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Comments:

When I first became a teacher in 2000, I was certified, had completed all my coursework and had earned a Masters Degree in Education, but trying to figure out what to actually teach and how to do it was a whole other story. I stumbled upon an opportunity to participate in a workshop offered by the Judiciary History Center and found a gold mine. The workshops hosted by JHC have enabled me to not only be a better teacher but to also make classroom experiences with my students more enriching and more authentic. Once you complete your education, it is completely up to the individual to continue to pursue opportunities for refreshers and further growth. I have participated in many different workshops, and many of them have not met very high expectations. The JHC always sponsors rigorous, thought provoking instruction that continuously re-invigorates me and gives me new content to use in the classroom.

I have also had the great fortune on being able to rely on the JHC to provide excellent hands-on learning experiences for my students. Every year that I have taught Summer School I have taken my students on a variety of fieldtrips. One of the biggest hurdles is always financial - except with JHC. They offer a fantastic educational experience through their displays, museum, theater and courtroom re-enactments. The students are enriched through the JHC's programs and it would be an extreme loss if their program was no longer available to those seeking education - whether it be students or teachers.

I urge you to continue supporting the Judiciary History Center. It truly is one of the most significant sources of historical information, specifically regarding Hawaii's history and has enabled me to be a better teacher and offer better learning experiences to my students.