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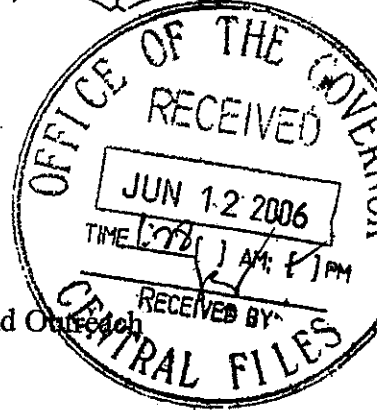


*cc: Connie M.*

June 12, 2006

**MEMORANDUM**

→ **To:** Mr. Frank F. Blas, Jr., Special Assistant for Operations and Outreach  
**From:** Acting Director, Guam Public Library System  
**Subject:** Comprehensive Integrated Master Plan on Increase in Military Presence



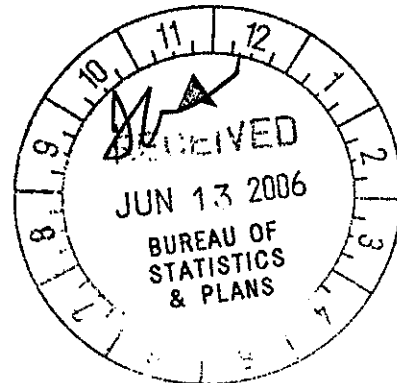
Buenas! The Guam Public Library System report is attached for your review and disposition on the above subject matter.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity in helping develop a master plan for the island of Guam.

Should you require more information please call our office at 475-4753.

*Teresita L.G. Kennimer*  
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Attachment



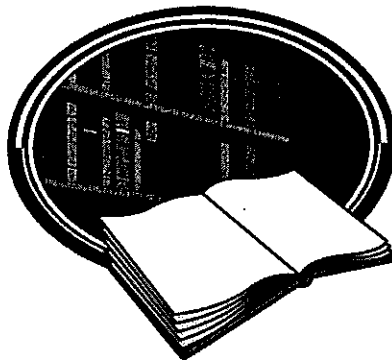
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**Comprehensive Integrated Master Plan  
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Teresita L.G. Kennimer, Acting Director, GPLS

The Guam Public Library System provides services to all island residents. The American Library Association's Standards for Public Library Services, and the American Correctional Association's Manual for Correctional Standards, as adopted by the Guam Library Board, are the criteria used to determine adequate service. Following these criteria, the standards for adequate public library services on Guam are:

- A total collection of three books per capita.
- A core collection of 265,000 books in the main library.
- Core collection at the institutional libraries: 3,000 penitentiary, 2,000 youth correctional facility.
- A representative collection for the visually impaired.
- Six librarians for every 50,000 people plus one librarian for every 7,500 when over 50,000.
- One professional librarian in each branch library.
- One professional librarian for the service for the visually impaired.
- One professional librarian each to service the institutional libraries.
- Provision for cooperative network for reference, bibliographic and interlibrary loan service to supplement local library resources.
- Three seats for every 1,000 users.
- 100 square feet of space for each staff member.
- Service to individuals whose native language is not English.
- Bookmobile service to areas with high concentrations of low-income families and elderly housing.

The Guam Public Library provides reference services, learning activities and centralized location for the comprehensive collection of informational and educational materials, for the benefit and enrichment of the people of Guam. It provides services to individuals and groups with special needs. The library promotes literacy and helps foster a willingness to learn, with available library resources, and is the designated depository for various governmental documents and publications.

Although the Guam Public Library System has one Program it consists of five major support programs necessary to the functions of the Guam Public Library System:

#### Literacy Program

To promote literacy, and learning activities and foster a willingness to learn. Activities include those suggested by the American Library Association, Public Library

Association and Guam Department of Education workplace Literacy Program at the centralized location and available branch library resources.

Circulation Service Program

To provide the circulation of library resource material to the public, through library system procedures, and to extend resources into the community through branch libraries or other island libraries.

Reference Service Program

To provide reference services of library resource material, inclusive of government documents, through library cataloging and storage system procedures, and utilizing technology to deliver information more quickly and efficiently.

Blind and Physically Handicapped Service

To provide library resource material to the blind, physically handicapped and the institutionalized.

Collection Development Program

To provide a comprehensive collection of informational, educational, and recreational library resource material based on the library needs of the people of Guam.

Capacity Level

Salaries	Benefits	Requested	Appropriated
\$623,238	\$157,665	\$1,184,365	\$1,384,365

Position Title	Number of Employees
Library Technician I	5
Library Technician II	6
Administrative Aide	1
Custodian	4
Administrative Officer	1
Director	1
Deputy	0
Administrative Assistant	1
Secretary I	1
Computer Systems Analyst II	1
Clerk Typist III	1
Library Technician Supervisor	1

Registered Patron as of May 31, 2006

Branch	Registered Patrons
Agana	475
Bookmobile	40
Dededo	247

Circulation, Attendance, Internet/Computer Users as of May 31, 2006

Branch	Circulation	Attendance	Internet Users	Computer Users
Agana	13546	19125	4396	916
Bookmobile	3724	1456	—	—
Dededo	5330	6911	3665	3828

Currently only the main library in Hagåtña and branch library in Dededo are available to the public. There are four public library branches that are closed due to attrition and extensive damages sustained by the previous typhoons.

Agat Branch Library                      Closed: August 2003

The branch is now undergoing the asbestos clean up by the contractor chosen by General Services Agency through the bidding process. When the asbestos is removed and cleared by the approving agency then renovation on the branch will be started.

Yona Branch Library                      Closed: September 1999

On May 25, 2006, a pre-bid conference was held at the Department of Public Works Conference Room with contractors that are interested in bidding for the repairs for the Yona, Barrigada and Merizo branches. Bid Opening will be on June 8, 2006 at Department of Public Works.

Merizo Branch Library                      Closed: December 1999

Barrigada Branch Library                      Closed: November 1997

### Bookmobile

The Bookmobile has been an outreach program provided by the Guam Public Library System since 1953. In the beginning, the Bookmobile was little more than a panel truck, but did the job of bringing library materials to remote areas of the island. The old Bookmobile continued as best it could but it was hampered by age and unavailability of parts on island.

In 1990, the Guam Public Library System purchased a Thomas Built bookmobile from Atkins Kroll, and was able to continue serving Guam residents with overwhelming positive reaction from the community, but due to lack of funding and personnel it was grounded for several years.

Through the efforts of First Lady Joann Camacho and public-private partnerships and the generous donated resources from Matson Navigation, the Bookmobile was repaired and operated at no cost to the taxpayers of Guam and South Pacific Petroleum Corporation provides the gasoline.

### Future Needs

To function successfully in today's society, Guam residents must have equitable access to information resources - including high quality, reliable electronic resources. Guam Public Library System must help close the digital divide for all its residents by making high-quality electronic information accessible to library users, regardless of economic circumstances, geographic location or disabilities.

The objective is to establish as many free Public Access Workstations as budget allows, throughout the public libraries of any type, size, or locations on Guam, so that users of all genders, ages, backgrounds, interests, and abilities can have equal, easy access of networked information to meet their education, businesses and job searching needs, as well as interaction with the government. Many Guam residents still do not have access to the Internet or the skills to find and use electronic information. Even those who can afford access frequently need information that is distributed by commercial interests through subscriptions that are far too costly for individual users. The Guam Public Library System will fulfill its role as the Life-long Learning Centers and Active Guidance Centers for job changes necessitated by the work environment and the medium for overcoming gaps in income created by technology and the new information age.