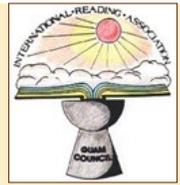


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Sharing the Power of Literacy

The theme for this month's membership meeting is *Sharing the Power of Literacy*. The focus will be the highlights from the 56th Annual Convention in Orlando, Florida.

The convention was hosted at the Orange County Convention Center, which is the primary convention center for the Central Florida region. The Orange County Convention Center is the second largest convention center in North America. Imagine this... 2,100,100 square feet of

exhibition space, two 92,000 square foot general assembly areas, 74 meeting rooms, 235 breakouts, a 2,643 seat Chapin Theatre, a 200 seat Lecture Hall, the 62,000 square foot multi-purpose Valencia Room, three full service restaurants, eight food courts, three business centers, on-site parking for 6,227 cars. Can you add up all those square feet? Well, let me tell you that the total area is 7,000,000 square feet.

The delegates had four intense and informative days

as they interacted with authors, experts, and leaders in the literacy profession. There were the oohs, the ahhs, the rest periods and the OMG's. Although it was intense, we gained knowledge, refreshed our ideas, and turned on our passion for literacy.

Our presentations will highlight the knowledge and ideas that were shared. So, we hope to see you at

**Top of the Mar on
Saturday,
September 10, 2011.**

Presentations' Highlights

Nel Pendon-Limtiaco's *Huh? What? LOL, Just Google It! Websites... Friend or Foe?* will answer the frequently-asked question, whatever happened to the original search engines? BTW, if you are like me, handing over my mobile phone to my daughter so she can text, then this is the presentation you'd want to attend. Honestly, how fast can you text? For me, S-L-O-W-L-Y. OMG! I forgot to mention that attendees will be exposed to websites that are user-friendly and extremely helpful in any educational setting. Sorry, you can't just "click it,"

you'd have to actually attend it (smile).

In her presentation, *Learning Through a Digital Lens: Flip Video in the Classroom*, Acie Jo Cruz will describe and demonstrate the ways in which flip video cameras can be used for student movie making as part of engaging content learning in the secondary level. It will also examine how students can broaden language literacy, visual literacy, and technology skills as they make meaning about content and give voice to their learning through the use of simple movie making techniques.

In *Taking Non-Fiction through the Digital Lens*, Yoshi Asuncion will demonstrate how to integrate non-fiction with media to engage primary students through the digital lens. Big Books are great resources but, the reality is we have to move with the ever changing world of technology.

Finally, in her *The Problem with Word Problems is the Words*, Becky North will have us take a quick look at Singapore Math and be introduced to a way to help our students de-code story problems.

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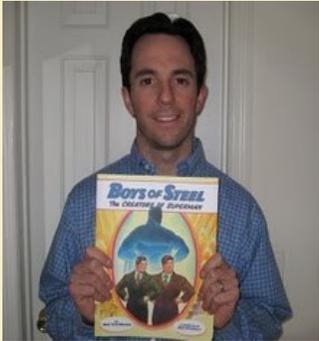
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Guam delegates connecting with other attendees at dinner hosted by Scholastic.



Marc Tyler Nobleman holding *Boys of Steel: The Creators of Superman*.



Cyndy Pruski
Author Visit

Book Exchange

Remember to bring books for the Book Exchange Table. Bring a book or even several and take some home to read at your leisure. There are a few to start the year because most were given to the Alee Shelter at the end of last school year.



Jane Rayphand

Marc Tyler Nobleman—Writer and Cartoonist

How many of us thumb through magazines and books looking for the illustrations and cartoons before we read the text? The cartoons catch our attention as nothing else does.

Writer and cartoonist Marc Tyler Nobleman understands this and knows that most children are visual learners, too. He creates cartoons to illustrate vocabulary development in his books, *Vocabulary Cartoon of the Day for Grades 2-3* and *Vocabulary Cartoon of the Day for Grades 4-6*. He also has a teacher resource, *Quick Nonfiction Writing Activities That Really Work*, for you to help your students develop their nonfiction writing skills.

Marc has written over 70 books, mostly nonfiction,

which include, *Boys of Steel: The Creators of Superman*. This is the illustrated story about two high school boys who wrote the story and drew the pictures that launched *Superman*, the most famous superhero of all. He is also the author of *365 Things to Do Before You Grow Up*, a year full of fun for all ages. He writes nonfiction for third through high school grades.

His cartoons appear in many periodical, newspapers, organizational newsletters, and websites, too. It's easy to find his cartoon website at www.mtncartoons.com, or just enter his name in your search engine ("google it") to view his cartoons and see the long list of his clients. His cartoons illustrate funny things that happen to us in

our daily lives. You will also find his other website, *Noblemania*, www.noblemania.blogspot.com — a blog that he writes daily. You can read about his work and travels, his books and fans, and get a real "feel" of what he will be like.

Get copies of his books at the IRA General Membership Meeting at the TOP OF THE MAR, Saturday, September, 10, 2011, from 8:00 to 11:00 A.M. at the Author Visit Table.

Marc will be visiting GUAM, October 15 - 28. He will be the featured speaker at the IRA General Membership Meeting on Saturday, October 15, at the TOP OF THE MAR and will be visiting elementary, middle, and high schools.

GRANT GRANT Come one, Come all!!!

The Fall Grant 2011 Session is now open. This is the year for you to finally get that up-to-\$500.00 grant you have been thinking of for your students.

