

**Title:** I Waiwai No Ka 'Āina: Hawaiian Models of Sustainability Practiced in Libraries

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**Abstract of paper:**

Hawaiian librarianship continues to be an emerging, developing field and we take this opportunity to assert the wisdom and customs of generations of Hawaiians, both those who have come before and those still yet to come. As we, four Hawaiian librarians working with materials and collections representing Hawaiian knowledge, assess and consider the current and future information needs of various communities, we look to Hawaiian models of sustainability to better inform our practice. Ancestral understandings of natural resource management guide us in information management, better aligning our professional practice with the language, traditions, and systems of the communities we serve.

Our paper describes a (k)new model for the practice of Hawaiian librarianship, grounded in the relationship of an ahupua'a (traditional land division) and konohiki (ahupua'a manager). Like ahupua'a, libraries are spaces rich in resources that support the success and prosperity of our communities. We will discuss specific Hawaiian resource management principles and how they can shape best practices for indigenous library professionals. Our communities thrive when our 'āina (the land and that which feeds us) thrives.