

Upcoming Future Outlooks



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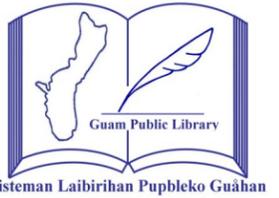
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FUTURE OUTLOOK

- ◇ The Guam Public Library System (GPLS) Five-Year Plan and Technology Plan are plans used when implementing programs at GPLS.
- ◇ It is GPLS' continued goal to promote and encourage literacy to the community beginning with the young (children, teens and young adults), adults and the elderly.
- ◇ GPLS continues to build its literacy programs and enhancing its library programs and services by having more resources through grants from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). IMLS is the GPLS major grantor.
- ◇ Grants have provided the GPLS with the resources to update its computer hardware/software, purchase new library furniture, purchase new books (although would like to purchase more), and other library resources and library supplies.
- ◇ GPLS is highly understaffed. Other Employees are used in order to do work for positions that are unfilled. Having these positions filled would greatly contribute to improving time management and the processing of library materials.

Guam Public Library System

A Report To Our Citizens



FISCAL YEAR 2010: OCTOBER 1, 2009 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

Mission Statement

Serving Guam residents since 1949, the Guam Public Library System mission is to provide free and open access to information and ideas fundamental to a democracy. The library system will protect intellectual freedom, promote literacy, encourage lifelong learning, and maintain cultural materials.

ABOUT THE GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

- ◇ The Guam Public Library System (GPLS) officially opened January 31, 1949.
- ◇ Provides library service to all residents on Guam, a United States Territory. The Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library is the Main Library and is centrally located in Hagåtña, which is also the capitol of Guam.
- ◇ GPLS also consists of 5 library branches located in the villages ("village" – *small island communities*) in certain villages on island to at least accommodate the island community in the northern (Dededo), central (other than Main Library-Hagåtña, also in Barrigada), and south (Agat, Merizo, Yona) areas.
- ◇ The original collection had 13,000 books, mostly from deactivated Navy libraries and a donation from the Los Angeles Public Library.
- ◇ Library was originally in two quonset huts near the Agana Azotea and opened only 20 hours per week with only 3 staff.
- ◇ 1951, began a Guam Collection.
- ◇ 1953, Bookmobile service began, reaching remote villages using a panel truck.
- ◇ 1954, the Library became an independent government agency, no longer a part of the Department of Education.
- ◇ January 1960, the Library moved out of its quonset huts into the first floor of what had been the Guam Administration Building.
- ◇ Growth continued in 1968 with acquisition of the 2nd floor and the addition of air conditioning. In 1979, the third floor of the N. M. Flores Memorial Public Library was completed transforming the structure to what it is today.
- ◇ Branches open: Agat and Dededo Libraries completed in 1968; Barrigada Library in 1970; Merizo Library in 1974; and the Yona Library completed in 1993.
- ◇ In 1990, a Thomas Built Bookmobile was purchased. Later grounded for several years due to lack of funding and personnel.
- ◇ In 2004, through the efforts of First Lady Joann Camacho and public-private partnerships and the generous donated resources from Matson Navigation Company and the Alexander & Baldwin Foundation, the Bookmobile was repaired and operated at no cost to the taxpayers of Guam.

GOALS

1. Seek to understand the informational, educational, and recreational needs of all the people of Guam in accordance with the American Library Association Library Bill of Rights, Freedom to Read, and Freedom to View statements within the limits imposed by budget and space;
2. Extend library resources into the community to assist individuals and groups with special needs;
3. Work cooperatively with other island libraries in providing information to the public;
4. Pursue opportunities through new technologies to deliver information more quickly and efficiently.

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STAFFING

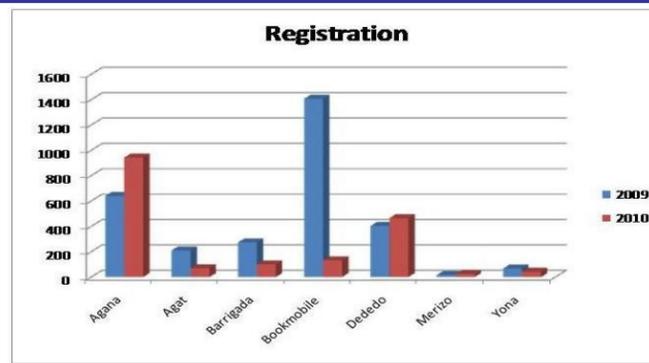
The GPLS Library Director is the Territorial Librarian and the Executive Secretary for the Guam Public Library Board. 7 members comprise the Board, but 4 make a quorum. The Library Director works closely with the Guam Public Library Board. To date, GPLS has 28 full-time staff members consisting of an Administrative Officer, Library Technician Supervisor, a Bookmobile Driver, Program Coordinator I, Library Technicians I & II, Administrative Personnel and Building Custodians.



