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Biba Anu Nuebu para todus hamyo! Happy New Year! 2024!

On behalf of the Guam Council, International Literacy Association (GC, ILA), I would like to thank everyone for a very successful Community Book Fair held last month with a lot of activities going on throughout the Agana Shopping Center. Kudos to our guest readers, entertainers, presenters, vendors, Agana Shopping staff, and especially our GC,ILA Board members who were there pitching in assisting with book and novelty tables, door prizes, membership, Professional Development, etc.

Are you ready to "UNFOLD YOUR WINGS, and READ MORE"? This is the theme for Read-A-Thon 2024 – taking place from January 13 – February 24, 2024. Well, we are doing it again this Saturday, January 13, at the Agana Shopping Center at our Kickoff celebration. We will have even more local authors, guest readers, presenters, entertainers, vendors, fabulous door prizes, and most of all – MORE BOOKS, MORE READING! The event will take place from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Center Court.

So here comes Read-A-Thon 2024!

- Superintendent's approval for GDOE schools to participate in RAT 2024
- Letters to School Principals distributed
- Awaiting appointment of School Representatives (School Reps)
- Parent/Guardian letters to be distributed to students interested in joining RAT 2024
 - Parent Permission form
 - Listing of Student Prizes (Copy of letter included in this newsletter.)
- School Representatives will notify RAT Chairperson of number of Parent/Guardian permission Slips received.
- Pledge cards will become available to the School Reps at the kick-off at the Agana Shopping Center, once we get the number of permission forms returned authorizing his/her child to participate.
- **Saturday, January 13 – RAT 2024 Kick-Off at the Agana Shopping Center, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, January 16 – Distribution of RAT 2024 Pledge Card. Students can begin recording their reading time and collect pledges from January 13 – February 24, 2024.**
- School Reps may begin reading activities at their respective schools PROMOTING READING!
- **Thursday, February 22, 2024 or earlier – Students turn in RAT pledge cards and monies collected to their respective teacher, who will in turn submit to their School Rep.**
- **Saturday, February 24, 2024 – DEADLINE FOR REPS TO TURN IN ON-TIME PLEDGE MONIES IS 12:00 NOON, to be eligible to win the Top Prizes, for students, teachers, and Reps. Student pledge monies turned in after the deadline will not be eligible for the Top Prizes.**
- Following the official counting of pledge monies, winners will be announced and Top Prizes will be awarded.
- **March 9, 2024 – 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – PRIZE DISTRIBUTION – For School Reps to pick up prizes for his/her students at JM Guerrero Elementary School Cafeteria.**
- **March 9, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – SPEND IT ALL, SPEND IT NOW! – Teachers may use their percentage vouchers to purchase books, electronics, novelties, etc., at JM Guerrero Elementary School Cafeteria.**

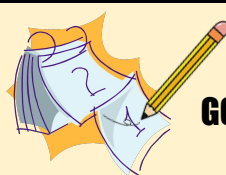
Thank you. Keep reading, and have a prosperous New Year filled with much love, joy, peace, and happiness! 🦁📖🧡🎉



Warm regards,
Martha Sudo
President, CY 2023-2025

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Mark your Calendars!

GC-ILA Meetings @ JM Guerrero Elementary School Cafeteria, Harmon, Dededo / 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.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. @ Dusit Beach Resort Guam (formerly Outrigger)**
- ✓ **November 11, 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**



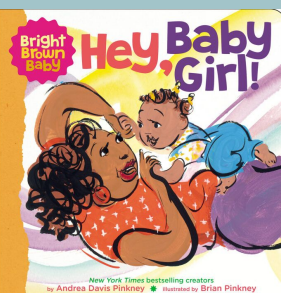
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Get Literacy Resources with a \$500 Grant!

The start of the school year was a little complicated, but that didn't stop you from being the incredible teacher that you are for your students! I bet you are already thinking of wonderful lessons to promote literacy in your class. Wouldn't it be great if you could add some interesting books and visual aids to the experience? Would \$500.00 help you do that for your kids? Then don't delay! Go to <https://ilaguam.blogspot.com> and download the Rules and ILA Grant Application for a \$500.00 grant. 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).

