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A Message from the President



Let's Fall into Reading! November 1st is a great time to rekindle a love with reading again! Did you know that the National Family Literacy Day is observed each year on November 1, but events and activities last throughout the month? Celebrated across America, it was first held in 1994 to encourage and stress the importance of family literacy.

The Guam IRA works to improve literacy and reading instruction in Guam and Micronesia. Like last year's 2018 Read-a-Thon Theme "Can't Stop the Reading", go ahead and pick up a book that hooks your interest and start reading widely. Read mysteries, read about places you'll go, read into space, read heart-breakers, read about time travel, read about teenagers, werewolves, witches and ghosts, etc. Read books that turn its own pages and make you feel alive. Laugh till it hurts, cry out loud and sigh when it's done. Read, Read, Read. Fill up your lives with different kinds of adventures, delight and joy! Fall in Love with Reading again!

BOOK OF THE MONTH

WOLF IN THE SNOW

Matthew Cordell

Wolf in the Snow tells a nearly wordless story of unexpected tenderness, compassion, and trust between a girl and a wolf pup both lost in a snowstorm. Whenever you and your students need reminders of goodness in the world, pick up and enjoy *Wolf in the Snow*.

Thank you, Your 2018 IRA President,
Lois T. Gumataotao

IRA 2018-2019 MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETINGS
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

- ~~September 22, 2018 (JQSMES)~~
- ~~October 6, (RAT Kick-Off, ASC, 10am-1pm)~~
- November 10 (LAC: Pac. Star)
- Dec. 1 (Community Book Fair, 10am-1pm)
- January 19 (Spend it All)
- February 9 (JQSMES)
- March 9 (JQSMES)
- April 6 (JQSMES)
- May 11 (JQSMES)



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Vivian Wolff, Chairperson of IRA's Grants Committee, presented checks to Joseph Certeza of St. Francis Catholic School, for his grant project entitled, "Empowering CHamoru Language in the Classroom", and to Haane Barcinas of Agueda Johnston Middle School, for her grant project entitled, "Addressing Deviant Behavior in Youth & Promoting Student Literacy with Mentor Texts from Authors Across Oceania."



BOOK EXCHANGE

Book exchange is available at the monthly IRA meetings and the December Community Book Fair! Bring any new or used books in good condition to exchange for another book free of charge. This is a great way to satiate your appetite for reading! Stop by the Book Exchange table at the next IRA meeting!

COMMUNITY BOOK FAIR

The Guam Council of the International Reading Association will be hosting its annual Community Book Fair on December 1. Be prepared for an extensive array of books to satisfy your hunger for the written word! This is an event for teachers and parents looking to foster a love for reading in their child(ren) or for the avid reader looking for their next adventure, so mark your calendars! Location is to be announced.



IRA President, Lois Gumataotao, presents Dr. Sellmann, Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, University of Guam, with a check for the annual Language Arts Conference.

October IRA Meeting

October 6, 2018

Agana Shopping Center,

Hagatna



Read-A-Thon in our schools



Celebrity author, Cathy Payne, celebrates literacy and Read-A-Thon with students at Talofof Elementary School



PRE-REGISTER FOR UOG'S LANGUAGE ARTS CONFERENCE TO BE HOSTED AT PACIFIC STAR HOTEL , NOV. 9 & 10

The University of Guam's 31st Annual Regional Language Arts Conference (LAC) is an annual event in which Western Pacific educators are provided with opportunities for professional growth and enrichment in literacy. The conference theme is "What We Weave through the Language Arts." The conference will be held Friday, **November 9, 2018** and Saturday, **November 10, 2018** at the **Pacific Star Hotel**. For more information, visit <https://www.uog.edu/lac>

The LAC will offer one graduate credit/CEU. As part of the course requirements, students must complete the following: full attendance at the conference; classroom application of one or more of the strategies/techniques learned at the conference; write a brief reflection for each session attended; and write a five-page, typed, double-spaced paper explaining how the Language Arts Conference has increased their knowledge and understanding of effective language arts and content-area activities, as well as other engaging literacy strategies to enhance reading, writing, and assessment in the classroom.

Students must register for the conference before they register for the graduate credit/CEU at the Professional International Programs, 2nd floor, MARC, Computer Center, PIP Building, Room #217. For more information, students may call 735-2601 or fax 734-1233. They may also e-mail the instructor, Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera at mnrivera@triton.uog.edu or mnrivera@gdoe.net.

The LAC registration fee includes the following:

- *IRA Members, Presenters - \$60
- *Student Presenters - \$25 (Provide student verification)
- *Students Attending Only - \$35 (Provide student verification)
- *Non-IRA members before November 1 - \$70
- After November 1 - \$85

If you are interested in attending the Language Arts Conference, LAC pre-registration will be accepted at IRA's October meeting/Read-A-Thon Kick Off at the Agana Shopping Center. If you register after the meeting, you must mention that you are an IRA member in order to receive the discounted rate. Thereafter, your name will be verified with the IRA membership database, so be sure that your membership is up to date.

For additional information regarding the conference, participants/presenters may call Evelyn Chargualaf, LAC Administrative Coordinator, at 735-2725 or e-mail her at evelync@triton.uog.edu.

What We Weave through the Language Arts



31st Annual Regional Language Arts **CONFERENCE**

At the Pacific Star Hotel
Friday, November 9, 2018

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Saturday, November 10, 2018

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM



For more information:
Visit www.uog.edu/lac

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