

Emmy-Honored Animator Donna Kay Lau Launched TODAY "Surf Soup TV Passport" Interactive Children's Curriculum

A First-Generation Asian American Creator's New Visual Blueprint Combining Digital Storytelling with Tactile Art and Ocean Mindfulness for Young Learners.

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Emmy-honored and Oscar-qualified television animator, director, and author Donna Kay Lau (whose extensive production credits include pipelines for *Dora the Explorer*, *CatDog*, *Regular Show*, *Generator Rex*, *Oswald the Octopus*, and *Ben 10 Ultimate Alien*) has officially released the "Surf Soup TV Passport."

Designed as an interactive companion guide and visual reading roadmap tailored specifically for children, this innovative work serves as a tactile bridge connecting digital media pipelines with physical, screen-free classroom and household creativity.

The Passport introduces young explorers to the core foundational themes of the sprawling 100+ volume Surf Soup® multi-media universe—including ocean conservation, emotional intelligence, mindfulness, and cross-cultural self-advocacy. The curriculum is directly embedded with custom, hand-drawn coloring sheets, character anatomy maps, and a convenient internal home-printing QR code system engineered specifically to assist parents, educators, and homeschool networks in lower transition-barrier anxieties while providing an inclusive, low-sensory visual sandbox that naturally supports neurodivergent and diverse learning spaces nationwide.

Beyond a standard book tracker, this launch marks the expansion of Surf Soup® from an award-winning independent literary property into a fully integrated multi-media ecosystem. Rooted deeply in Lau's personal first-generation Asian American heritage and her lifelong journey navigating childhood and the raw dynamics of "Inclusion/Exclusion," the brand now encompasses digital streaming broadcasts, original musical arrangements, animated cartoon shorts, and character-led educational podcasts.

By leveraging over 30 years of commercial studio television experience, Lau's project democratizes complex social-emotional learning (SEL) competencies into playful, bite-sized artistic expressions. The Surf Soup TV Passport serves as an accessible global instructional framework, giving educators a

replicable model to foster creative literacy, environmental stewardship, and deep emotional resilience in young minds globally.

Official Campaign Landing Page:

<https://mailchi.mp/0e8f8e11cfb3/surf-soup-tv-passport>

Donna Kay Lau is a first-generation Asian American creator, animator, director, and author. She is the creator of the Surf Soup TV Passport, a multi-media educational framework for children. She has worked on several television shows, including Dora the Explorer, CatDog, Regular Show, Generator Rex, Oswald the Octopus, and Ben 10 Ultimate Alien. She is also a writer and producer of animated shorts and podcasts. She is passionate about ocean conservation, emotional intelligence, and cross-cultural self-advocacy. She believes that education should be fun, interactive, and accessible to all children. She is currently working on her next project, a children's book about ocean conservation.