

Bookmarks

The bi-weekly newsletter of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library



JOETEN-KIYU PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS SUCCESSFUL WOMEN'S MONTH EVENTS IN MARCH



For the month of March Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, and community partners proudly celebrated the following events at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library:

- (Fridays, March 7, 15, 22, and 28 from 5:45PM to 6:45PM) Ukulele Classes with Instructor Larry Lee
- (Thursday, March 13 from 4:45PM to 5:45PM) Share Your Cultural Recipe
- (Wednesday, March 12 from 4PM to 6PM) Women's Self-Defense Class featuring Mixed Martial Arts Instructors: Cuki Alvarez, Mariana Palacios Alvarez and family.
- (Tuesday, March 18 to Friday, March 21) Un' Marianas Professional Development
- (Thursday, March 27 from 4:45PM to 5:45PM) Mwar and Lei Making
- (Friday, March 28 from 4PM to 7PM) Women's Night@ Your Joeten-Kiyu Public Library
- (Saturday, March 8 & 22 from 2:30PM to 3:30PM) Women's Painting Day featuring local artist Linda Torres.

In honor of Women's Month, Team Joeten-Kiyu Public Library published **Women of the Public Libraries in the Northern Mariana Islands**, a booklet which featured 11 remarkable women who work tirelessly in our public libraries across the Northern Mariana Islands. Under the leadership of Library Director Erlinda C. Naputi, these dedicated individuals are the backbone of our libraries, providing invaluable services that enrich the lives of countless individuals.

Join us in recognizing the phenomenal women who make our public libraries thrive. Their contributions are immeasurable, and we are eternally grateful for their dedication. Biba, Mes Famalaoan! Biba, Marianas! Read the full booklet at <https://www.cnmilib.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/JKPL-Women-in-Libraries-Booklet-FINAL-Use-1.pdf>



Did you know that 65% of the workforce of Public Libraries in the Northern Mariana Islands are comprised of women?

THANK YOU SAIPAN MAYOR'S OFFICE!

Special Thank You to Saipan Mayor Ramon "RB" Camacho and the Saipan Mayor's Office for assisting the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library in beautification efforts for our March Women's Month celebrations and our upcoming April National Library Week celebration!





BOOKMOBILE MARCH PATRON COUNT: 2,993

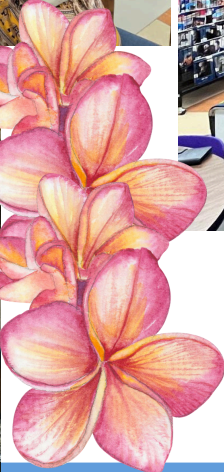
The highlight for Women's Month was Women's Night @Your Joeten-Kiyu Public Library on Friday, March 28, 2025 from 4pm to 7pm. The night came alive with an amazing selection of vendors, music, food, and more! From mwar mwar making, button making, cricut craft, and lei making to delicious local delicacies and beverages to local crafts and demos from community partners. Women's night offered a casual and welcoming atmosphere for women to network, socialize, and build connections. Special thank you to our community partners who participated: Ms. Earth 2024 Heavenly Divine Pangelinan; Northern Marianas College Nursing Club (NMC Nursing Club Secretary Bea Villaforte); Girls Scouts of the Northern Mariana Islands (President Mercilyn Palec); Marianas Bishu (Daisy Demapan and Cassandra Deleon Guerrero); Debrah Moses (Mwar/Lei Demonstration); Lisa Agulto (Mwar Demonstration); Karidat; Benny's Creation (April Repeki); Cat's Creation (Catherine Aguon); Mayoress of Saipan/Delia's Cup, Mayoress Delia Camacho and Mayor Ramon "RB" Camacho; Saipan Municipal Council--Antonia Manibusan Tudela, Carmen Cabrera Pangelinan, Marian Deleon Guerrero Tudela, and Frances Muna; JKPL Button Making; JKPL Face Painting; CNMI Public School System's AmeriCorps; Sensory Corner; Larry Lee and Kui Lee; and the Marianas High School's Rhythm -N- Harmony Glee Club with Advisor Harold Easton.



WOMEN'S NIGHT PARTICIPANTS: 125+
WOMEN'S NIGHT COMMUNITY PARTNERS: 15

WOMEN'S MONTH OUTCOMES:

- Community Building: Foster a sense of community among women in the area.
- Skill Development: Offer workshops or presentations that teach new skills or knowledge.
- Resource Awareness: Provide information about library resources and services specifically tailored to women's interests.
- Networking Opportunities: Create a space for women to connect and build professional and personal networks.
- Personal Enrichment: Offer programs that focus on personal growth, wellness, or creative expression.