BOOK OF THE MONTH



Brimming with love and affirmation, this sweet board book shows bright brown baby girls and little ones everywhere that they can do anything. This inspirational ode is the perfect way to offer confidence at the earliest stage and show all little girls that they can change the world! Just-right for new and expectant parents, baby showers, birthdays, graduations, and more! This is a perfect addition to every child's growing bookshelf! (Scholastic, 2023)

Good for: Ages 0-3

DIGITAL CORNER



Wattpad (<https://www.wattpad.com/>) provides many selections for English language arts that you can choose to utilize within a regular classroom. This site is very easy to search for stories or to upload your own, building a great community for readers and writers to share their passion for storytelling. It also contains a library feature to create reading lists of students' stories, instead of roaming freely across the site. Wattpad can be a tool to help students practice and study writing in depth. Talk about how collaborative writing can help both educators and learners improve and grow! (Silbanuz, 2021)

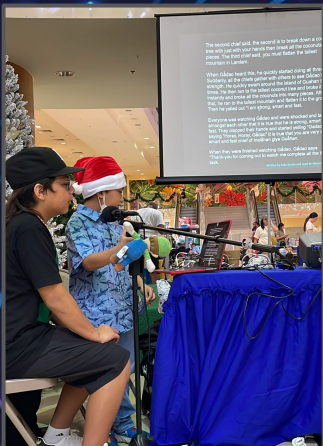


Guest Speaker of the Month: Pedro Blas



Pedro Blas, familian Tugong, is a singer and songwriter from Yigu, Guam. Pedro began writing songs as a child to express himself during significant turning points in life. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in CHamoru Studies from the University of Guam. He became fluent in his native language as a student in the CHamoru Studies Program and began writing songs in both English and CHamoru to uplift and perpetuate the CHamoru culture. Pedro has also worked closely with island youth as an instructor at Chief Hurao Academy's Tiempun Somnak program. He is passionate about farming and raising livestock.

Snapshots from our Community Book Fair





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Unfold Your Wings:
**Read
More!**

2023 READ-A-THON KICKOFF

Saturday, January 13, 2024
AGANA SHOPPING CENTER
10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

-  READ ALOUDS
-  VENDORS
-  CHILDREN'S BOOKS
-  CULTURAL BOOKS
-  RESOURCES
-  PERFORMANCES
-  2024 BOOKMARK GIVEAWAYS
-  NOVELTIES
-  RAFFLES & MORE!





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January 5, 2024

Dear Principals,

The Guam Council of the International Literacy Association would like to announce that **Read-A-Thon 2024 – “Unfold Your Wings: READ MORE!”**, will be held from **January 13 – February 24, 2024**. We would like to invite your school to participate in this worthy island-wide project to promote reading.

If you decide to participate, a **Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)** gift certificate will be given to your school to purchase books, teacher resources, and other educational materials at our “Spend It All, Spend It Now.” This event will be held in **March 2024 (Specifics regarding the Date, Time, and Location will be announced later)**.

Please assist our local council by identifying a School Representative who will coordinate all Read-A-Thon 2024 activities at your school. This includes distribution of information and materials. In addition, the funds raised will be returned to the students, teachers, and schools in the form of prizes, books and grants.

Please complete the information below and return it by email to Martha Sudo by **Friday, January 12, 2024**. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at guamreadathon@gmail.com or leave a text message on my mobile phone at **671-727-1455**.

The Read-A-Thon 2024 Kick-Off will be held at the Agana Shopping Center on Saturday, January 13, 2024, starting at 10:00 am.

It is the local council’s hope to work with all schools in the community to promote reading and to remind them of our common goal in making Guam truly an “Island of Readers!”

Sincerely,

Martha C. Sudo
Chairperson, Read-A-Thon 2024
President

Please return by email (guamreadathon2024@gmail.com)

_____ **Yes, our school will participate in Read-A-Thon 2024 – “Unfold Your Wings:
READ MORE!”**

School: _____

School Representative: _____

School Representative Email: _____

Student Population: _____

_____ No, maybe next time.

Principal's Name: _____

Principal's Signature: _____

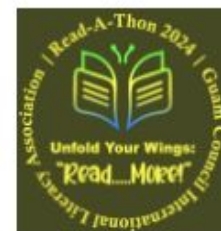
Date: _____



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January 5, 2024

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Guam Council of the International Literacy Association (ILA) is pleased to announce that **Read-A-Thon (RAT) 2024** will be held during the weeks of **January 13 – February 24, 2024**. This year's theme is **Read-A-Thon 2024 – “Unfold Your Wings: READ MORE!”** This annual, island-wide fundraiser directly benefits the students and teachers from Guam's public, private, parochial schools and daycares.

