

# Guam Public Library System

## A Report To Our Citizens



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### 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.

### 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.

### ABOUT THE GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

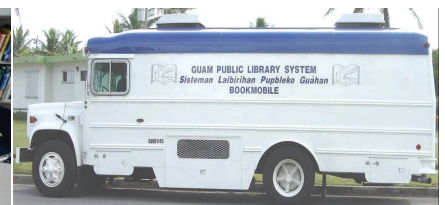
- ◇ The Guam Public Library System (GPLS) officially opened January 31, 1949.
- ◇ Provides library service to all residents on Guam, a United States Territory. The Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library is the Main Library and is centrally located in Hagåtña, which is also the capital of Guam.
- ◇ GPLS also 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.
- ◇ On October 6, 2011, Guam Public Library System became a Division of the Department of Chamorro Affairs.

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### STAFFING

The President of the Department of Chamorro Affairs oversees the Guam Public Library System and works closely with the employees of GPLS. To date, GPLS has 23 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.

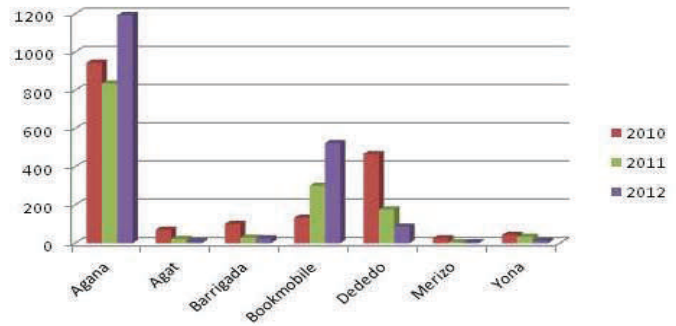


# Performance Reports

## Registration

Branch	2010	2011	2012
Agana	944	836	1194
Agat	70	22	9
Barrigada	101	29	25
Bookmobile	133	300	524
Dededo	466	176	86
Merizo	25	5	4
Yona	43	33	12
	1782	1401	1854

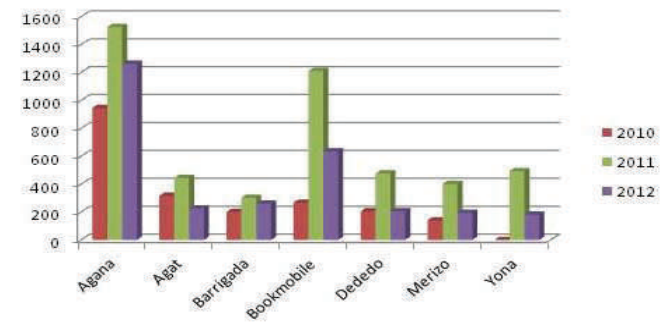
## Registration



## New Books Processed

Branch	2010	2011	2012
Agana	945	1525	1262
Agat	317	443	225
Barrigada	200	302	260
Bookmobile	266	1210	635
Dededo	205	476	206
Merizo	140	400	194
Yona	0	493	182
	2073	4849	2964

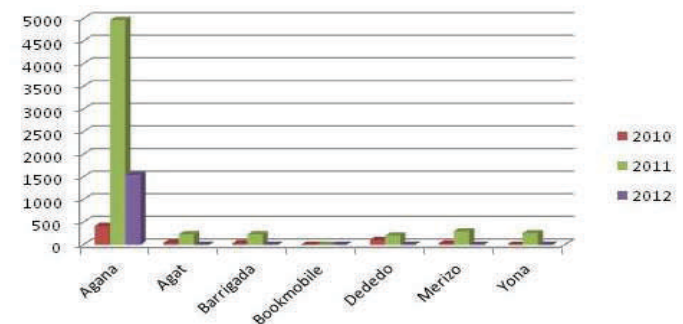
## New Books Processed



## New Non-Books Collection

Branch	2010	2011	2012
Agana	415	4965	1545
Agat	40	228	0
Barrigada	30	229	0
Bookmobile	0	0	0
Dededo	97	201	0
Merizo	24	293	0
Yona	0	253	0
	606	6169	1545

