

Guam Public Library System

Citizen Centric Report for FY 2020

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FY 2020: October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020

About GPLS

The Guam Public Library System officially opened on January 31, 1949 in Hagåtña and has since grown to include (5) branches. Branches were constructed in the villages of Agat, Barrigada, Dededo, Merizo and Yona. Aside from books and other printed materials, GPLS has Talking Book Tapes & Braille Materials for the Blind and Print Disabled; Computers; Photocopiers; a Game Room; Board Games and more.



Mission Statement

Serving Guam residents since 1949, our 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.

GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP

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Performance FY 2020

- 70th Anniversary Commemoration of Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library
- Temporary move of Archival documents to Barrigada Library
- The two largest events GPLS hosts every year are Dr. Seuss's Birthday celebrated in March and the Summer Reading Program.
- Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, GPLS hosted Dr. Seuss's Birthday Celebration and just about doubled the total amount of event participants. In 2019, there were 218 participants. In 2020, there were 417 participants. GPLS provided educational enrichment in the form of book reading and arts & crafts. As it is customary with birthday celebrations, GPLS also provided food and birthday cake for all participants and patrons.

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Two largest GPLS events

Dr. Seuss's Birthday

Summer Reading Program

GPLS joins the fight against COVID-19

The Guam Public Library System had (3) of its employees temporarily detailed to the Guam Department of Labor (GDOL) PUA (Pandemic Unemployment Assistance) Processing Center and (2) employees detailed to DPHSS during the pandemic. GPLS also offered the use of its libraries to GDOL to help individuals in the community who needed assistance with PUA.

GPLS Services during the pandemic

The pandemic caused great challenges in how GPLS provided services to the public. It also highlighted areas that needed immediate improvement. A couple of those areas are the need to increase the Library's eBook Collection and the need for digitizing the library's collections. Despite these needs for improvement, GPLS was able to continue serving the Blind and Print Disabled patrons by making deliveries of Talking Book Tapes to them. GPLS also provided drop-off and pick-up curbside services for patrons for books and library card applications. Additionally, as a safer alternative to in-house programs, GPLS started monthly Grab and Go Kits for parents to do with their kids. The kits included arts & craft activities with step-by-step instructions plus some arts & crafts supplies.

Financial Statement

FY 2020

TEFF APPROPRIATIONS & APPROVED GRANTS

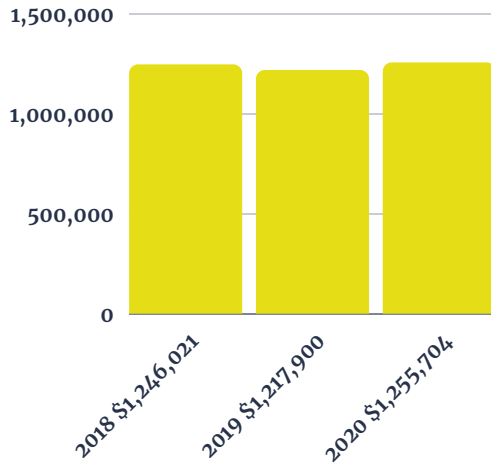
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TERRITORIAL EDUCATION FACILITIES FUND (TEFF) APPROPRIATIONS

APPROVED GRANTS

STATE GRANT

GPLS is a recipient of federal funds received from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). IMLS provides this grant support as identified in the grantee's Five-Year State Plan for FY2018-2022 with no matching fund required. For FY 2020, funds received were in the amount of \$124,141.00

FY2020 IMLS CARES ACT GRANT

GPLS is a recipient of federal funds received from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in the amount of \$15,224.00. The goal of the FY2020 IMLS CARES Act Grants for Museums and Libraries program is to support the role of museums and libraries in responding to the coronavirus pandemic.

EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND

The library is a recent sub-recipient of funding from the Education Stabilization Fund (ESF). Funding in the amount of \$201,000.00 was received for technological upgrades to assist with the facilitation of distance learning. To further facilitate this task, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Office of the Governor, Guam Department of Education (GDOE) and GPLS was recently signed. This MOU will support the educational community while still being in line with the library's mission.

ARCHIVAL GRANT

GPLS is also a sub-recipient of funding from the Department of Interior. The library has been awarded funding for an Archival Center Assistance Program – FY2020 OIA Technical Assistance Program. The grant award amount is \$499,991.50 with a project period of three (3) years beginning May 1, 2020. Funding is to upgrade library equipment and improve operations at the Archival Center. This will allow GPLS to update equipment and have systems in place to ensure the access to, and the preservation of, millions of historical documents that are part of Guam's rich history.

BRANCHES IN

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Hagåtña
Agat
Barrigada
Dededo
Merizo
Yona

LIBRARIES
ISLAND-WIDE

17

EMPLOYEES

STAFF MAKE-UP

1 Director/Librarian
1 Admin. Officer
1 Admin. Assistant
1 Admin. Aide
5 Building Custodians
1 Program Coordinator
1 Library Tech. Supervisor
5 Library Technicians
1 Bookmobile Driver

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OPERATIONAL GOALS AND PLANS FOR GROWTH & EXPANSION

GDOE 2021 Youth Employment Internship Program



- Branch libraries will serve as fully functional libraries
- Increase Collaboration with CBOs (Community Based Organizations) and GovGuam Agencies (e.g. GDOE 2021 Youth Employment Internship Program)
- Increase Community Outreach Programs & Training (e.g. Health Related Outreach Programs, Resource Related Outreach Programs, Manâmkok' Computer Classes, Training on how to prevent online fraud)
- Collaboration with Guam Department of Education (GDOE) to provide additional Community Learning Centers
- Increase Staff Training
- Launch Bookmobile (traveling library) and implement Bookmobile-Centered Programs
- Launch new ILS (Integrated Library System) and eBook Collection
- Internal improvements toward a 21st Century Library (e.g. renovations & furniture; expand Wi-Fi and other IT-related capabilities at all branches; new Media Center)
- Expand digital presence by re-branding/developing agency identity, revamping the GPLS website, and growing the library's social media to promote GPLS and its services to the general public