HOW IS THE MONEY USED?

1. Over 95% is returned to students, teachers, and their respective schools in the form of books, prizes, classroom libraries, and teacher grants.
2. The remaining money is used for the operational expenses of our local council, such as author/illustrator visits, professional development, and numerous school and community projects that promote reading and develop literacy.

HOW DO PARENTS AND STUDENTS PARTICIPATE?

1. If you'd like your child to participate in **Read-A-Thon (RAT) 2024**, **please sign and return the permission slip to your child's teacher by Friday, January 26, 2024, or earlier.** Your signature gives your child permission to solicit and receive pledges. **All students participating in Read-A-Thon 2024 will receive a pledge card.**
2. By signing the pledge card, students in 2nd grade or younger “pledge” to read, or be read to, for at least three hours during Read-A-Thon 2024 while those in 3rd grade and above pledge to read for at least six hours. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to actively participate in Read-A-Thon 2024 along with their children by reading to, and with them, taking them to the public library's story hour, or listening to them read.
3. From **January – February 22, 2024**, students will solicit pledges. Parents/Guardians are kindly asked to monitor their child's collection of money, and submit the amount collected to their child's teacher with the pledge card. Pledges may be made through IRA Read-a-thon PayPal account: guamreadathon@gmail.com (select ***Friends and Family***). Under ***NOTES***, please indicate child's name, teacher's name, school, grade, and contact information. **The deadline to turn in all funds collected to qualify for the major prizes is on Saturday, February 24, 2024 before 12:00 noon.** There is a minimum amount needed to qualify for the top ten prizes. The list of participation prizes and top ten prizes are included. Full participation of students to determine teacher winners will be based on \$5 minimum, pledge card submission and on time money submission. While the money-raising aspect of Read-A-Thon 2024 is important, the Guam Council of the International Literacy Association asks all parents/guardians to continually emphasize the importance of reading. Therefore, students are encouraged to keep track of their reading time during Read-A-Thon 2024 even if they are not soliciting pledges.

We would like to thank you in advance for promoting reading within our island community by participating in Read-A-Thon 2024. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or me by email at guamreadathon@gmail.com. Happy Reading and Good Luck to ALL!

Martha C. Sudo
Chairperson, Read-A-Thon 2024
President

Read-A-Thon 2024 – “Unfold Your Wings: READ MORE!”

Student Participation Prizes

A	\$5.00	and up	A Paperback Book
B	\$50.00	and up	Prize A Plus a Bag
C	\$100.00	and up	Prizes A and B Plus a Hard Cover Book
D	\$300.00	and up	Prizes A, B, and C Plus a Gift Card

