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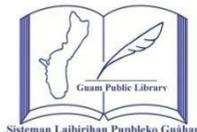
Library programs are free and open to the public and are intended to promote and enhance the collections, services and mission of the Guam Public Library System. A place to encourage the community to Read, Connect, Relax, and Learn.

Library programs are developed and presented from ages 0 to the young-at-heart (Elderly), and include such activities as arts and crafts, guest author's, film screenings, poetry readings, public and private sectors presentations, field trips, community outreach to our elderly, independent group homes, and other community events.

Literacy Program Forms are completed for each scheduled program activity performed. Identifying the name of the program, attendance, themes, books read, activities and crafts prepared, etc.

There as follows:

- 1. Weekday Toddler Story Program (0-4):** This program is a coordinated effort between the Early Intervention Division under the Department of Education and the GPLS. The children interact with reading, singing, dancing the crafts which are crucial for the child's physical, social, emotional and Cognitive development with the assistance from their parents or guardians. The toddlers are also able to participate in arts and crafts with both indoor and outdoor activities. See time schedule.
- 2. Saturday Story Hour (All Ages):** This program is one of our longest running literacy programs that are Held every Saturday's throughout the year. Children, parents and guardian's participate in arts and crafts activities which are done both inside & outside the library based on the theme for each week. Because Guam has a diverse population, we have English Language Learners (ESL) that takes part of the program.
- 3. Summer Reading Program (0-17):** Every year, the Guam Public Library and its branches hold a Summer Reading Program for free. The Program kicks off around the ending of May or when schools are out, and will usually end at the end of the month of July. The goal is to read 10,000 books during the six-week period. All participants are treated to Wrap-up Celebration Party on the last day, with prizes and award given in different age groups and categories such as number of books read, how long they read, etc.
- 4. 4-Paws and a Tale (Ages 0-12):** This program was implemented on November 2011. In collaboration with Guam Animals In Need (GAIN) and GPLS, children can read to a pet. A highly trained dog in brought into the library in which the children can read and sit next to. The goal and objective of this program is to help the children develop their self-esteem.
- 5. After School Drop-In (Ages 6-14):** This program introduces student to the many library resources and materials that are available, free of charge, to help them with school assignments or even to just read a book. Other various games and activities are also set up to include trivia questions, word search, crosswords and board games.
- 6. Read Across America (Dr. Seuss's Birthday):** Read across America is celebrated nationally on the first Saturday in March together with Dr. Seuss's Birthday. Across the country thousands participate by bringing together kids, teens, and parents/guardians are encouraged to come to dressed in their favorite Pj's or wackiest hair-do. This event's main purpose is to also celebrate the children's author, Dr. Seuss on his birthday, and to promote reading. Motivate children to read in addition to helping those master basic skills.



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- 7. Saint Dominic's Senior Home Care Outreach:** St. Dominic's is our only Senior Citizen Nursing home facility on island. Visits with them are held twice a month. Simple art & crafts activities to include dancing assist the elderly with their motor and thinking skills.
- 8. Karidat Program under the Direction of Catholic Social Services (A residential and support services for adults with significant disabilities):** Visiting the library twice a month, patrons are able to check out books (EASY Reader), sign-in to use a computer, or join the group with arts and crafts. Services for the Blind and Physically Disabled homebound delivery to their group homes to drop or pick up digital talking book tapes or digital machines.
- 9. Mousin'Around Computer Class (Ages 6-12):** Each participant was required to have one Parent or Guardian accompany them during the class lesson. A computer course for beginners which included Microsoft Word, Microsoft Power Point, and Internet Surfing & Safety. Classes are FREE of charge and held Monday – Thursdays, during the summer with a "Certificate of Completion" given to each student for attending classes.
- 10. Manam'ko Computer Training (Senior Citizen or the Elderly):** GPLS offered a Basic Computer Class for the Senior Citizen or the elderly. They learned the basics of a computer and its components such as the monitor, hard drive, mouse, keyboard, etc. They also had a week of learning about the different types of programs and also were able to do some practice exercises to get to know how to use them. Such as Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Power Point, and Internet.
- 11. Volunteer Program (13-up):** GPLS has assistance from volunteers that are students from University of Guam, Guam Community College and Public / Private school. GPLS has also partnered with the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Agency (GHURA) and the Department of Public Health & Social Services (DPH&SS). Each volunteer must complete the application. Volunteer assist the Library Technician Supervisor and technicians with the daily operations of the library.
- 12. National Library Week:** - Island – wide, a nationwide campaign which focuses the public's attention on various services offered by the libraries. Activities include special storytelling, library tours, library card sign-up and sponsoring contests which promote literacy. To inform the public about the value of libraries as an information resource, the different services and programs libraries offer as well as to promote library.
- 13. School Tours and Bookmobile Tours:** All libraries, introduces school age children to the various programs and services offered by the public libraries. In addition, an orientation is given regarding the use of library materials followed by the distribution of library card applications. Also to familiarize school age children and senior citizens with the public libraries and the many services they offer and to promote library use.
- 14. Teen Read Week:** This is a literacy initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association. Across the United States public and school libraries, schools, and bookstores take part in Teen Read Week. This is to let teens know the possibilities that exist within library and within cover of books. To encourage twelve to eighteen year olds to "Read for the Fun of It".
- 15. Community Outreach:** The greatest benefit of community outreach programs is that the programs serve people who are often unable to help themselves, or not to familiar with the services or programs they offer. GPLS participation during these community outreach offers a free library card, storytelling, arts & crafts, and a tabletop display of the different resources available in their community library's.