



GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

Citizen Centric Report FY 2021 (Oct 2020 - Sept 2021)

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About Us



OUR MISSION

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.



OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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| Mr. Jeremy Cepeda, Board Chair | Ms. Nicole Nelson, Member |
| Mr. Nolan Flores, Board Vice Chair | Dr. Matilda Rivera, Member |
| Dr. Monique Storie, Treasurer | Mr. Nan "William" Li, Member |
| Ms. Marissa Mears, Member | |



OUR STAFF

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Director/Librarian | Library Technician Supervisor |
| Administrative Officer | Library Technicians (11) |
| Administrative Assistant | Bookmobile Driver |
| Program Coordinator | Custodians (4) |



OUR PRIMARY SOURCE OF FEDERAL SUPPORT

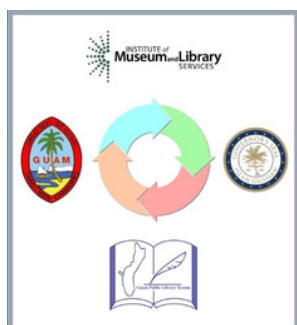


ILLUSTRATION OF THE SYMBIOTIC
 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE INSTITUTE OF
 MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES (IMLS) &
 GPLS FOR MORE THAN TWO DECADES

Our Performance



Increased book collections

Increased collections in these areas (November 2020)



550 increased
Guam
Book
Collection



580 increased
General
Book
Collection

Accomplishments FY 2021

- Recruitment of Library Director per PL 27-13 (December 2020)
- Re-opening of all libraries after being closed for nine months due to COVID-19 (January - March 2021)
- Collaboration and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
 - UOG Press/MARC (April 2021)
 - A shared commitment to promote literacy and lifelong learning through efforts to publish and make widely available local publications through islandwide distribution and community programming
 - AmeriCorps/VARO (April 2021)
 - Department of Revenue & Taxation (April 2021, assisting with the All-Rise Act)
- Improved Library Operations - IMLS approval to hire (5) Library Technicians (LTA) (April 2021)
- Book donation for the Guam Book Collection from Mr. Justo Leon Guerrero (May 2021)
- Recruitment of Program Coordinator (May 2021)
- Commencement on the appointment of a Director/Librarian (June 2021)
- Successful hosting of the GDOE Youth Employment Internship Program (YEIP) (June 2021)
- New Integrated Library Software System: Atrium (August 2021)
- Staff Training (August 2021)

GPLS continues services during the pandemic

Despite the challenges with the pandemic, GPLS succeeded in offering curbside services that allowed book borrowing, book returns, library card membership, and services for the Blind and Print Disabled. Free printing was also offered to students, parents, and teachers in an effort to support the educational community.



The information reported on this page was based on the services we provide to the community. Would you like to see any other information in our next report? Please contact us.

Summer Interns FY 2021

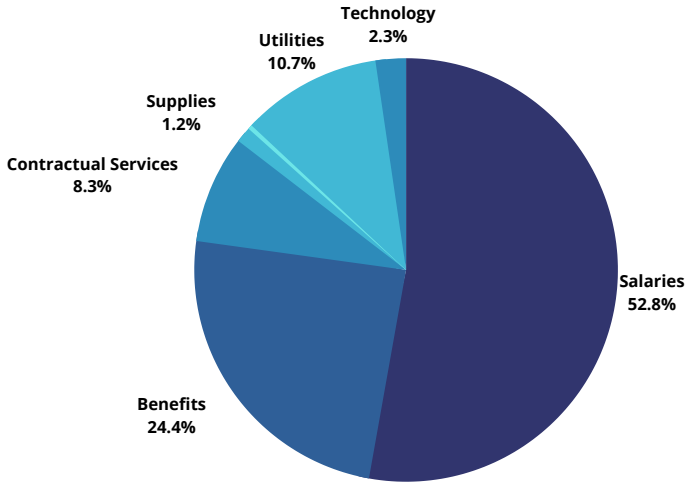


Book Donation FY 2021

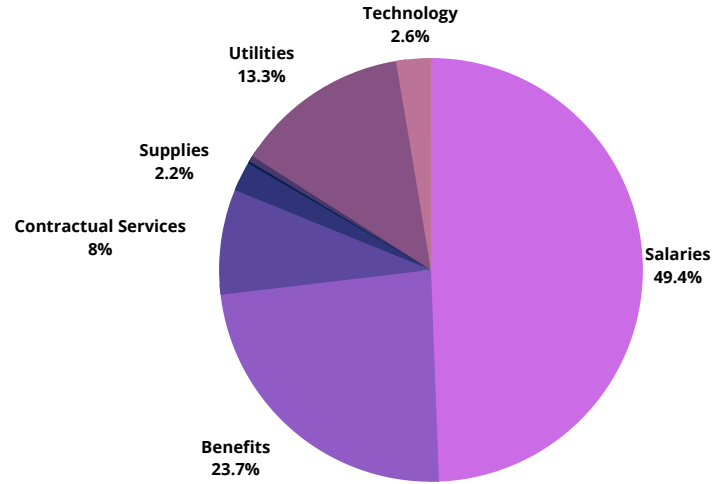


Our Finances

Government Appropriations
FY 2020 \$1,255,704



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FY 2021 \$1,218,242



GRANTS FOR GPLS

Approved Grants	Grant Amount	Date Approved
Sub-recipient of the Technical Assistance Program Grant from Department of Interior	\$499,991	May 2020
Sub-recipient of the Education Stabilization Fund (ESF I)	\$201,000	December 2020
Sub-recipient of the Education Stabilization Fund (ESF II)	\$2,311,013	March 2021
Technical Assistance Program Grant from the Department of Interior	\$130,536	March 2021
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)	\$236,779	April 2021
Five-Year State Grant (2018-2022) from IMLS	\$123,845 FY 2021 (\$124,141 FY 2020) (\$124,712 FY 2019) (\$123,679 FY2018)	4th funding period [approved in 2017]

Our Future Outlook



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other information in our
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Guam Public Library System's future outlook has (5)
main objectives:

01

Upgrade Technology

GPLS to serve as a Learning Resource Center with unlimited internet access for students and the community.

02

"Getting Back into the Community Post COVID-19"

GPLS will bridge learning opportunities in providing the social infrastructure along a wide array of essential educational services; programs, workshops, job search assistance, homework assistance and technical & research assistance. GPLS will also pivot to passive programming, online digital content, and outreach.

03

CHamoru Heritage & Cultural Assessment

Fulfilling the GPLS Mission Statement to promote literacy programs, encourage lifelong learning, maintain cultural materials, and to further the advancement of the CHamoru culture and language.

04

Servicing the Community with the Bookmobile

Provide outreach services with the library's brand-new Bookmobile, along with computer use, internet access, MiFi devices, and printing needs.

05

Staff Training

Provide staff training using internal and external facilitators.

**FUN
FACTS**



Guam Public Library System has libraries in Hagåtña, Hågat, Barrigada, Dededo, Malessa and Yona.

Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library, in Hagåtña, is one of Guam's historical sites.

