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

JOETEN-KIYU PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS SUCCESSFUL NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK PROCLAMATION SIGNING AND LITERACY BLOCK PARTY IN APRIL

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library proudly hosted a vibrant and inspiring National Library Week Proclamation Signing and Literacy Block Party on Saturday, April 5, 2025, drawing over 1,429 community members to celebrate the power of libraries in education, connection, and lifelong learning. The event featured proclamations recognizing National Library Week, National Library Outreach Day, and National Library Worker's Day, as well as remarks from local leaders, including First Lady Wella Palacios, who spoke passionately about the theme "Drawn to Your Library." Families enjoyed a festive block party filled with cultural performances, educational booths, petting zoos, carnival games, and more. The program was livestreamed on the Marianas Agupa Show Chamorro News, extending its reach to audiences across the CNMI and Guam.

A highlight of the event was the unveiling of the A&E plans for JKPL's 174kW Solar PV Carport Project, made possible through $1.6 million in federal earmark funding secured by U.S. Congressman Gregorio "Kilili" Camacho Sablan. This sustainability initiative is expected to save the library over $100,000 annually in energy costs. The celebration also included special tributes to the late Commonwealth Library Council Chairman George Norita Camacho, recognition of 2025 Employee of the Year Leoralynn Sablan Terlaje and Leadership Awardee Beth Barcinas Demapan, and heartfelt thanks to volunteers, partners, and Educational Tax Credit donors. The event truly reflected the strength of community collaboration and the library's continued commitment to literacy, innovation, and inclusive service to all.

ROTA CELEBRATES NATIONAL LIBRARY MONTH WITH FAMILY FUN FAIR AND HONORS PIONEERING LIBRARIANS

On April 12, 2025, the Antonio Camacho Atalig Memorial Library joined forces with Sinapalo Elementary School, Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Jr./Sr. High School, and the Office of the Mayor of Rota to host the National Library Month Family Fun Fair at Melchor M. Mendiola Leadership Park. Under the theme "Drawn to the Library", the event celebrated the vital role libraries play in inspiring, educating, and welcoming the community.

A special highlight of the day was a touching ceremony honoring Rota's pioneering librarians, with Mr. Adolfo Songao Calvo receiving the prestigious title of "Librarian Emeritus" for his remarkable two-decade service. Additional service recognitions were presented to several former school librarians for their years of dedication. The celebration included a lively read-aloud session, fun community games, engaging informational booths, and a variety of local food vendors, making it a memorable and meaningful day for families and literacy advocates alike.

JKPL HOSTS SUCCESSFUL 4TH ANNUAL 5K LITERACY FUN RUN/WALK

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library (JKPL) proudly hosted its 4th Annual 5K Literacy Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at the beautiful Garapan Fishing Base. The event brought together families, fitness enthusiasts, and book lovers for a fun-filled morning celebrating health, literacy, and community spirit.

Participants of all ages hit the course in support of JKPL's literacy initiatives, with proceeds and participation helping fund vital library programs and services. The event featured prize giveaways, refreshments, and opportunities to learn more about upcoming library activities. JKPL extends its heartfelt thanks to all runners, walkers, volunteers, and community partners who made this year's event a resounding success!