

## Representative Lauren Matsumoto Serving You in District 45

## **Aloha Friends and Neighbors!**

When was the last time you visited your local library? Many of us have busy schedules and lives and may find challenges in visiting the library to borrow books for leisure or for reading for the keiki. Did you know that the Hawaii State Public Library System has made borrowing and reading books even easier through an app called "Libby" where you can borrow tens of thousands of e-books and audiobooks for free! You may download the Libby app for your phone or tablet from the Apple App Store, Google Play, or Microsoft.

In order to take advantage of the library's offerings, including Libby, you must have a library card. You can sign up for one at your local library for free, and if you lose your card, you obtain a replacement for \$5.00. In addition to books, the library also carries CDs, DVDs, newspapers, and magazines. Save time and money by using your local library's services!

In addition to the library's features that I've already mentioned, you may take a wide range of highly interactive, instructor led courses online at no cost if you have a library card! Courses run for six weeks and new sessions begin every month. Featured topics include college readiness, computer applications, healthcare and medical, language and arts, and personal development to name a few. Visit www.librarieshawaii.org and search for "Gale Courses" for more information.

The Waialua Public Library hours are open from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, and closed Sundays and Mondays. You may contact the Waialua Public Library at (808) 637-8286 for information on Toddler Time, a storytime for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their parents to build pre-reading skills, meet other families, and find new books! The Waialua library also has Family Storytime where kids of all ages are invited for stories and a craft activity every Saturday morning at 10 a.m.! For those who are interested in a reading or writing group, the library also hosts those types of events, for more info, feel free to give them a call.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns about any happenings in our community. Call me at (808) 586-9490, email RepMatsumoto@capitol.hawaii.gov, or visit RepMatsumoto.com.