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## Felis Navidad yan Jafa Adai!

Are you having a hard time getting a gift for that special someone or filling up those stockings? Well, look no further –because the Guam Council of the International Literacy Association (GC, ILA) Community Book Fair is again coming to the Agana Shopping Center on Saturday, December 9th. There will be a variety of books and novelty items for purchase, along with a variety of Guest Readers, entertainment, vendors, and fabulous door prizes. As a co-sponsor of the Lions Club International District 204's monthly "Story Time", we invited the students to read aloud the stories they presented at this event.

The regular monthly meeting scheduled for November 18, was postponed until the following Saturday, November 25, due to the impending storm. However, this did not deter Pearl Hamada Yonamine and Eleanor Castro Quichocho from their awesome presentation on "Literacy Matters – How Can We Support Literacy Growth for Our Children". They emphasized the importance of phonemic awareness, phonics, decoding, comprehension, fluency, vocabulary, and reading aloud every day to help our students in the literacy journey, great review for many of us. Femelyne "Femy" Wesolowski, Librarian from DL Perez read aloud her book Little Ko'ko and engaged the audience to participate in the reading. Members culminated the meeting using their creativity in designing a disguise for their turkey activity. (See photos.)

The Board came to the call of collecting and donating used books for the children of the Kwajalein Atoll, and presented the books to Martha Salas, former teacher-trainer for Kwajalein Atoll Public School System (KAPSS), who will be bringing the books to the children on these remote islands.

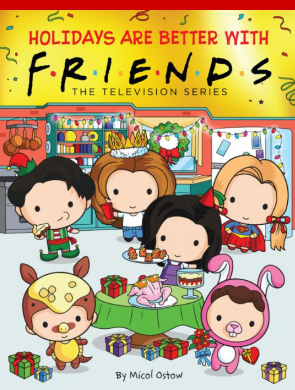
Congratulations to Vickie Loughran, from Price Elementary School, for her grant submission entitled, "Bring on the Books". She will be receiving \$500 to purchase books for this project. Congratulations Vickie!

*May you all have a Very Merry Christmas and a Very Blessed New Year! See you on Saturday at the Community Book Fair!*

Warm regards,

*Martha Sudo*, President, CY 2023-2025

## Book of the Month



Celebrate all your favorite Friends holiday moments in this adorable picture book. From the Holiday Armadillo to Rachel's beef trifle to the Geller Cup, this book is packed with hilarious and relatable holiday moments featuring all your favorite characters. Rachel, Ross, Joey, Phoebe, Chandler, and Monica make every holiday fun... most of the time. After all, could this picture book be any more festive? (Scholastic, 2023)

Good for Ages 4-8

## Digital Corner



In 2009, [MagicBlox](http://MagicBlox.com) set out to make books more accessible, engaging, and fun by giving children a reading experience to get excited about, while at the same time, making it easier on parent's wallets. With a large and growing collection of eBooks for kids 1 to 13 years old, children get to enjoy new books all the time from award winning authors and publishers from around the world. In addition to titles most are familiar with from traditional publishers, they also have the opportunity to discover new stories from authors they've never heard of, or try out new languages they've never seen (MagicBlox 2023).

# ILA Board Members

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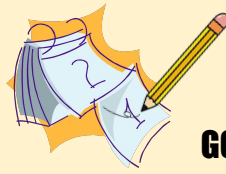
**Verna Mendiola**, Novelties

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# Mark Your Calendars!

**GC-ILA Meetings @ JM Guerrero Elementary School Cafeteria,  
Harmon, Dededo / 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

- ✓ **September 9, 2023**
- ✓ **October 27-28, 2023 (UOG Language Arts Conference)**
  - ✓ **October 27 - 4:00-6:00p.m. @ Tan Lam Pek Kim English and Communications Building, University of Guam**
  - ✓ **October 28 - 8:00a.m.-3:00p.m. @ The Westin Resort**
- ✓ **November 18, 2023 @ the JM Guerrero Library**
- ➔ **December 9, 2023 (Community Book Fair @ Agana Shopping Center, 10:00a.m.-1:00p.m.)**
- ❑ **January 13, 2024 (Read-a-Thon Kick-Off @ Agana Shopping Center, 10:00a.m.-1:00p.m.)**
- ❑ **February 24, 2024 (End of Read-a-Thon; Submission of on-time pledges)**
- ❑ **March 9, 2024 (Spend It All, Spend It Now)**
- ❑ **April 13, 2024**
- ❑ **May 11, 2024**

**\*\*\*Subject to change\*\*\***



## A WINDOW UNOBSURED

Stories  
from  
Guåhan  
Teachers

Edited by **SIMONE EFIGENIA PEREZ BOLLINGER**  
and **TERESITA LOURDES PEREZ**

**TA TUGE' MO'NA**

**BOOK LAUNCH | 12.9.2**

**GCC Multipurpose Auditorium, 3:00 pm**

**Author Readings | \$10 Special Book Price**

*A Window Unobsured reveals a glimpse inside the world of educators and a unique understanding of the profession as they experience it today. Through the eyes of teachers, each writer offers readers a different perspective of Guåhan's public middle and high schools.*

*This collection is meant for current and future educators and for those who have wondered: what do the teachers have to say?*

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## Why Become a Member?