TOP TEN STUDENT PRIZES ISLAND-WIDE

Prize Number	Type	Description
1 st Grand Prize	Tokyo Disney Trip	Tokyo Disneyland is a theme park based on the films produced by Walt Disney. It was opened in 1983 as the first Disney themed park outside of the United States. Prize includes round-trip airfare from Guam, hotel, Disneyland Park entrance fee, and per diem for student and one parent for a total of three days. (\$4,000.00 minimum to qualify)*
2 nd	Apple MacBook Pro	MacBook Pro features the latest quad core processor for a boost in processor and memory speeds. Next generation graphics deliver performance levels that are faster than before. The MacBook Pro is a great computer. (\$2,000.00 minimum to qualify)*
3 rd	Apple iPad Pro	The iPad Pro delivers a combination of portability and performance. Less than a pound, the iPad Pro features advanced retina display with true tone advanced sensors. (\$1,800.00 minimum to qualify)*
4 th	Laptop w/accessories	Chromebook features a durable 360 hinge and sleek metal cover. It is touchscreen and equipped with lithium battery. (\$1,500.00 minimum to qualify)*
5 th	Sony PlayStation 5	Battle friends and foes with the Sony PlayStation 5 Pro console Disk version – Wireless Controller, X86-64-AMD. (\$1,200.00 minimum to qualify)*
6 th	Nintendo Switch	At home the main unit rests in the Nintendo Switch dock, which connects the system to the TV and lets you play with family and friends in the comfort of your living room or transition to handheld mode for on-the-go gaming. (\$1,000.00 minimum to qualify)*
7 th	Beats Solo Pro	Actively blocks external noise and uses real-time audio calibration; naturally filters in more environmental and ambient noise; Solo Pro ensures you will have the right sound for the right situation. (\$900.00 minimum to qualify)*
8 th	Kindle Kids	A device to help establish healthy reading habits. When a child sits down with their Kindle, they read an average of more than an hour a day. A protective cover is included. (\$600.00 minimum to qualify)*
9 th	Smartphone	Smartphone, prepaid sim with \$120 worth of prepaid load. (\$400.00 minimum to qualify)*
10 th	Apple AirPods Pros	Now with more talk time, voice-activated Siri access and a new wireless charging case: AirPods deliver an unparalleled wireless headphone experience. Simply take them out and they're ready to use with all your devices. (\$301.00 minimum to qualify)*

*NOTE: Winners must meet all eligibility requirements for any of the prize categories. One winner per category. Meeting the minimum to qualify does not guarantee winning the prize. **Reading time counts when there is a tie.** No substitutions. * Some Restrictions May Apply.

****Please return by Friday, January 26, 2024, or earlier to your Teacher.**

Parent Permission Form

_____ No, my child will not participate in Read-A-Thon 2024.

_____ Yes, my child will participate in Read-A-Thon 2024.

Student's Name

School Name

Teacher's Name

Grade

Homeroom Number

Parent's Name

Parent's Signature

Date

Parent's Contact Number

Parent's Email Address



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Read-A-Thon 2024 **“Unfold Your Wings: READ MORE!”**

Top Representative Prize (On time pledges)

1st Overall (Minimum Requirement Raised \$4,000.00)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All Expenses Paid Convention Trip or Literacy Related Conference• Laptop• Multimedia Projector OR \$100 Gift Certificate• Speaker with Microphone OR \$100 Gift Certificate• Free International and Local ILA Membership SY 2024-2025
2nd Overall (Minimum Requirement Raised \$3,000.00)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laptop• Multimedia Projector OR \$100 Gift Certificate• Speaker with Microphone OR \$100 Gift Certificate• Free International and Local ILA Membership SY 2024-2025
3rd Overall (Minimum Requirement Raised \$2,000.00)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laptop• Speaker with Microphone OR \$100 Gift Certificate• Free International and Local ILA Membership SY 2024-2025

***Representatives will receive a percentage of the school's total money submitted:**

“Spend It All, Spend It Now” in March 2024:

1% for regular classroom teacher or

2% for special programs teacher.

****If a Representative wins an overall top representative prize and their school's top teacher prize, they may only redeem one set of prizes, either the top representative prizes or the top teacher prizes.**

Top Teacher Prize (One Per School)

Minimum Requirement Raised	Prizes
\$2,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laptop• Speaker with Microphone OR \$100 Gift Certificate• Free International and Local ILA Membership SY 2024-2025
\$1,500.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tablet• Speaker with Microphone OR \$100 Gift Certificate• Free International and Local ILA Membership SY 2024-2025
\$1,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speaker with Microphone OR \$100 Gift Certificate• Free International and Local ILA Membership SY 2024-2025

***Participating teachers will receive a percentage of their classroom's total money submitted:**

“Spend It All, Spend It Now” in March 2024:

20% for ILA members who attained membership before 01/31/2024 or 10% for non-members and members who joined after 01/31/2024.



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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 VALENTINE'S SATURDAY STORY TIME



FEBRUARY 3, 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
Valentine's Day*



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For more information, contact LCI D204 Reading Action Program Chair Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera @
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A WINDOW UNOBSCURED

*Stories
from
Guåhan
Teachers*

Edited by SIMONE EFIGENIA PEREZ BOLLINGER
and TERESITA LOURDES PEREZ

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\$10 Special Book Price

A Window Unobscured 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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