

## SPEAKER BIO

# Hawai'i State Public Library System: The Importance of Place



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Stacey has more than 20 years of library experience. Prior to becoming Hawai'i's State Librarian, she served as the Deputy Secretary for the Office of Commonwealth Libraries in Pennsylvania and State Librarian of California. She has work in public and academic libraries. Stacey has also worked as a Senior Associate at the futuristic think tank of Coates & Jarratt, Inc., where she sharpened her futuristic thinking skills.

“ *Our libraries are powerful spaces that enhance the life of the mind in each of our communities, and the health of our communities is enhanced when we have strong libraries that provide opportunities for learning 21st Century skills and literacies, connecting people to the world of information and ideas, and creating spaces for community engagement.* ”





# **HAWAII STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM THE IMPORTANCE OF PLACE**

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# THE BASICS

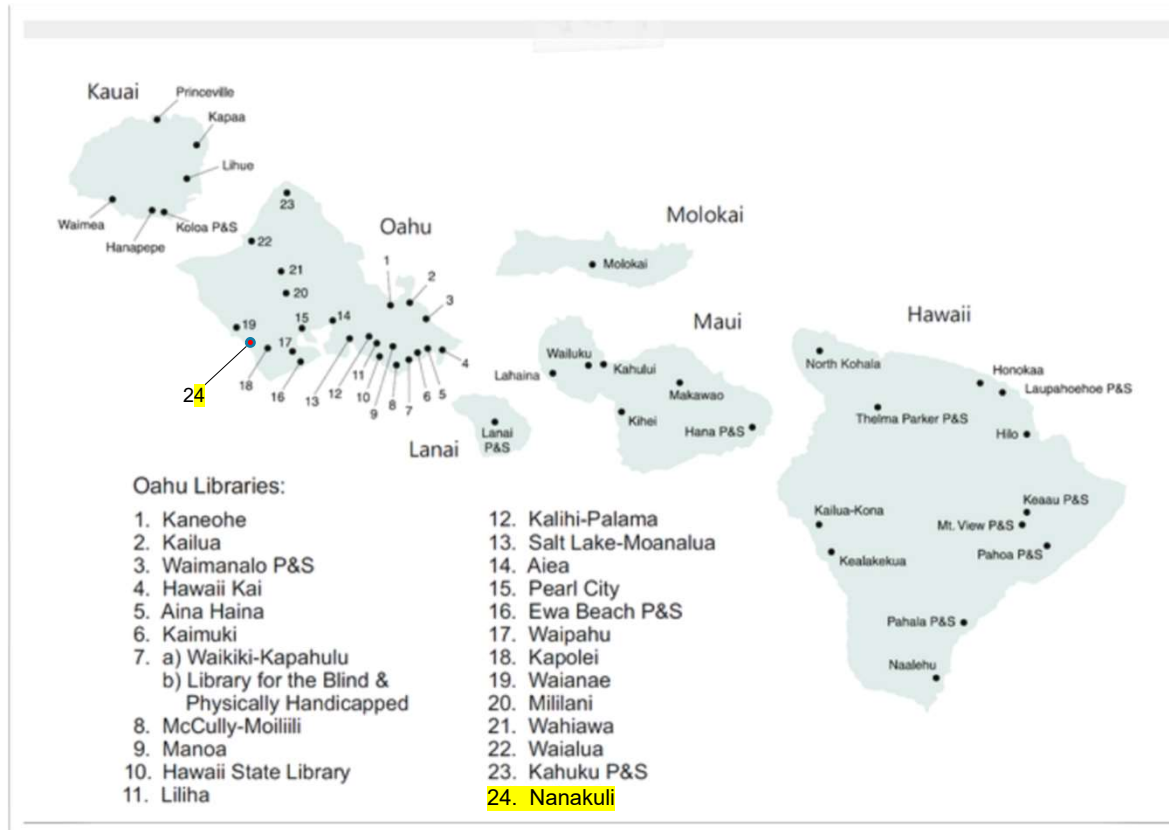
## NUMBER OF BUILDINGS

- **51** Public Library branches
- **12** Public Library & School locations
  - 6 – Hawaii (Keeau, Laupahoehoe, Mountain View, Pahala, Pahoa, Thelma Parker)
  - 1 – Kauai (Koloa)
  - 1 – Lanai (Lanai City)
  - 1 – Maui (Hana)
  - 3 – Oahu (Ewa, Kahuku, Waimanalo)
- **2** administrative building locations (Aiea, 44 Merchant Street)



