

Sesteman Laibirihan Pupblekon Guåhan GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM





Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero Maga hága Joshua F. Tenorio Sigundo Maga láhi Angie Taitague Acting Director

April 7, 2025

The Honorable Frank Blas Jr.
Speaker, 38th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
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(via email: speakerblas@guamlegislature.gov)

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Title I Guam Code Annotated, Chapter 19, §1922(a), attached is the Guam Public Library's System FY2023 Citizen-Centric Report.

A copy will be forwarded to the Office of Public Accountability in electronic format, and will be posted on our website at http://gpls.guam.gov.

Should you require additional information, please contact me at 671-300-1206 or you can send an email to angie.taitague@caha.guam.gov.

Sincerely,

Angie R. Taitague
Acting Director

Cc: Office of Public Accountability

Governor's office

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO LI. GOVERNOR

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MEMORANDUM

Date: September 27, 2024

To: Angie Taitague

Director, Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency

From: Governor of Guam

Subject: Detail Assignment as Acting Administrative Director, Guam Public

Library System

Hafa Adai Ms. Taitague,

Effective Monday, September 30, 2024 and in accordance with Department of Administration Personnel Rule 4.506, you are detailed to the position of Director of the Guam Public Library System in an acting capacity until further notice. This detail will be a collateral assignment to your current duties as Director of the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jon Junior Calvo, Chief of Staff. He can be reached at <u>jon.calvo@guam.gov</u> or at 671-473-1112.

Senseramente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO

Cc: Chief of Staff

Chairperson, Guam Public Library System Board



Citizen Centric Report FY 2023 (Oct 2022 - Sept 2023)

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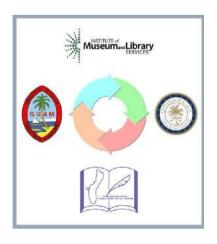
OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

** 7 Member-Board: 5GCA, Ch. 80 §80106 **

Mr. Nolan Flores, Board Chair Ms. Marissa Mears, Board Vice Chair Dr. Monique Storie, Treasurer Ms. Nicole Nelson, Member Dr. Matilda Rivera, Member Mr. Nan "William" Li, Member Vacant, Full-Time Student Member

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 MISSION & GOALS

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. To accomplish its mission, the library shall: 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; Extend library resources into the community to assist individuals and groups with special needs; Work cooperatively with other island libraries in providing information to the public; Pursue opportunities through new technologies to deliver information more quickly and efficiently.

OUR STAFF

Director/Librarian - Kris Seerengan (FY 2023) Administrative Officer Library Tech. Supervisor Bookmobile Driver Administrative Assistant Library Technicians (9) Custodians (4)

Program Coordinator

STAFF COMPOSITION			
Status	2023	2022	2021
Unclassified	1	1	1
Classified	13	14	15
Limited Term Employment (LTA)	4	6	1

OUR (6) BRANCHES

Northern Guam
Dededo Library
283 W. Santa
Barbara Ave.

<u>Central Guam</u> Barrigada Library 177 San Roque Dr.

Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library 254 Martyr St. (Hagåtña) <u>Southern Guam</u> *Maria R. Aguigui Memorial Library* 165 Follard Street (Hågat)

Yona Library 265 Sister Mary Eucharita Dr.

Rosa Aguigui Reyes Memorial Library
376 Cruz Avenue
(Malesso')

Our Performance



Accomplishments: FY 2023

- GPLS received a Notice of Award of the 1st funding cycle for the new 5-year plan (2023-2027) with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), approved in September of 2022, for \$164,666
- In our continued commitment under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with UOG Press/MARC (May 2021), GPLS purchased, through UOG Press, 1,225 new books
- Launch of e-Books with funding received from the Department of Interior (TAP) Grant which GPLS submitted in April of 2021. Notice of Award issued on June 25, 2021
- Provided free access to Digital Databases with EBSCO the leading provider of research databases, e-Journals, magazines, subscriptions, and e-Books
- Signed into law on December 28, 2022, P.L. 36-132 and P.L. 36-133, authorizes GPLS to modernize its collection, upgrade and expand with materials and resources that is responsive to the needs of their users, and simplifying the procurement process
- Successful hosting of the Governor's Summer Youth Employment Program (GSYEP) (June 2023)
- Increase in the number of visits to the library and the number of books borrowed compared to FY 2022 (illustrated below)