Performance Reports

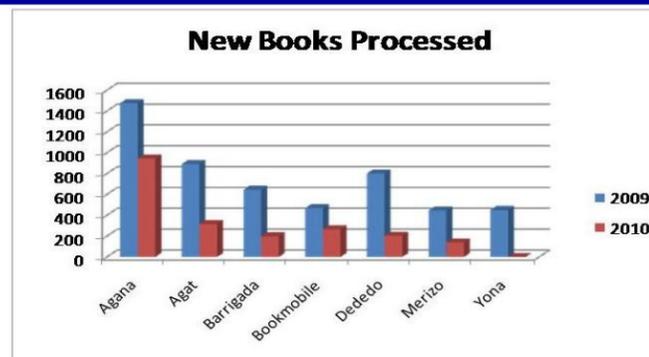
Registration

Branch	2009	2010
Agana	641	944
Agat	211	70
Barrigada	274	101
Bookmobile	1408	133
Dededo	404	466
Merizo	17	25
Yona	68	43
Total	3023	1782



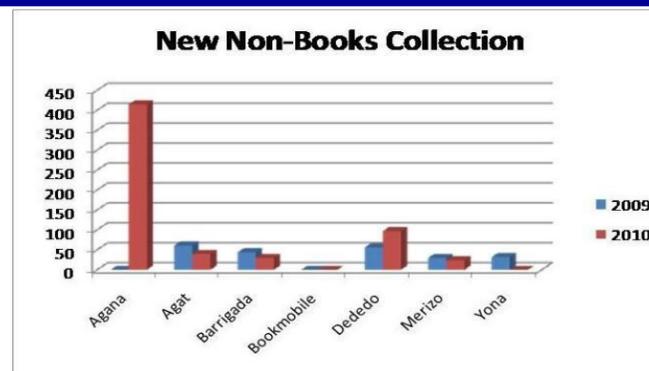
New Books Processed

Branch	2009	2010
Agana	1477	945
Agat	892	317
Barrigada	646	200
Bookmobile	469	266
Dededo	802	205
Merizo	447	140
Yona	451	0
Total	5184	2073



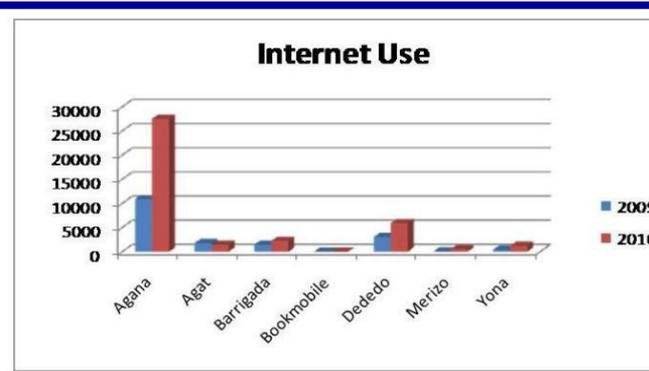
New Non-Books Collection

Branch	2009	2010
Agana	0	415
Agat	61	40
Barrigada	44	30
Bookmobile	0	0
Dededo	56	97
Merizo	30	24
Yona	32	0
Total	223	606



Internet Use

Branch	2009	2010
Agana	10887	27517
Agat	1808	1441
Barrigada	1458	2251
Bookmobile	0	0
Dededo	3052	5931
Merizo	53	531
Yona	416	1244
Total	17674	38915



National Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
Talking Book Tapes / Digital Talking Books / Braille Books

2009	2010
4,359	6,112

Guam Special Collections
Legislative Documents / Vertical Files / Photographs / Periodicals

2009	2010
1,366	6,434

U.S. Federal Government Depository
CFR / Federal Register / Congressional Records / Serials / CD-Roms / Papers, etc.

2009	2010
271	1,804

Financial Reports

Guam Public Library System

Audited Financial Statements as of 09/30/2010

	2010	2009
Office of the Director	850,611	1,102,859
Hagatna-Dededo library	186,851	210,293
Barrigada Library	48,643	51,365
Agat library	34,827	25,305
Yona Library	32,445	24,882
Merizo Library	56,478	49,036
Total:	1,209,855	1,463,740

Financial Statement FY2009 - FY2010

