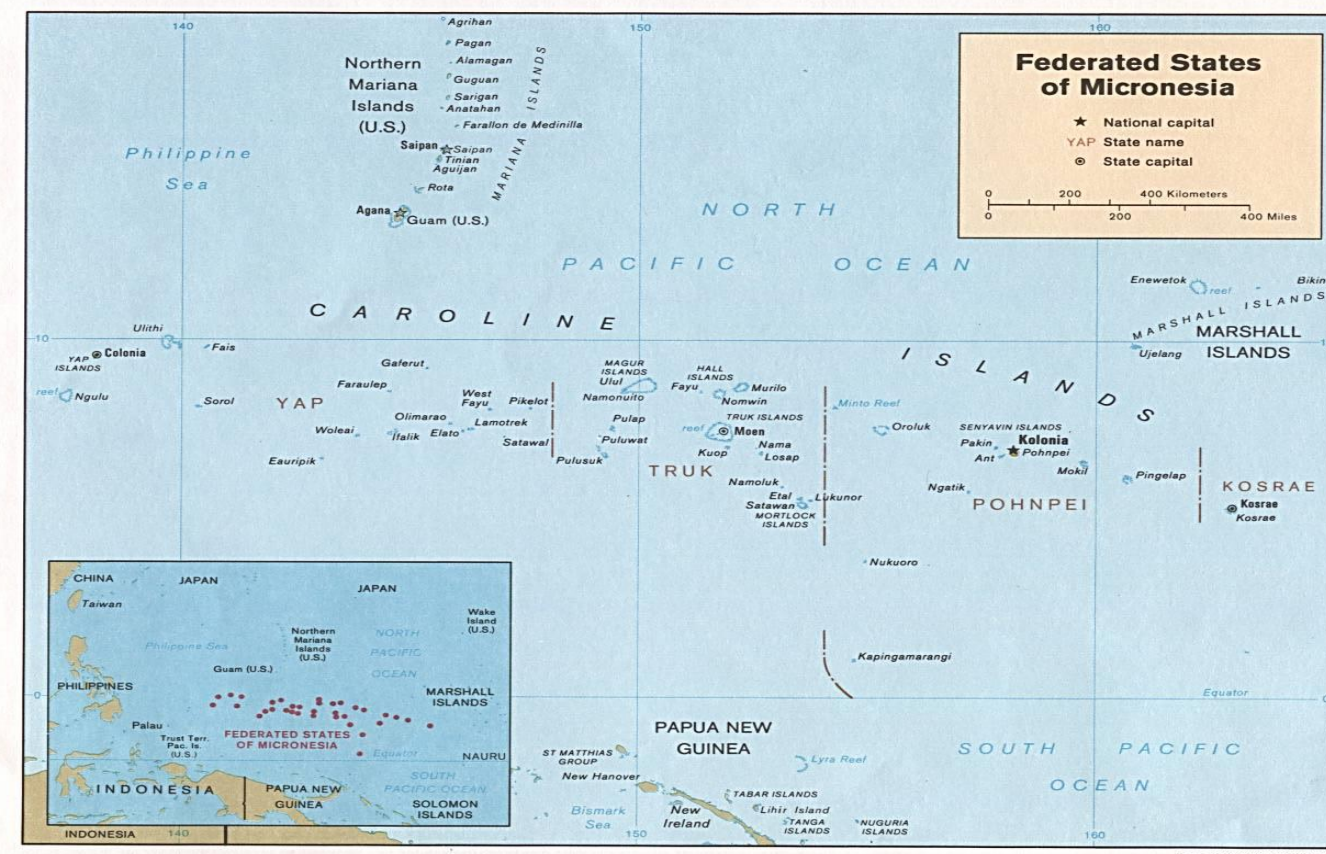
- The 2010 population of Hawaii was 1,360,301.
- 34,098 individuals identified themselves as “Other Pacific Islanders.”
- The Farrington neighborhood has the highest percentage of native-born recent immigrants.
- Home to the second largest population of “Other Pacific Islanders” in the state.
- The only public library in this neighborhood is the Kalihi-Palama branch.

