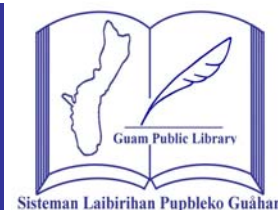


Guam Public Library System

A Report To Our Citizens



FISCAL YEAR 2018: OCTOBER 1, 2017 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

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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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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 certain villages (*"village" – small island communities*) on island to accommodate the island's communities in the northern (Dededo), central (other than Main Library-Hagåtña, also in Barrigada), and southern (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.
- ◇ The 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.
- ◇ Reorganization Advisory No. 6 (10-6-2011) GPLS merged into the Department of Chamorro Affairs.
- ◇ Executive Order No. 2019-17 signed by Governor Lourdes Leon Guerrero rescinded Reorganization Advisory No. 6 in its entirety on June 21, 2019.

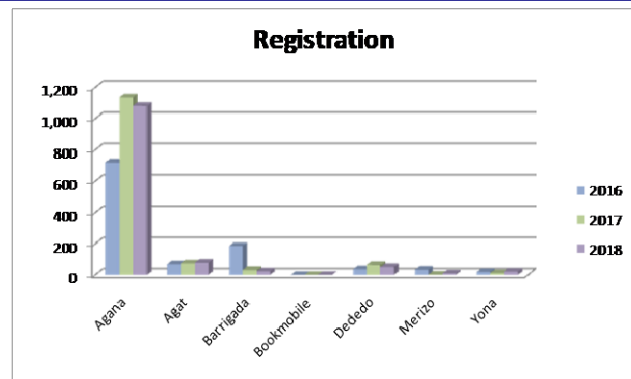
STAFFING

Ms. R. Arlene Santos is the Acting Director for the Guam Public Library System and works closely with the employees of GPLS. To date, GPLS has 20 full-time staff members consisting of an Administrative Officer, Administrative Assistant, Clerk Typist III, Administrative Aide, Library Technician Supervisor, a Bookmobile Driver, Library Technicians I & II and Building Custodians.

Performance Reports

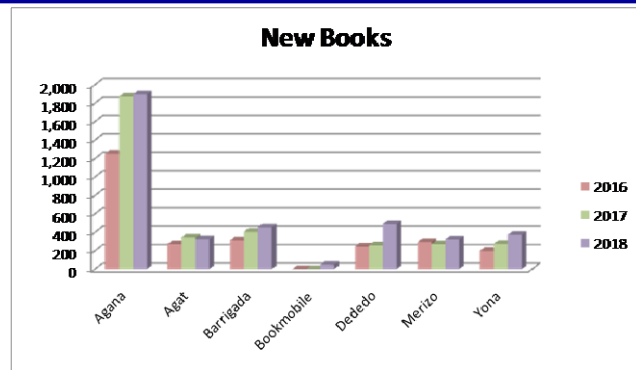
Registration

Branch	2016	2017	2018
Agana	720	1,135	1080
Agat	69	74	79
Barrigada	186	31	23
Bookmobile	0	0	0
Dededo	36	64	51
Merizo	33	1	9
Yona	18	11	21
	1,062	1,316	1,263



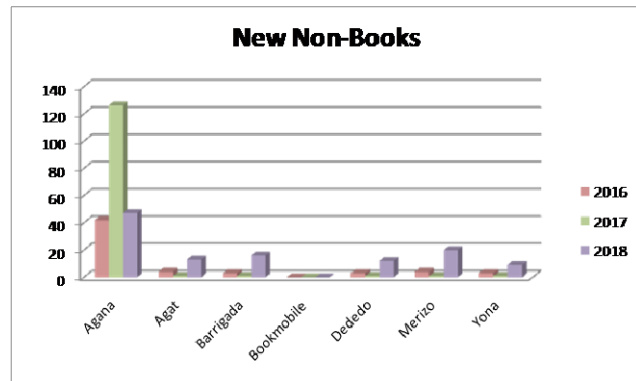
New Books Processed

Branch	2016	2017	2018
Agana	1,252	1,874	1,897
Agat	272	345	325
Barrigada	312	406	455
Bookmobile	0	0	49
Dededo	247	258	490
Merizo	293	272	322
Yona	199	275	373
	2,575	3,430	3,911



