

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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STAFFING

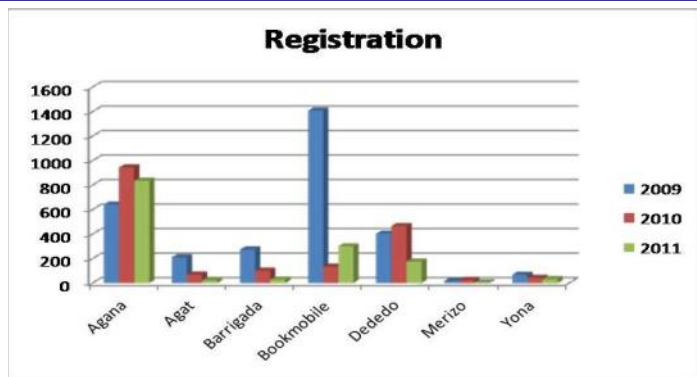
The President of the Department of Chamorro Affairs oversees the Guam Public Library System and works closely with the employees of GPLS. To date, GPLS has 25 full-time staff members consisting of an Administrative Officer, Library Technician Supervisor, a Bookmobile Driver, Program Coordinator I, Library Technicians I & II, Administrative Personnel and Building Custodians.



Performance Reports

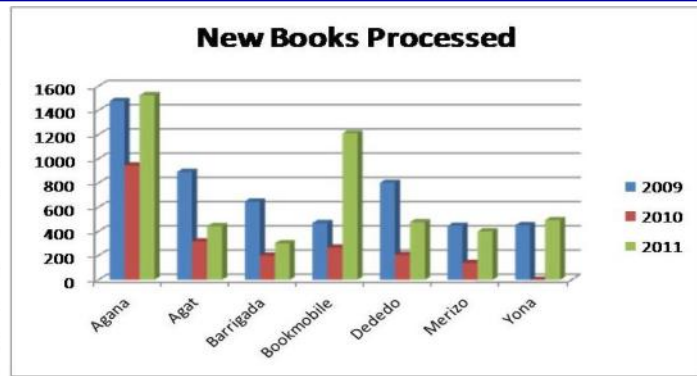
Registration

Branch	2009	2010	2011
Agana	641	944	836
Agat	211	70	22
Barrigada	274	101	29
Bookmobile	1408	133	300
Dededo	404	466	176
Merizo	17	25	5
Yona	68	43	33
	3023	1782	1401



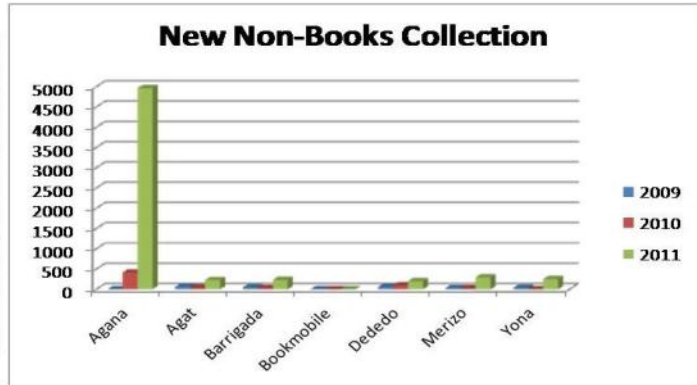
New Books Processed

Branch	2009	2010	2011
Agana	1477	945	1525
Agat	892	317	443
Barrigada	646	200	302
Bookmobile	469	266	1210
Dededo	802	205	476
Merizo	447	140	400
Yona	451	0	493
	5184	2073	4849



