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DISTRICT 14



## KALIHI-PALAMA COMMUNITY REPORT



### Aloha Neighbors & Friends!



Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful and peaceful Christmas. May this season bring warmth, happiness, and hope for the coming year. Thank you for being a cherished part of our community. Mele Kalikimaka and Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!

Mahalo,



### Exciting News: Farrington High School Launches First-Ever High School Phlebotomy Pathway Program

Set to begin in the spring semester, this groundbreaking program is a part of the school's Health Academy and offers students a unique opportunity to earn their national certification in phlebotomy.

Upon completing the program, students will be honored in a special "white coat ceremony" to celebrate their achievements and new professional credentials.

### Senator Kim is honored with National Foundation of Women Legislators (NFWL) Dean McManus Spirit of NFWL Award



"Being awarded the Spirit of NFWL Award is a great honor and I am humbled by this recognition."



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## Community Updates



"I had a lot of fun at last year's party, I'm looking forward to this year's!"

### Avian Flu on Oahu

Avian influenza (H5N1) was confirmed in backyard birds on O'ahu on November 15, 2024, and in a wild duck on the North Shore. Wild birds like ducks and geese can carry the virus without showing symptoms, but it can be deadly to poultry such as chickens.

#### Safety Precautions:

- Do not touch dead birds without gloves.
- Wash hands thoroughly afterward.
- Report multiple dead or sick birds to the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture:
  - Business hours: 808-483-7100
  - After hours: 808-837-8092



### Avoid Holiday Scams

Holiday scams can be costly to victims and result in identity theft or financial losses. Be vigilant about any unsolicited emails, text messages, or phone calls you receive.

Consumers who believe they have been a victim of a holiday shopping scam can file a complaint with the Office of Consumer Protection at (808) 587-4272 or <https://cca.hawaii.gov/ocp/consumer-complaint/>.

You can help protect yourself from becoming a victim by reporting holiday scams.



## Upcoming Events at Kalihi-Palama Public Library



### Telehealth @ Your Library

When: **December 7 at 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

Contact: 808 832-3466

Visit the library to meet with our Telehealth Navigator who will help patrons answer these questions and more. The Navigator will also be available to provide one-on-one help in connecting patrons to telehealth appointments and doctor's telehealth portal.



### Keiki Storytime

When: **December 10 at 9:15 am - 10:30 am**

Contact: 808 832-3466

Join us for keiki storytime. Keiki will enjoy a few stories, rhymes or songs, and do a craft or creative activity. Materials will be provided. Program is best suited for children ages 3 – 5 years old, but families are welcome. Children must be accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver.



### Creative Journaling for Adults

When: **December 14 at 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

Supplies such as watercolor paints, magazines, and decorative papers will be provided for use during the program. A notebook will be given to all participants to journal in and take home. Patrons with journals are welcome to participate. Limit 10 adult patrons. Registration is required. Please sign up at the Reference Desk.

### Support your local library



Over the past year, I've used my community report to highlight and promote local library events. As a legislator with a strong focus on education, I recognize that libraries provide essential resources for both students and the broader community.

Libraries are much more than just a place for books; they are vibrant hubs for community engagement. From hosting bonsai shows to offering space for meetup groups, libraries foster connections and bring people together in meaningful ways.

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