JKPL MARCH CHILDREN'S LIBRARY COUNT:

4,371



JKPL MARCH PATRON USE OF TECHNOLOGY COUNT:

1,147



UN' MARIANAS LIBRARY COLLABORATION JOETEN-KIYU PUBLIC LIBRARY & GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

(Tuesday, March 18 to Friday, March 21)
 Un' Marianas Professional Development: The Guam Public Library System and Joeten-Kiyu Public Library embarked on a week-long professional development training where librarians and library workers learned valuable skills, shared resources and expertise, which led to better outcomes for our Marianas community. In classroom training combined with hands-on experiences included visits to Daycare Centers, Schools, Cultural Sites, and the Fernando M. Benavente Memorial library. Biba, Un' Marianas!



JOETEN-KIYU PUBLIC LIBRARY HONORS AMERICORP STUDENTS

On March 19, 2025, the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library celebrated the CNMI Public School System's AmeriCorps student volunteers in honor of AmeriCorps Week March 9-15, 2025. With over 13 AmeriCorps students actively volunteering at the library this semester, Team JKPL presented each student with a Certificate of Appreciation complete with library swag -- a book, eco-tote bag, water bottle, candygram, and a gift certificate to Regal Cinema. AmeriCorps students presented a power point presentation in the Information Technology Center highlighting their volunteerism over the years at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. Additionally, seniors who earn 100+ volunteer hours also will receive a commemorative JKPL graduation sash. Thank you so much for your volunteerism. Biba, AmeriCorps Week!

OUTCOMES

- Enhanced communication, teamwork, and leadership abilities.
- Increased student involvement in library programs and activities.
- Increased sense of civic responsibility and community ownership.



GET READY FOR APRIL! NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK IS COMING!

JKPL MARCH AFTER SCHOOL READING & HOMEWORK HELP/ TUTORING SESSIONS: 30

MARCH CLASS VISITOR COUNT: 24

MARCH PARTICIPANTS ATTENDING READ ALOUD & CRAFT: 43

JOETEN-KIYU PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS JAPANESE STUDENTS

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library hosted 6 Japanese students along with their chaperones in partnership with the Saipan Mayor's Office. Students engaged in a Chamorro Read Aloud & Craft Session; learned mwar mwar making; ate Chamorro delicacies; and toured the library with a special visit to our Pacific Collection. Thank you Team for being an amazing host!



National Library Week

Drawn to the LIBRARY

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2025 | APRIL 6-12

saturday APRIL 5

10:00 AM National Library Week Proclamation Signing & Literacy Block Party

Spirit Week: Cultural Themed Day!

tuesday APRIL 8

National Library Workers' Day!

10:30 AM Angry Birds Hour of Code, 10:30AM-12N

03:00 PM Read Aloud & Fitness, 3PM

03:00 PM Patron Karaoke Day, 3PM-6PM

4:30 PM NLW Roadside Waving, 4:30PM-5PM

Food for Fines

sunday APRIL 6

Prayer for Libraries & Library Workers 09:00 AM

Spirit Week: Book Themed Day!

wednesday APRIL 9

National Library Outreach Day! Bookmobile Parade

10:30 AM Internet Safety with Booklet, 10:30AM-12N

10:00 AM Free Library Card Replacement Day, 10AM-6PM

03:00 PM Read Aloud & Craft, 3PM

03:00 PM Patron Karaoke Day, 3PM-6PM

Food for Fines #WakeUpandREADCNMI D.E.A.R. Day (Drop Everything and Read Day)

monday APRIL 7

Right to Read Day! Release of State of America's Libraries Report--Top Ten Most Challenged Books of 2024.

Spirit Week: Food Themed Day!

thursday APRIL 10

Take Action for Libraries Day!

10:00 AM Narrator for a Day, 10AM-6PM

10:00 AM Button Making, 10AM

10:30 AM Google Maps Scavenger Hunt, 10:30AM-12N

03:00 PM Read Aloud & Craft

03:00 PM Note to Your Library Activity FMBML, 3PM-5PM

03:00 PM Patron Karaoke Day, 3PM-6PM

Food for Fines

friday APRIL 11

1:30 PM Amnesty Day, 1:30PM-7PM

1:30 PM Bookmark & Button Making, 1:30PM

2:30 PM Chess Day, 2:30PM-6PM

03:00 PM Bookmark Making 3PM-5PM FMBML

03:00 PM Patron Karaoke Day, 3PM-6PM

05:00 PM Sensory Night, 5PM-7PM for Families with children with disabilities

Food for Fines

saturday APRIL 12

08:00 AM Bookmobile @ Farmer's Sabalu Market (Garapan)

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library will be closing at 1:30PM in preparation of the Literacy 5K Fun Run/Walk. Please visit us at the Garapan Fishing Base!

05:00 PM 5K Literacy Fun Run/Walk

*Schedule Subject to Change

For more information, please contact the library at (670) 235-7322/23 (READ) or 7315.

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LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION:

Tuesday to Thursday 10AM-6PM

Friday 1:30PM-7PM

Saturday 9:30AM-4PM

Closed: Sundays, Mondays, and Holidays