# THE BASICS

## LOCATIONS



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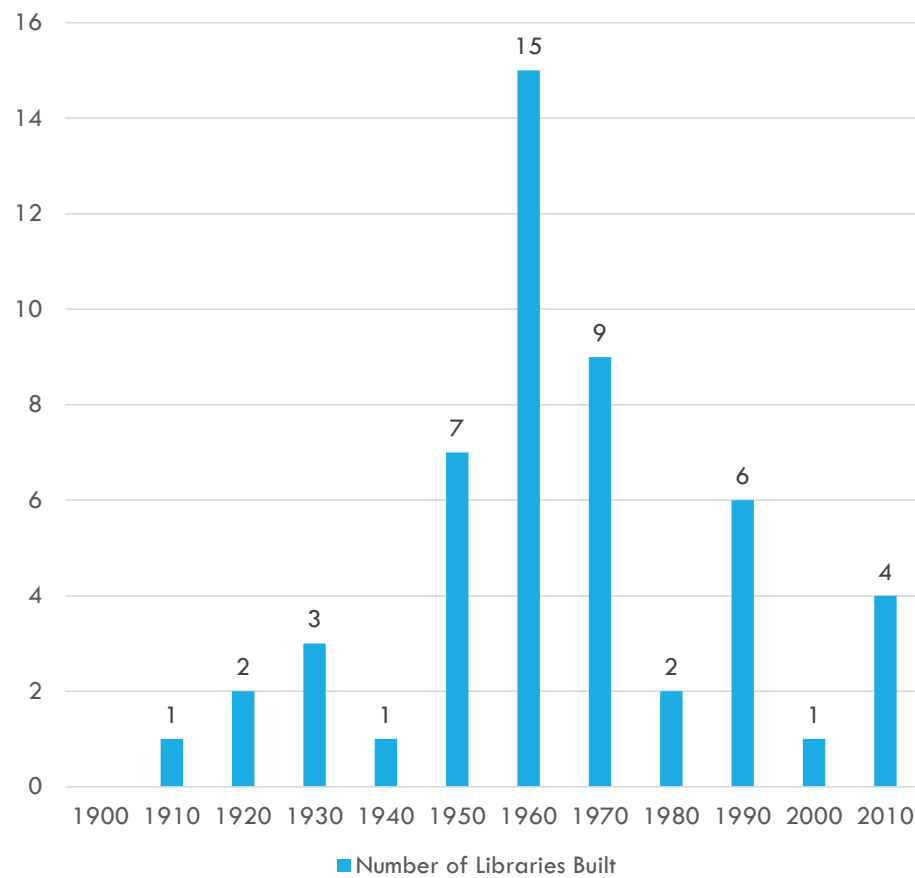
## AGE OF BUILDINGS

- **60%** were built before 1970
- ***First Library:*** Hawaii State Library (1913)
  - 100,000 sq. ft (after 2 renovations)
  - \$127,000
- ***First Joint Library:*** Pahala Public & School Library (1963)
- ***Newest Library:*** Nanakuli (2018)
  - 18,000 sq. ft
  - \$15.5 million

# THE BASICS BUILT BY DECADE

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Number of Public Libraries Built by Decade

