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Our next meeting will be on Saturday, November 18, at JM Guerrero Elementary School Library in Harmon, from 9am - 12pm. Special Si Yu'us Mdase (thank you) to those ILA members who attended the October 27/28 UOG Language Arts Conference, Friday at the Tam Lam Pek Kim English and Communications Building, UOG, and on Saturday at the Westin. We were able to recruit new members to our organization, who also signed up for the 1 Grad credit being offered. GC-ILA is again proud to have co-sponsored this yearly event. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Pearl Hamada Yonamine and Eleanor Castro Quichocho for graciously accepting my invitation to share their insightful presentation from the UOG Language Arts Conference during our meeting on November 18. Our guest reader at this meeting will be Femelyne "Femy" Wesolowski, librarian from D.L. Perez Elementary. Lastly, we have extended due dates to the November 18 meeting for the following:

- BOGO (Buy One, Get One) Free - GC, ILA Membership (\$25 yearly);
- UOG/ILA Graduate Credit – PD894: Literacy Empowerment Makes a Difference X – For recertification (See details in this newsletter);

Applications for up to \$500 grants are also due at the November 18 meeting by 12:00 noon. UOG/SOE Alumni Association is sponsoring one of the grants. So continue to promote literacy by buying interesting books and visual aids for your school, classrooms and/or community.

APPEAL FOR NEW/USED BOOKS FOR THE CHILDREN OF OUR NEIGHBORING ISLANDS – Do you have books lying around in your home or classroom library, preferably children's books that are just taking up space and gathering dust? Why not donate them to the children of Kwajalein Atoll and the neighboring islands! So for the next couple of months, start collecting those books and bring them to the November 18, Community Book Fair at Agana Shopping Center on December 9, and the Read-A-Thon 2024 Kick-off on January 13, again at the Agana Shopping Center, to be given to the school children of Kwajalein Atoll and the neighboring islands to continue to promote reading. (For more details, refer to the letter from Martha Salas included in this newsletter on page 6)

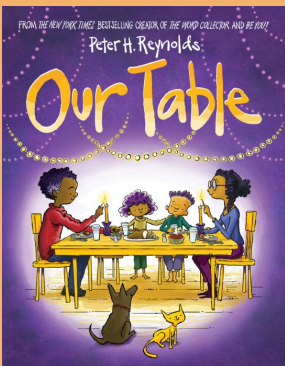
VENDORS NEEDED – Know of anyone wanting to sell their goods at our Community Book Fair and Read-A-Thon 2024 Kick-off at the Agana Shopping Center on December 9 and January 13, respectively? Have them contact me at (671) 727-1455 (call or WhatsApp); or email at mjsudo@gmail.com. \$50 per table donation to GC, ILA, or donation of items to be used for door prizes at these events.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all! I am thankful for all you do for our students, each other, and our GC-ILA organization!

Warm regards,

Martha Sudo, President, CY 2023-2025

BOOK OF THE MONTH



Violet longs for the time when her family was connected: before life, distractions, and technology pulled them all away from each other. They used to gather at the table, with food and love, to make memories, share their lives, and revel in time spent together. But now her family has been drifting apart, and with nobody to gather around it, the table grows smaller and smaller.

Can Violet remind her family of the warmth of time spent together, and gather around the table once more?

(Scholastic, 2023)

Good for Ages 4-8



DIGITAL CORNER



Amplify (<https://amplify.com/>) is dedicated to collaborating with educators to create learning experiences that are rigorous and riveting for all students. Amplify creates K-12 core and supplemental curriculum, assessment, and intervention programs for today's students. Their captivating core and supplemental programs in ELA, math, and science support teachers in engaging all their students in rigorous learning and inspiring them to think deeply, creatively, and for themselves. Their formative assessment products help teachers provide the targeted instruction students need to build a strong foundation in early reading and math (Amplify 2023).

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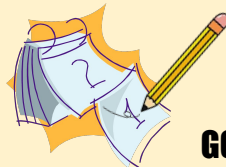
Verna Mendiola, Novelties

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Catherine Paulino, Hardcover / Paperback

Tina Buendicho, Prizes

John Borja, Photographer



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**
- ❑ **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*****



Membership: From now until November 18, 2023,
buy one \$25 membership and get another membership for **FREE!**

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.

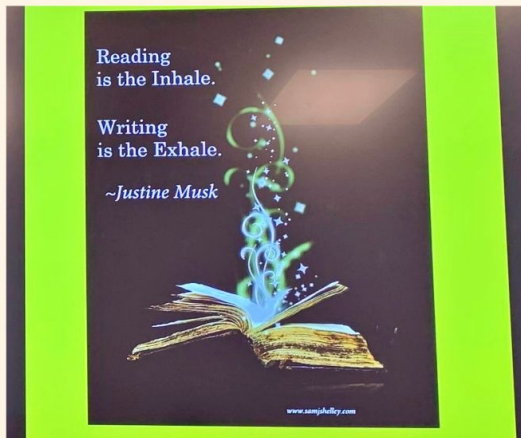
Top 10 Reasons to Join the ILA:

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





Snapshots from UOG's 36th Annual Regional Language Arts Conference



This Month's Speakers

Pearl Hamada Yonamine

Pearl Hamada Yonamine has been teaching in the Guam Department of Education for the last 20 years. She is an Early Childhood major and taught Kindergarten to 3rd grade. She was also a GATE teacher for Kinder to 5th grade. She has been part of the leadership team in her schools and had the role of an In-House Instructional Coach. She is currently an Elementary Instructional Coach as part of the Curriculum and Instructional Quality and Development project.

