

# 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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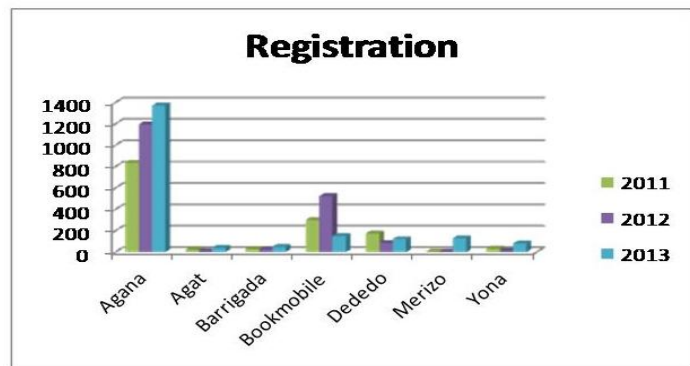
The President of the Department of Chamorro Affairs oversees the Guam Public Library System and works closely with the employees of GPLS. To date, GPLS has 21 full-time staff members consisting of an Administrative Officer, Library Technician Supervisor, a Bookmobile Driver, Program Coordinator I, Library Technicians I & II, Administrative Personnel and Building Custodians.



# Performance Reports

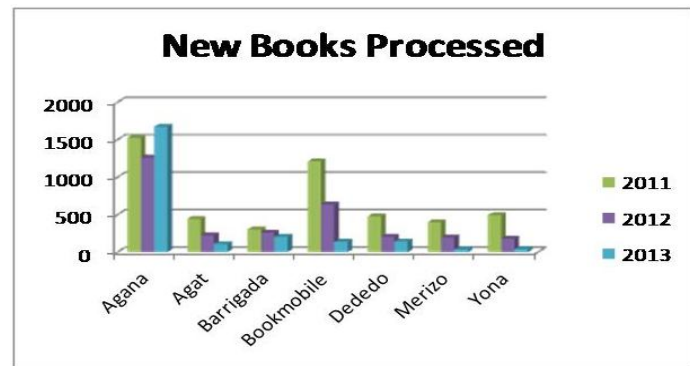
## Registration

Branch	2011	2012	2013
Agana	836	1194	1372
Agat	22	9	38
Barrigada	29	25	49
Bookmobile	300	524	151
Dededo	176	86	121
Merizo	5	4	130
Yona	33	12	81
	1401	1854	1942



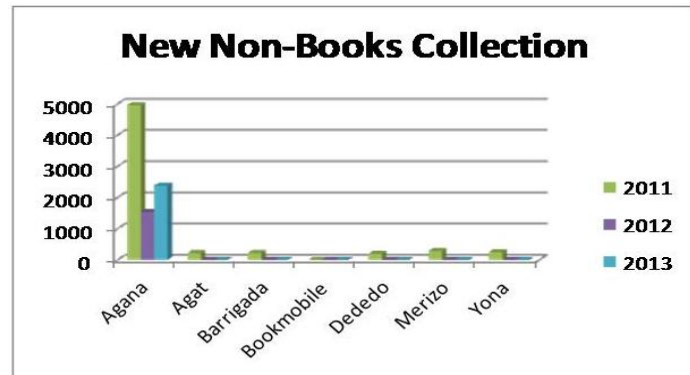
## New Books Processed

Branch	2011	2012	2013
Agana	1525	1262	1671
Agat	443	225	108
Barrigada	302	260	206
Bookmobile	1210	635	140
Dededo	476	206	143
Merizo	400	194	35
Yona	493	182	42
	4849	2964	2345