Ideas for Change



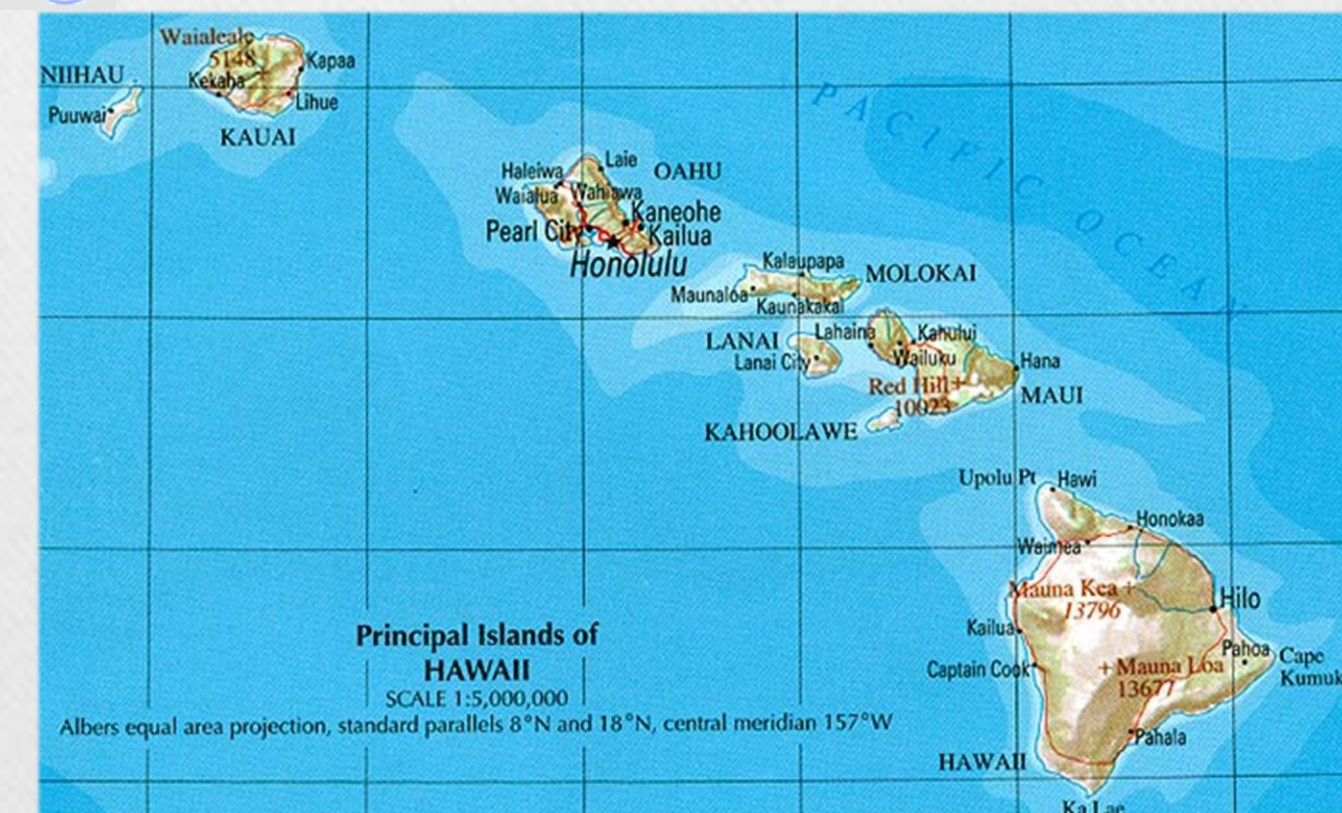
Micronesia

- The Compacts of Free Association (1986)
- 8 distinct cultural groups & languages
- No MLIS librarians until 2013
- High rates of unemployment
- Low income
- Lack of access to technology
- Limited access to medical care

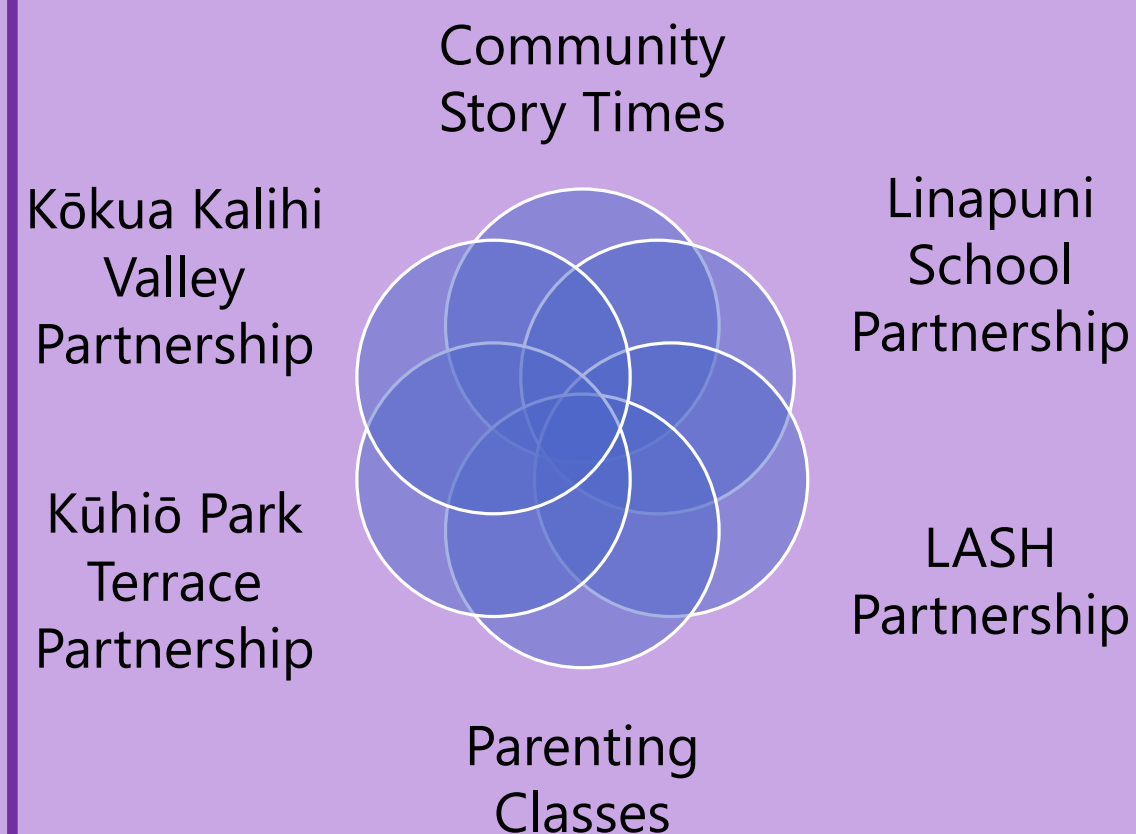


Hawai‘i

- Pacific Island partnerships
- High amount of tourism-related jobs
- Access to comprehensive healthcare
- Access to social services
- Access to higher education
- Easier route to U.S. Citizenship
- Culturally diverse society



What does HSPLS currently offer?



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