The Guam Council of the International Literacy Association (ILA) is a non-profit professional organization dedicated to improving the quality of reading instruction and developing literacy on Guam and in the Pacific region. Our mission is to develop an awareness of the impact of reading among all people. ILA strives to make reading a lifelong habit for our young readers. It also aims to make connections to the island's community through various projects and events.

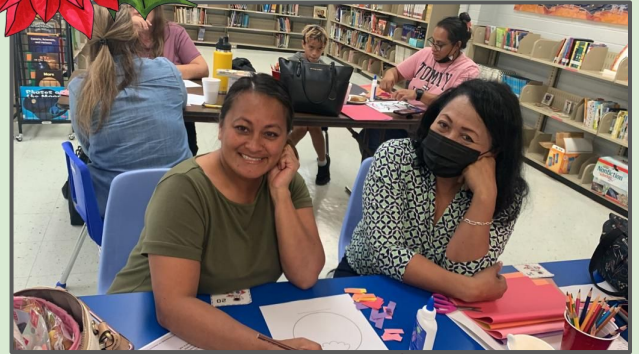
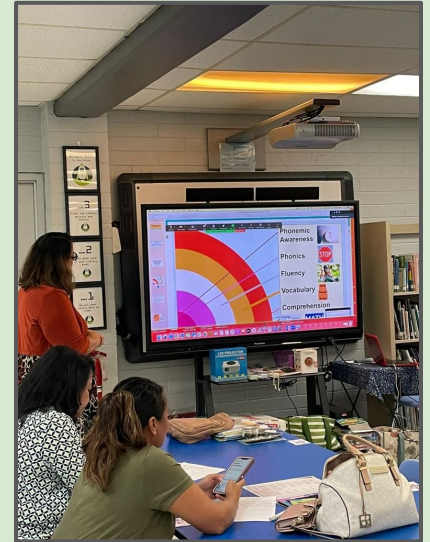
### Top 10 Reasons to Join the ILA:

- ★ Learn innovative instruction
- ★ Receive an educator grant
- ★ Meet amazing local authors
- ★ Learn ways to improve student performance
- ★ Attend monthly professional meetings
- ★ Get a chance to attend the ILA's Annual Convention and win educational prizes
- ★ Earn books and prizes for students
- ★ Buy affordable books and teacher resources
- ★ Advance global literacy
- ★ Earn graduate credits





# Snapshots from our November Meeting



Si Yu'us Ma'ase for your generosity to our  
book drive for the Marshall Islands!





# This Month's Speakers

## Catherine Payne

Catherine Payne has been a storyteller all her life. Growing up in Guam, she dreamed of writing books. Her dream came true with the publication of her children's books, including *Chepchop Unai*, which was published by UOG Press in 2018. As an English instructor, she helps young wordsmiths build their writing toolkits. When she is not teaching or writing, she visits cafes around the globe.



## Dr. Michael Lujan Bevacqua

Michael Lujan Bevacqua, Ph.D. (Familian Bittot and Kabesa) taught Guam History and Chamoru language at the University of Guam for 10 years, runs a weekly podcast called *Fanachu!* and currently works as the curator for the Guam Museum. With his brother Jack, they run a creative collection called *The Guam Bus* that publishes Chamoru language books, comics and learning materials.





## LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 204

Together with the Guam Public Library System, Guam Council of the International Literacy Association, GDOE CHamoru Studies and Special Projects Division, University of Guam's School of Education's Reading Program, UOG-SOE Alumni Association, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Guam Flotilla 140-02-24, Guåhan Isan Famagu'on Lions Club, Guam Police Department's Recreational Boating Safety Program, and Peto's Journey LLC present the

**LIONS CLUBS DISTRICT 204**

**NEW YEAR'S**

**SATURDAY STORY TIME**

LET'S CELEBRATE!

**JANUARY 6, 2024 | 10:00 A.M. VIA ZOOM**



**REGISTER NOW!**

To register, please scan the QR code or click the link below:

<https://bit.ly/lionsclubreading>



**Win books and other exciting prizes by  
answering questions during the Read Aloud!**

**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR**

**2024**



**FEATURING:**  
**Coastie Time ~ Boats 'N Kids**





## The Reading Program offers the following:

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- Comfort of learning from home
- Engaging and meaningful instruction

For more information, please visit the UOG School of Education website [www.uog.edu/soe](http://www.uog.edu/soe) or scan the QR code.



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