SERVICE MEASURES				
	2023	2022	2021	
Library Visits	26,483	15,997	7,412	
Total Circulation of Materials	16,924	13,660	7,628	

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE			
2023	2022	2021	
6,354	995	946	

NEW BOOKS		
2023	2022	2021
8,047	12,743	995

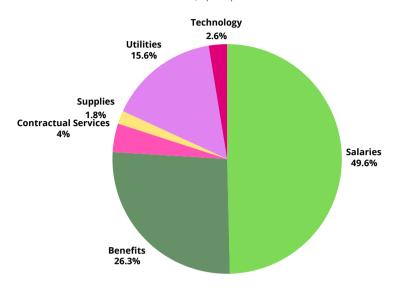
NEW LIBRARY CARD USERS			
2023	2022	2021	
1,002	551	297	



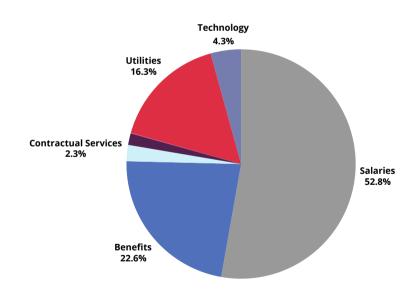
The information reported on this page was based on the services we provide to the community. Would you like to see any other information in our next report? Please contact us.

Our Finances

Government Appropriations FY 2023 \$1,240,494



Government Appropriations FY 2022 \$1,217,979



GRANTS FOR GPLS

Approved Grants Grant Amount Date Approved

Five-Year State Grant (2023-2027) from IMLS

\$164,666 FY 2023

1st funding period



Our Future Outlook

Do you like this report?
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Guam Public Library System's future outlook has (5) main objectives:



Upgrade Technology

Expansion of services for learning and access to information and educational resources with e-Books, audiobooks, digital publications, newsletters, software, training courses, and any other digital platforms deemed necessary



Increasing its Book Collections

Expanding book collections and any other materials and resources to better serve the community, ensure access to diverse materials, fostering lifelong learning, and supporting research and exploration that is responsive to the needs of the users

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Re-launching of the Bookmobile

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



Staff Training

Provide staff training using internal and external facilitators.



Achieve Goals for New 5-Year Plan for 2023-2027

Expand, Support and Improve Library Programs and Services; Technology Advancement; Training, Workforce Development and Employment









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FY2023 CITIZEN CENTRIC REPORT FOR THE GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

2 messages

June Aflague <June.Aflague@guampls.guam.gov>

Tue, Apr 8, 2025 at 10:19 AM

To: Office of Public Accountability <admin@guamopa.com>, "Speaker Frank Blas Jr." <speakerblas@guamlegislature.gov> Cc: "Josphine M. Cepeda" <Josephine.Cepeda@guam.gov>, "Kathleen C. Cepeda" <kathleen.cepeda@guam.gov>, "angie.taitague@caha.guam.gov>, Florence Taitague <Florence.Taitague@guampls.guam.gov>, Jenelle Cruz <Jenelle.Cruz@guampls.guam.gov>

Hafa Adai!

In accordance with Title 1 Guam Code Annotated Chapter 19 §1922(a).PL 30-127 due NLT April 10, 2025, attached are the following:

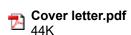
- 1. Cover letter
- 2. FY2023 Citizen Centric Report for the Guam Public Library System

We respectfully request acknowledgement of receipt of this email and its attachment.

Thank you,

June M Aflague, Administrative Officer 254 Martyr Street, Hagatna, GU 96910 june.aflague@guampls.guam.gov 671-475-4755/54

2 attachments





Speaker Frank Blas Jr. <speakerblas@guamlegislature.gov>

Tue, Apr 8, 2025 at 10:25 AM

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Hafa Adåi.

Confirming receipt.



Administrative Assistant



Office of Speaker Frank F. Blas, Jr.

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