The process is simple. Only a few hard copies will be available at the Grant Table at the September 10, 2011 gen-

eral meeting. Application and other grant forms can be downloaded from our website iraguam.blogspot.com.

Fall applications are due at the October 15th general meeting on or before 11:00 A.M. If you have any questions please call Evelyn

Topasna at 689-9455 or e-mail at edptopasna@gdoe.net.



Evelyn Topasna

Professional Development Course – USD

The Guam Council – IRA and the University of San Diego proudly offer a new course for interested members for the 10th year. Yes, it has been that long and we are VERY PROUD to offer this year’s course “Sharing the Power of Literacy” for 1 graduate credit. The course will be from Fall 2011 through Spring 2012.

Course Description: By attending the meetings of the Guam Council - International Reading Association, students will attend a variety of workshops by highly qualified presenters. They will learn how to apply these practices

in any educational setting such as a classroom or library. They will also learn to improve and promote literacy as well as how to secure resources to achieve excellence. Finally, students will be able to expand their knowledge, broaden their community, and spark inspiration in students to achieve in school and in life.

Grading: This will be based on attendance at the local council’s monthly meetings and reflective journal entries. The meetings will be held monthly for 2 hours, with the exception of the April meeting. The course fee is \$ 75.00

with a total of 15 contact hours.

Prerequisite: Current membership in the Guam Council – IRA (additional fee of \$25.00).

Registration: Please visit Jennifer Woodard at the USD table beginning at 8:00 A.M. Registration is ONLY at the September meeting.

Due to the nature of the course, there will be no funds or withdrawals.



Jen Woodard

Banned Book Week: September 24-October 1, 2011

Banned Books Week (BBW) is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment. **Held during the last week of September,** Banned Books Week highlights the benefits of free and open access to information while drawing attention to the

harms of censorship by spotlighting actual or attempted bannings of books across the United States.

Intellectual freedom—the freedom to access information and express ideas, even if the information and ideas might be considered unorthodox or

unpopular—provides the foundation for Banned Books Week. BBW stresses the importance of ensuring the availability of unorthodox or unpopular viewpoints for all who wish to read and access them. Source: <http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/banned/bannedbooksweek/index.cfm>

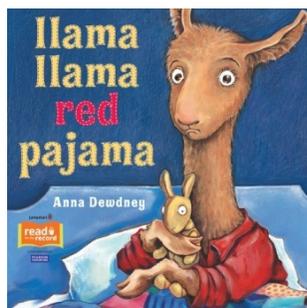
Jumpstart Read for the Record



This year's Jumpstart Read for the Record book is Anna Dewdney's *Llama Llama Red Pajama* to be read

island-wide on October 6. You can also read on-line this year by going to the following address:

<http://www.wegivebooks.org/books/llama-llama-red-pajama---r4tr-english>



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September Grand Prize

The grand prize for the September meeting is one economy ticket to any Asia/Micronesia destination, compliments of Continental/United Airlines.*

**Tickets can only be used for IRA Guam events. CO/UA employees/dependents/affiliates of CO/UA are not eligible to win our prize and the prize cannot be redeemed for any events sponsored by CO/UA. Some restrictions apply.*

September 10, 2011

Sharing the Power of Literacy

October 15, 2011

Intriguing Author - Marc Tyler Nobleman

November 5, 2011 – Guam
Marriott Resort & Spa

Never too Late to Rejuvenate at the UOG's Language Arts Conference

December 10, 2011 – Agana
Shopping Center

Communities Gather Together to Promote Reading

January 14, 2012

Exciting New Things with Linda Warfel and Scholastic

February 11, 2012

Read-A-Thon

March 10, 2012

Improve Reading : A Culture's Challenge

April 14, 2012

Take Time Out to Shop

May 19, 2012

Year End with Y-O-U

Mensåhi ginen i Presidenten IRA Nel Pendon-Limtiaco



Hafa Adai!

We would like to welcome everyone to an exciting year of reading and learning. This year we have a fantastic line up for you, from the dynamic non-fiction author and cartoonist, Marc Tyler Nobleman to the passionate literacy advocate Scholastic's Vice-President of Asia/Pacific Education and Trade, Linda Warfel.

As with past years, the Guam Council will continue to promote literacy through workshops, book grants, community projects, and our annual read-a-thon. We will also continue to be active in our community by supporting PBS Guam and the University of Guam's Language Arts Conference. The board is also working very diligently in providing new outreach projects in hopes to expand children's knowledge and spark inspiration in them to achieve success in life.

This year's board is comprised of new faces as well as seasoned veterans all dedicated to improving literacy throughout the island and Micronesia. I have faith in each and every one of them and I would like to thank all of them, again, for being a part of the board.

I know the start of each new school year can be challenging; however, treat yourself this council year by visiting our novelties and book tables. We have a wide variety of new professional resources that will assist in promoting and improving literacy at your home, your school, and in your community. In addition, we would like to extend our gratitude to Katie Black and Continental/United Airlines for providing us with this month's grand prize: one economy airline ticket in the Asia/Pacific area, more information regarding the airline ticket will be announced at the meeting.

Mark your calendars now for the September meeting. It is never too late to join this amazing professional organization. If you like surfing the world-wide web, the Guam Council of the International Reading Association is JUST A CLICK AWAY. Visit us at iraguam.blogspot.com and download the Membership Application. This year we will be waiting for you at the **Top o' the Mar**, Nimitz Hill. Come early to enjoy the spectacular view and to buzz, browse, and buy.

**Adios,
Nel**