Eleanor Castro Quichocho

Eleanor Castro Quichocho worked at GDOE for the last 23 years. She worked as a Special Education teacher for 18 of her 23 years of teaching. From 2003 to 2008, she was a DI/Reading coordinator for the district. In SY 2019 - 2020, she taught 4th grade.

Literacy Matters: How Can We Support Literacy Growth For Our Children?"

The presentation will include pedagogy and research-based strategies for promoting student literacy growth in schools, at home, and in the community. We will discuss ways to support literacy development (reading, writing, speaking/discussing) to address all learners through delivery of the core grade-level instruction and intervention. These strategies can be used for face-to-face and online models of learning. We will encourage practices for home connection to empower parents/guardians to support their children in learning to develop their reading, writing, and language skills that can be used across content subject areas.



Femelyne "Femy" Wesolowski

*Femelyne Wesolowski is the librarian at D.L. Perez Elementary School. She will be reading her book *Little Ko'ko* at this month's meeting.*



Get Literacy Resources with a \$500 Grant!

Happy Thanksgiving, Teachers!

Don't forget this incredible opportunity to promote literacy in your class with a \$500.00 grant!

With this grant, you could buy some interesting books and visual aids for your classroom, so don't delay! Go to <https://ilaguam.blogspot.com> and download the Rules and ILA Grant Application.

Deadline for the Fall grant application period is 12:00 noon on November 18th.

You've got some time so think seriously about it. Jot down your ideas and get started!

It's easy! For more information, contact Vivian Wolff (vwolff7502@yahoo.com) or Dottie Rosario (dottierosario3@gmail.com).

Need a Grad Credit for Recertification?

Guam Council, International Literacy Association (GC-ILA) is again offering 1 Graduate Credit, through the UOG/SOE Alumni Association. The course is PD894 – *Literacy Empowerment Makes a Difference X* under the University of Guam, GLE. The Instructor is Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera (mnrivera@triton.uog.edu) and Co-Facilitator, Martha Sudo (mjsudo@gmail.com)

Description: By attending the monthly meetings of the GC-ILA, students will be provided with resourceful strategies to increase literacy in diverse classroom settings. The sessions will allow teachers, administrators, or media specialists, to gather ideas for effective literacy instruction, tools, and best practices. There will be formal sessions, informal venues, and networking areas to help students achieve their goals and expand their own understanding.

Requirements:

- Must be a current GC-ILA Member - \$25 membership
- Must be a current UOG/SOE Alumni Association member - \$30 yearly membership fee
- UOG - \$20 Recording Fee – UOG GLE (Global Learning and Engagement)
- Attend GC-ILA monthly meetings and submit a reflective journal entry after each meeting using the form provided. It will be the student's responsibility to sign-in for attendance.
- Conduct one (1) Story Time Read Aloud with the ILA/D204 Lions Clubs International partnership via Zoom. Read Alouds may also be pre-recorded.

Registration for the course will take place at GC-ILA's meetings on September 9, October 27, and November 11, 2023.



May your

Thanksgiving

be full of peace, love, and joy.

—From the GC-ILA family


Congratulations

Guåhan Isan
Famagu'on
Lions Club

on your

5th Anniversary!





Nov. 5, 2023

Ms. Martha Sudo
President of Guam Council – International Reading Association (ILA)
Subject: Appeal for storybooks K-8

Dear Ms. Sudo,

Thank you for your encouragement to promote literacy in reading to the children of Kwajalein Atoll.

I have just returned in January of this year back to Guam after ending 5+ years of teaching and teacher training to the Public School System in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, specific to Kwajalein Atoll. RMI is comprised of approximately 29 atolls (low-lying islands). Kwajalein is one of them. It is stated to be the largest atoll lagoon in the world encompassing 655 square miles. Kwajalein atoll is comprised of 97 islands / islets. There are 5 schools located in various islands, Ebeye being the main island alone with 8 schools ranging from K-12.

With this geographic bird's-eye view, there are many children in the remote islets still learning how to read. Tests results, although improving, still place below average. If given the right learning tools, I believe their success rate may accelerate. For that reason, I am returning with a Reading Mastery program in March for 2 weeks. However, they need books to practice their reading skills, especially in the early learning years starting with Kindergarten through Middle School. It is rare for each classroom to have a set aside mainly for that purpose.

Hence, on behalf of Kwajalein Atoll Public School System and all the private schools, I humbly appeal to you for help with any donations pertaining to resourceful reading materials for the school children. The parents, community and teachers will truly appreciate this act of generosity.

Should there be any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me cell: 671 686-2582 or email: msalas@pss.edu.mh I welcome any suggestions or feedback.

Sincerely,

Martha Salas
(former Teacher Trainer for Kwajalein Atoll Public School System (KAPSS))





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 CHRISTMAS SATURDAY STORY TIME



DECEMBER 2, 2023 | 1:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM



REGISTER NOW!

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

<https://bit.ly/lionsclubreading>



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answering questions during the Read Aloud!



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For more information, contact LCI D204 Reading Action Program Chair Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera @
mnriviera1@gmail.com



The Reading Program offers the following:

- Quality education
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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 or scan the QR code.



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