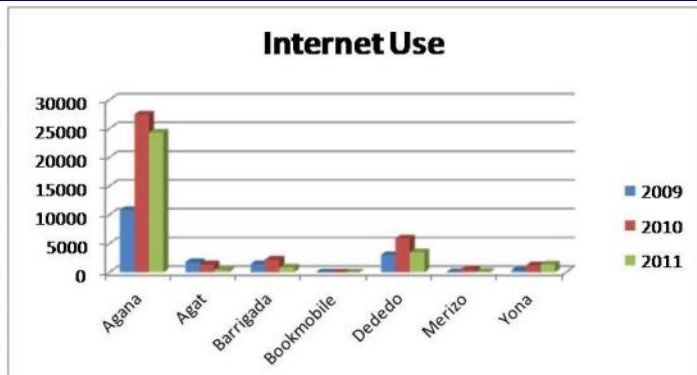
New Non-Books Collection

Branch	2009	2010	2011
Agana	0	415	4965
Agat	61	40	228
Barrigada	44	30	229
Bookmobile	0	0	0
Dededo	56	97	201
Merizo	30	24	293
Yona	32	0	253
	223	606	6169



Internet Use

Branch	2009	2010	2011
Agana	10887	27517	24343
Agat	1808	1441	458
Barrigada	1458	2251	920
Bookmobile	0	0	0
Dededo	3052	5931	3560
Merizo	53	531	139
Yona	416	1244	1397
	17674	38915	30817



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

2009	2010	2011
4,359	6,112	159

Guam Special Collections

Legislative Documents / Vertical Files / Photographs / Periodicals

2009	2010	2011
1,366	6,434	216

U.S. Federal Government Depository

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

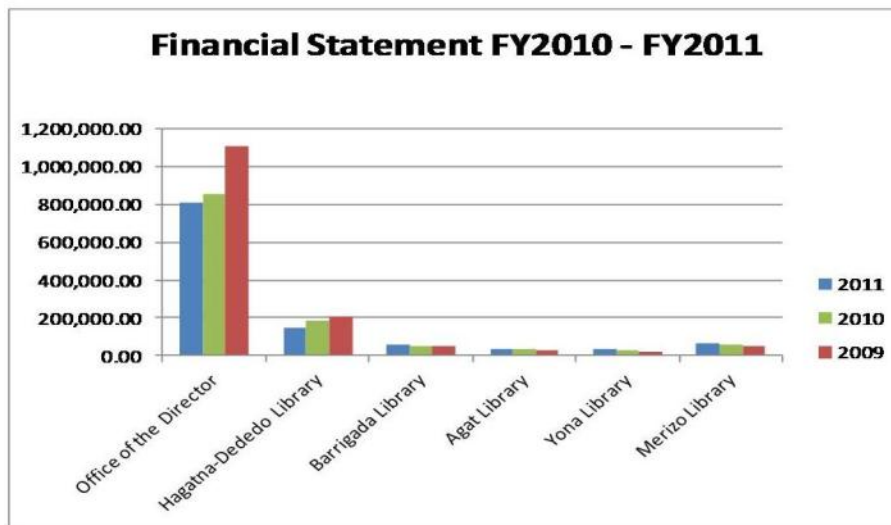
2009	2010	2011
271	1,804	135

Financial Reports

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Audited Financial Statements as of 09/30/2011

	2011	2010	2009
Office of the Director	806,687.00	850,611	1,102,859
Hagatna-Dededo Library	148,842.00	186,851	210,293
Barrigada Library	59,674.00	48,643	51,365
Agat Library	37,668.00	34,827	25,305
Yona Library	34,639.00	32,445	24,882
Merizo Library	63,215.00	56,478	49,036
Total:	1,150,725	1,209,855	1,463,740



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Budget and Actual - General Fund

Year Ended September 30, 2011

Budget Amounts

	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Office of the Director	1,290,718.00	833,846	815,536	18,310
Hagatna-Dededo library	5,734.00	228,049	226,494	1,555
Barrigada Library	181.00	66,443	59,877	6,566
Agat library	109.00	41,392	38,035	3,357
Yona Library	45.00	40,813	34,833	5,980
Merizo Library	23.00	65,799	64,194	1,605
Total:	1,296,810	1,276,342	1,238,969	37,373



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.

