

Librarian's Shelf by Rachelle McPhillips

Aloha from Your Library

Aloha! Pehea 'oe? I hope you are enjoying the festivities of Columbus Days 2019 and feeling the spirit of this year's theme.

You can keep the spirit of aloha going all year long with resources from Columbus Public Library. Start by taking a staycation, visiting the Aloha State from anywhere you have internet access and a library card.

Our staycation begins with language lessons. Using your library card, access Mango Languages on the library's Digital Library page and search for "Hawaiian." You can use Mango as a guest, or create an account that will save your progress.

The first lesson in Hawaiian is a conversation between two people who are meeting one another. As the lesson progresses, there are notes about the language that give the learner a deeper understanding of the meaning and use of certain words and phrases.

For instance, Mango includes a "Cultural Note" in the very first lesson that states: "The true meaning of aloha is "love," and it is used to express affection among everyone present upon meeting and upon departing." The note continues: "The question Pehea 'oe ? is a normal, contemporary question but it is a result of modern Western influence. In traditional Hawaiian culture of old, a more common greeting would have been an invitation to come eat or asking where the person is going."

FreegalMusic offers three hours of ad-free streaming every day, and five song downloads per week with your library card. Stream music by Israel Kamakawiwo'ole & The Mākaha Sons of Ni'ihau, Ledward Kaapana, Jake Shimabukuro, and Anuheia. Create playlists of your favorites to stream again later. If you run out of downloads for the week, add songs to your wishlist to download next week.

Remember to pick up something to read during your "holistay." Nebraska Overdrive Libraries has audiobooks and ebooks for you to enjoy. All you need is your library card and access to the internet to find travel guides, cookbooks, and fiction related to your digital destination.

Now that you know some Hawaiian, have set the mood with music, and found something to read on the beach in your imagination, head over to "AtoZ the USA" to find extensive information about Hawaii from a general overview to government, indigenous peoples, and more.

Read about famous Hawaiians in the Biographies section. Meet Duke Kahanamoku, the Olympic medalist who is also known for putting the sport of surfing on the international map. Learn about Eddie Aikau, whose Hawaiian spirit is inspiring. Check out the History section to see a timeline of events for the islands. If you're getting hungry during your virtual adventure, nibble some pineapple or coconut, unofficial state foods, or try making Lau Lau. You'll need butterfish and taro leaves to make this main dish.

All of these resources and more can be found at <https://columbusne.us/digitallibrary>. Library cards are free to those who live, work, or go to school in Platte County. Our free computer use cards offer access to all of these digital services as well. Stop by the library and get your card or call 402-564-7116 option 2 with questions about any of our services. Aloha, Columbus!