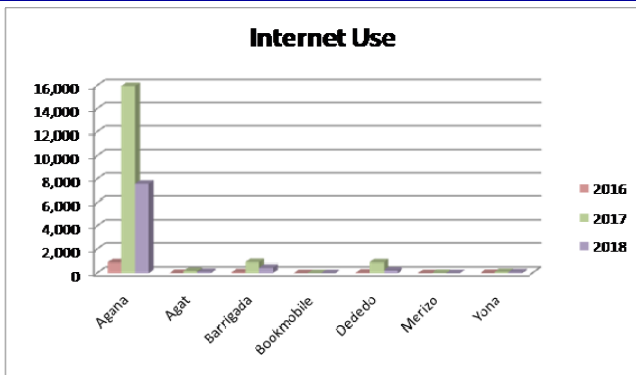
New Non-Books Collection

Branch	2016	2017	2018
Agana	42	126	47
Agat	4	1	13
Barrigada	3	1	16
Bookmobile	0	0	0
Dededo	3	1	12
Merizo	4	1	20
Yona	3	1	9
	59	131	108



Internet Use

Branch	2016	2017	2018
Agana	869	15,973	7,590
Agat	20	174	98
Barrigada	85	894	471
Bookmobile	0	0	0
Dededo	47	873	229
Merizo	2	16	4
Yona	12	96	83
	1,035	18,026	8,475



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

2016	2017	2018
2,885	2,865	2,723

Guam Special Collections

Legislative Documents / Vertical Files / Photographs / Periodicals

2016	2017	2018
1,931	11,109	4,029

U.S. Federal Government Depository

CFR / Federal Register / Congressional Records / Serials / CD-Roms / Papers, etc.

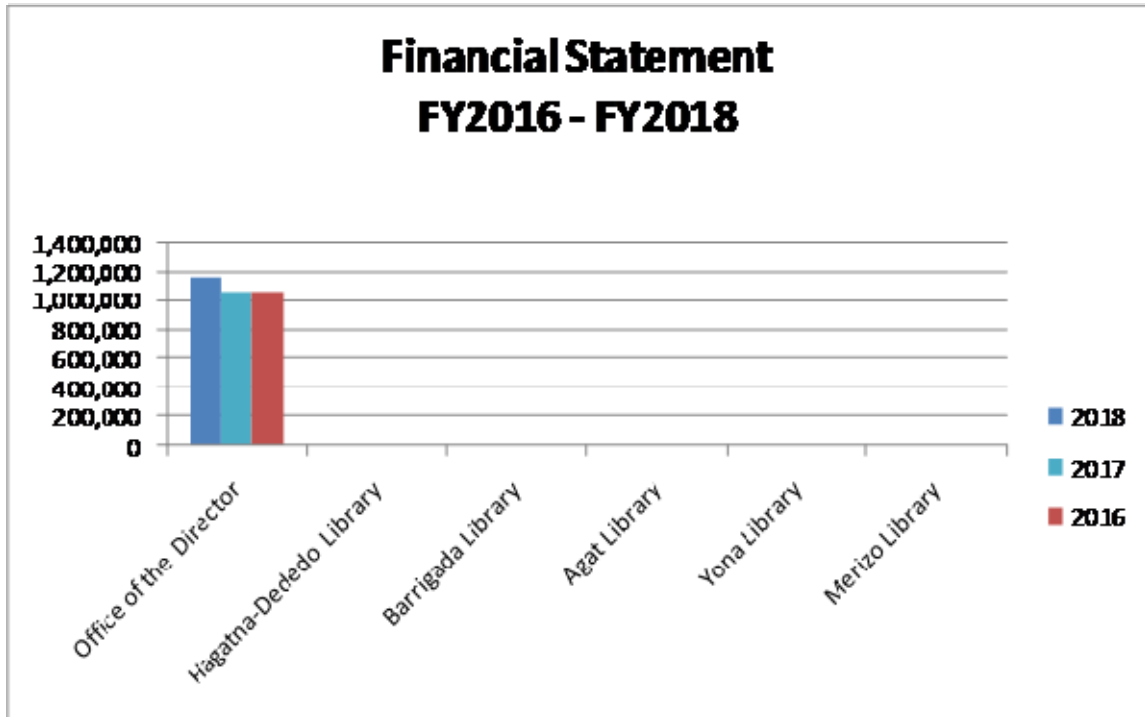
2016	2017	2018
769	803	817

Financial Reports

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Audited Financial Statements as of 9/30/2018

	2018	2017	2016
Office of the Director	1,169,587	1,063,550	1,065,802
Hagatna-Dededo Library	0	0	0
Barrigada Library	0	0	0
Agat Library	0	0	0
Yona Library	0	0	0
Merizo Library	0	0	0
Total:	1,169,587	1,063,550	1,065,802



Guam Public Library System

Budget - General Fund

Year Ended September 30, 2018

Budget Amounts

Office of the Director	\$ 1,169,587
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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.