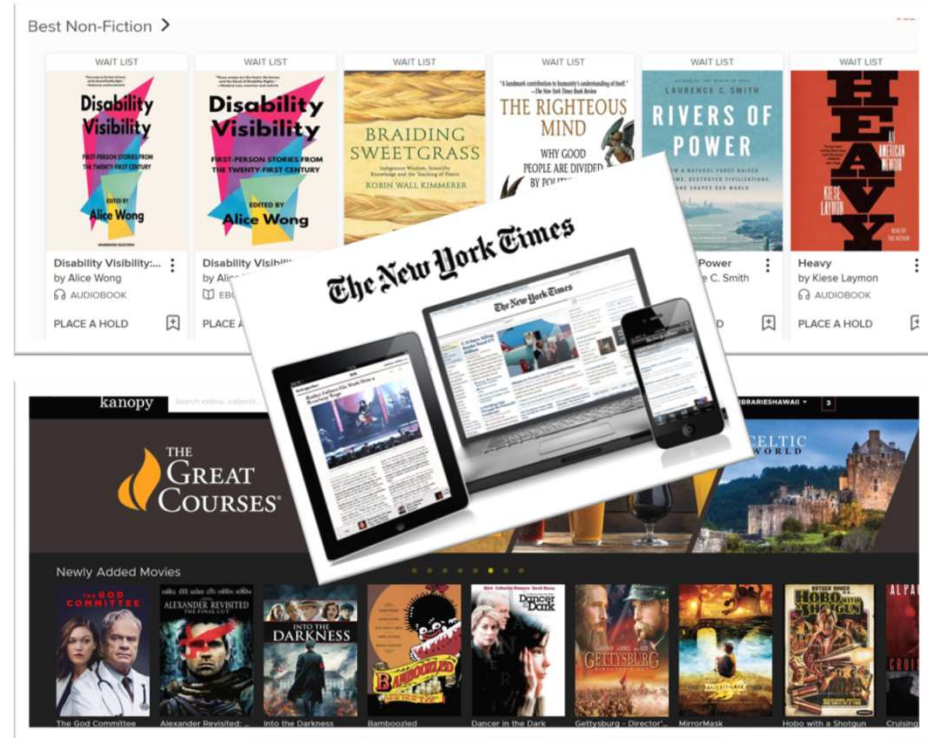


# PHYSICAL



**CONNECTING  
COLLECTIONS  
TECHNOLOGY  
INTERNET  
LEARNING  
GATHERING**

# DIGITAL

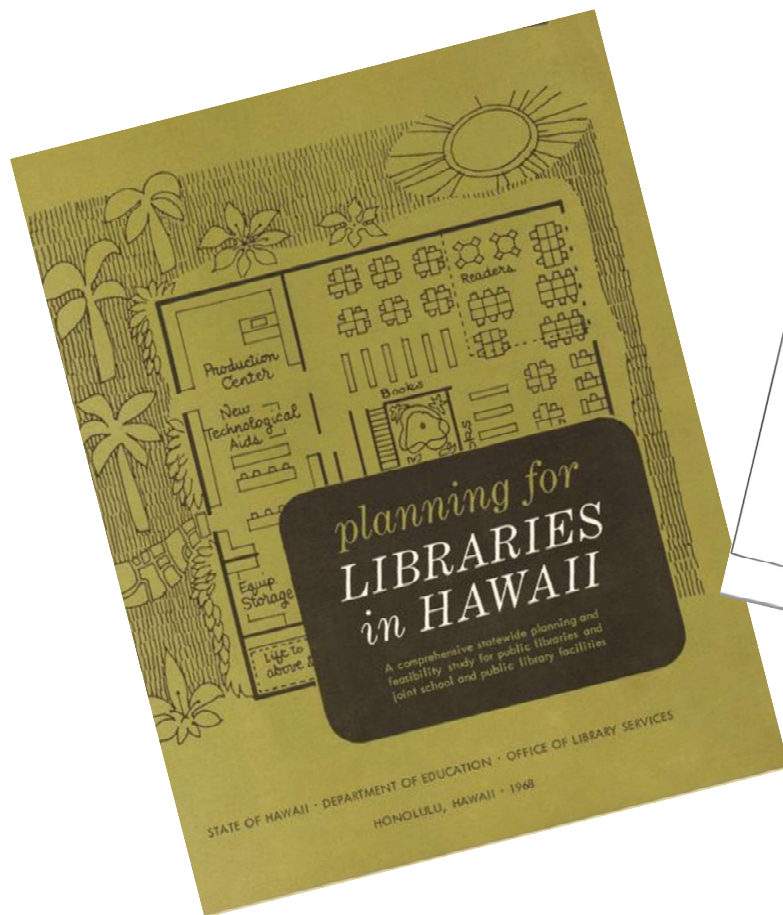




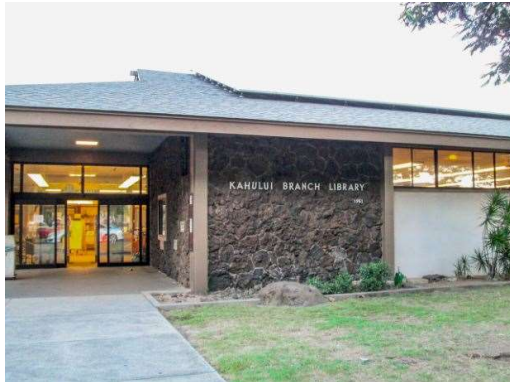
**PHYSICAL**  
+  
**DIGITAL**



**CONNECTIONS**  
**OPPORTUNITIES**



# THREE PLANNING PROJECTS



Kahului Public Library



Pahoehoe Public & School Library



Kapaa Public Library

**“Libraries** are the kinds of places where ordinary people with different backgrounds, passions, and interests can take part in a living democratic culture. They are the kinds of places where the public, private, and philanthropic sectors can work together to reach for something higher than the bottom line.” *–Eric Klinenberg*

**THANK YOU**

**Questions?**

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