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



JKPL JOINS FLAME TREE ARTS FESTIVAL WITH PACIFIC COLLECTION SHOWCASE AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES



The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library (JKPL) proudly participated in the 2025 Flame Tree Arts Festival from April 25–27, 2025, in partnership with the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' (DCCA) Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture (CCAC). Over the weekend, Team JKPL connected with more than 13,000 community members, offering an engaging informational booth featuring artifacts and books from the library's Pacific Collection, free public WiFi access, and details about the upcoming 2025 Summer Reading Program.

The booth also spotlighted the Library of Congress Northern Mariana Islands Center for the Book and JKPL's award-winning Sensory Corner, a beloved inclusive space for all ages and abilities. Additionally, JKPL proudly collaborated with Creative West, a grantmaking organization supporting local artists and indigenous practitioners in the Marianas. The event underscored JKPL's continued commitment to promoting literacy, cultural heritage, and community resources in dynamic and accessible ways.

JOETEN-KIYU PUBLIC LIBRARY
COLLABORATIVE SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM
REGISTRATION BEGINS
JUNE 10TH - JUNE 14TH, 2025 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Children's Library
 June 17th - 27th
 Toddler Ages: 0-5 (Package to Go)
 Session A: 6-12 yrs (Tues-Fri / 8:30am - 11:30am)
 Session B: 6-12 yrs (Tues-Fri / 12:30pm - 3:30pm)

Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Teen Program
 Ages 13-18
 July 22nd - August 1st
 1:30pm - 4:00pm

Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Bookmobile Outreach
 Fernando Benavente Memorial Library
 July 9th - August 1st / 1:30pm - 3:30pm
 Open to ages 0-17

Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Internet Camp
 Ages 9-12
 Session A: July 8-10 / 9:30am - 12:00pm
 Session B: July 15-17 / 9:30am - 12:00pm

For more information call 670-235-7315 / 670-235-7322 or email us at cnmlib.info@gmail.com

JKPL JOINS PUBLIC SERVICE PROCLAMATION SIGNING AT AMERICAN MEMORIAL PARK



On April 29, 2025, Team Joeten-Kiyu Public Library (JKPL) proudly participated in the Public Service Proclamation Signing event held at American Memorial Park. This annual event honors the dedicated public servants across the Commonwealth and highlights the importance of their contributions to the community.

Team JKPL has been an active member of the Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW) Committee for several months, working alongside fellow government agencies to help plan and support this year's successful proclamation signing and scheduled activities. Their involvement reflects the library's ongoing commitment to public service, community partnerships, and civic engagement.

On April 30 and May 1, 2025, the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library (JKPL) was delighted to welcome four classes of 3rd grade students from Garapan Elementary School for a special educational field trip. The students spent the day exploring the library's many resources and services while engaging in fun, hands-on learning experiences.

The visit included guided tours of the Children's Library, the Information Technology Center, and the Pacific Room, where students had the chance to view rare collections and learn about local history. The young learners also had the opportunity to search the online card catalog and discover how to locate books and materials on their own. Interactive activities and storytelling sessions rounded out the visit, making it a memorable day for students and teachers alike.

The event successfully fostered early literacy skills, digital awareness, and curiosity about local culture and history among participating students. It also strengthened the library's partnership with Garapan Elementary School, reinforcing the value of public libraries as dynamic, educational community spaces.

Over 81 third-grade students and 6 teachers participated in the two-day field trip program. Following the visits, 95% of the students reported feeling more confident about using the library and its resources, according to a short feedback survey conducted by library staff.

GARAPAN ELEMENTARY 3RD GRADERS VISIT JOETEN-KIYU PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR A DAY OF LEARNING AND DISCOVERY



JOETEN-KIYU PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS SPECIAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH



In honor of Autism Acceptance Month, the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library hosted a heartwarming Birthday@My Library celebration on Friday, April 25, 2025, during its monthly Sensory Night for families with children with autism and special needs. This inclusive evening provided a safe, welcoming space for families to connect, play, and learn together while celebrating the unique abilities of every child.

A highlight of the event was a special birthday wish granted for celebrant Alexandra Ana-Marie Demapan Birnbrich. In partnership with the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Alexandra enjoyed an exciting and educational visit from local firefighters and EMTs, topped off with a fun water show demonstration. The collaboration created a meaningful, sensory-friendly experience, leaving lasting memories for Alexandra, her family, and fellow participants. The library's ongoing commitment to hosting accessible and inclusive programs reflects its mission to serve every member of the community with care, creativity, and compassion. Please contact the library for more inquiries on celebrating your Birthday@My Library!

JKPL HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED:

1. Team JKPL hosted Easter Read Aloud and Craft @ My Library on Saturday, April 19, 2025 featuring the Bank of Guam.
2. Team JKPL participated in the Autism Awareness Month Autism Egg Hunt hosted by the Autism Society of the CNMI on Saturday, April 19, 2025 at the Sugar King Park.
3. Team JKPL successfully hosted two (2) Creative West Grant Workshops (AM & PM sessions) at My Library on Thursday, April 24, 2025.
4. Team JKPL successfully hosted the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality's Environment Expo @My Library on Wednesday, April 23 and Thursday, April 24, 2025.
5. Team JKPL participated in the 2025 Autism Awareness Month Ride for Autism hosted by the Autism Society of the CNMI on Sunday, April 27 from Airport Field to Garapan Fishing Base.
6. Team JKPL partnered with CHCC's Public Health Services on Saturday, April 26, 2025 in the Autism Awareness Family Fun Day at the Sugar King Park. Community. Team JKPL prominently displayed their award-winning Sensory Corner for families with children having autism and special needs.
7. On April 30th, 2025, Kim Porter donates Pacific books from her private collection to the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's Pacific Room.



HOW CAN YOU HELP ASSIST WITH OUR PROGRAMS?

We welcome and encourage businesses to please consider donating Educational Tax Credit. Pursuant to NMI Public Law 15-120, the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library is able to receive cash contributions under Educational Tax Credit (ETC). Please make checks payable to: CNMI Treasury. For MUNIS payments, to the Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library MUNIS Vendor ID#100404.

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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