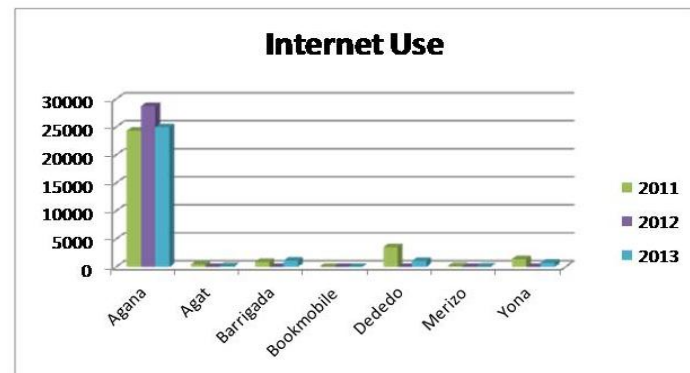
## New Non-Books Collection

Branch	2011	2012	2013
Agana	4965	1545	2385
Agat	228	0	0
Barrigada	229	0	0
Bookmobile	0	0	0
Dededo	201	0	0
Merizo	293	0	0
Yona	253	0	0
	6169	1545	2385



## Internet Use

Branch	2011	2012	2013
Agana	24343	28732	24978
Agat	458	0	158
Barrigada	920	0	1149
Bookmobile	0	0	0
Dededo	3560	0	1092
Merizo	139	0	56
Yona	1397	0	757
	30817	28732	28190



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

2011	2012	2013
159	1,978	2,180

**Guam Special Collections**

Legislative Documents / Vertical Files / Photographs / Periodicals

2011	2012	2013
216	5,080	9,985

**U.S. Federal Government Depository**

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

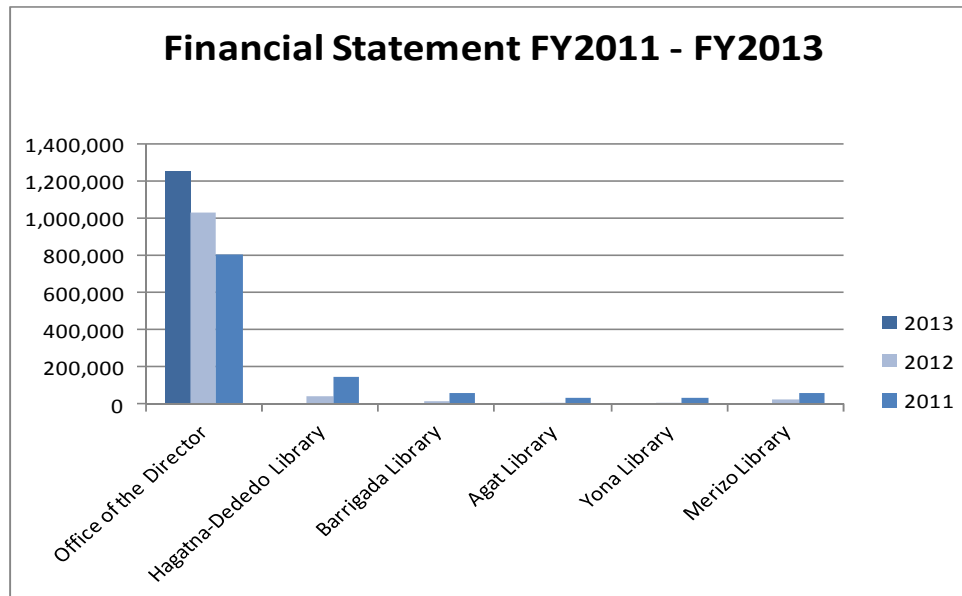
2011	2012	2013
135	1,029	801

# Financial Reports

## Guam Public Library System

*Audited Financial Statements as of 09/30/2013*

	2013	2012	2011
Office of the Director	1,257,728	1,031,206.61	806,687.00
Hagatna-Dededo Library	0	40,589.00	148,842.00
Barrigada Library	0	19,541.00	59,674.00
Agat Library	0	11,018.59	37,668.00
Yona Library	0	11,903.00	34,639.00
Merizo Library	0	22,097.80	63,215.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,257,728</b>	<b>1,136,356</b>	<b>1,150,725</b>



## Guam Public Library System

*Budget - General Fund*

Year Ended September 30, 2013

### Budget Amounts

Office of the Director                      \$     1,257,728.00



# 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.
- ◇ GPLS is anticipating ground breaking for a Children's library and an Internet Café by late July 2014. this is a Department of Interior Capital Improvement Project in the amount of \$1,586,000.00.

