Quest 3: Searching the Hawaiian Legends Index

The Hawaiian Legends Index lists names, places, and subjects that can be found in 77 books on legends/myths in Hawai‘i and other parts of Polynesia.

What is an index?

A list of words (subjects, names, etc.) with references to the places where they occur. An index can sometimes be found at the back of a book to help you find a specific page where a subject is mentioned. Indexes, like the Hawaiian Legends Index, are also developed to help find information in other resources.

1. Go to the Hawaiian Legends Index website
   http://manoa.hawaii.edu/hawaiiancollection/legends/index.html

2. Enter your deity's name (without diacritics) in the search box and click SEARCH.

3. Select a legend from the list.

   Subject: Kanaloa (Polynesian Deity)
   appears in the legend: "Legend of Kana and Niheu"
   in the book: Fornander, Abraham, Fornander Collection of Hawaiian Antiquities and Folk-Lore,
   on pages: 436-449
   HSL Call Number: H 398.2 Fo v.4
   UHM Call Number: AM101_B4473 v 4 1985
   Online: http://www.archive.org/details/FornanderCollection4

4. Click the UHM Call Number to see if the book is available at KCC or another UH Library.

Links to the full-text if available online