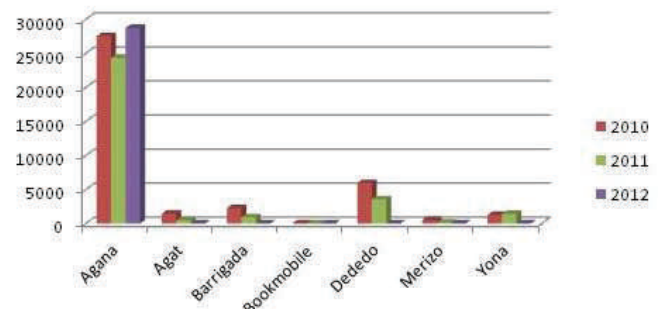
## New Non-Books Collection



## Internet Use

Branch	2010	2011	2012
Agana	27517	24343	28732
Agat	1441	458	0
Barrigada	2251	920	0
Bookmobile	0	0	0
Dededo	5931	3560	0
Merizo	531	139	0
Yona	1244	1397	0
	38915	30817	28732

## Internet Use



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

2010	2011	2012
6,112	159	1,978

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

2010	2011	2012
6,434	216	5,080

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

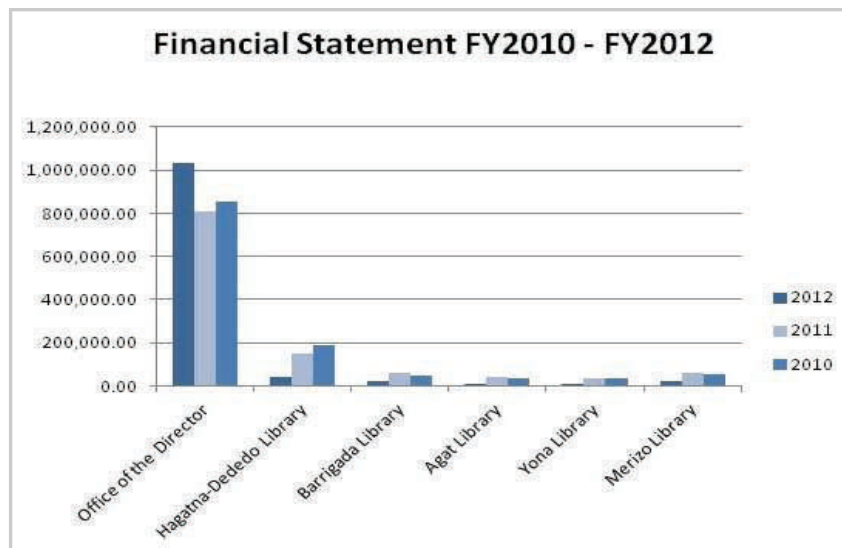
2010	2011	2012
1,804	135	1,029

# Financial Reports

## Guam Public Library System

*Audited Financial Statements as of 09/30/2012*

	2012	2011	2010
Office of the Director	1,031,206.61	806,687.00	850,611
Hagatna-Dededo Library	40,589.00	148,842.00	186,851
Barrigada Library	19,541.00	59,674.00	48,643
Agat Library	11,018.59	37,668.00	34,827
Yona Library	11,903.00	34,639.00	32,445
Merizo Library	22,097.80	63,215.00	56,478
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,136,356</b>	<b>1,150,725</b>	<b>1,209,855</b>



## Guam Public Library System

*Budget and Actual - General Fund  
Year Ended September 30, 2012*

### Budget Amounts

	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Office of the Director	1,031,206.61	781,507	640,270	141,237
Hagatna-Dededo library	40,589.00	40,589	40,589	0
Barrigada Library	19,541.00	19,541	19,541	0
Agat library	11,018.59	11,019	11,019	0
Yona Library	11,903.00	11,903	11,903	0
Merizo Library	22,097.80	22,098	22,098	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,136,356</b>	<b>886,657</b>	<b>745,420</b>	<b>141,237</b>



# Upcoming Future Outlooks



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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 and other library resources and library supplies.
- ◇ GPLS is 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.

