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Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's Launches Early Literacy and Children's Story Hour as part of 2020 Summer Reading Program

On Tuesday, July 14, 2020, the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library launched Early Literacy Story Hour and Children's Story Hour class, which is sponsored by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council's Motherread/Fatheread CNMI. Certified Teachers of the Motherread/Fatheread CNMI facilitate fun-filled Story Hour classes which are a combination of 2 amazing literacy programs --Motherread/Fatheread CNMI's Story Exploring Class with Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's Read Aloud. Classes are offered daily for the community. More than 70 children and their parents/guardians have participated and/or registered for the 2020 Summer Reading Program's Story Hour classes. Valid Joeten-Kiyu Public Library card is required. Limited seats are available. First registered, first served. Interested participants are invited to contact the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library by appointment only at (670) 235-7315/7322/7323 (READ) during our library hours of operation: Tuesdays to Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Closed Sundays, Mondays, and holidays.

The Early Literacy and Children's Story Hour utilizes Motherread/Fatheread CNMI's Story Exploring model -- designed for children from birth through age 11-- which uses multicultural award-winning children's books to build reading and critical thinking skills. This curriculum uses targeted reading, writing, listening, and speaking activities to foster problem solving, increase comprehension, and nurture a love of books. Children learn vocabulary and how to interpret stories using props, games, songs, and other activities to make reading fun. Children and their parents/guardians enjoyed listening and watching Children's Librarian/Certified Teacher Rosalinda Ulloa and Bookmobile Supervisor/Certified Teacher Leoralynn S. Terlaje present Early Literacy and Children's Story Hour class. Moreover, specials guests Cookie Monster, Elmo, and Cat in the Hat courtesy of Lady Diann Torres Foundation made surprise appearances throughout the week.



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Families were ecstatic for the Story Hour class which includes a Motherread/Fatheread CNMI Learning Package to Go to take home and create stories and bonding experiences with their children. Families expressed their gratitude for this remarkable community program by saying:

“Thank you!”

“Very good program!”

“Great job!”

“Thank you very much!”

“We just want to express our gratitude for making programs for kids during these hard times. Thank you. Thank you for being open, offering activities to keep kids busy. I wish other kids’ facilities on Saipan could follow your example! Thank you very much to the library team! Great job!”

“[I] learned more!”

“Her sister had the read aloud and shared with her brother.”

“My daughter enjoyed the goodies we got in the Story Hour! She got one activity book, crayons and coloring pages. Thank you. She’s excited of what she will be learning and getting today!”

“Her sister heard the read aloud and shared the story with her brother.”

“Cayli shared the story with his brother Caleb and was able to understand and do his packet.”

“Kids loved the teddy bears [craft]. Loved coloring and using the big triangle crayons from the library.”

“Great program!”

Motherread/Fatheread® CNMI was created in 1998 by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council to help families routinely use reading and storytelling as a medium for enhancing literacy in their homes. Headquartered in the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, the Motherread/Fatheread CNMI’s staff and volunteers promoted literacy and program activities at 119 events in the CNMI reaching a total of 26,467 people in FY 2019. The program offered 13 Adult Courses at various sites contributing to 74 graduates and facilitated 22 Story Exploring Sessions engaging 385 children between the ages of 4-11 with activities that promote reading comprehension, critical thinking, family values, and problem-solving skills.

Program Goals:

1. Equip Adult Course participants with strategies that use books and personal stories to improve reading skills among children at home.
2. Strengthen family bonds, communication, and relationships through reading and story-telling activities;



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3. Promote reading and story-telling as a way to better understand and appreciate the CNMI's diverse ethnic, racial, and cultural heritages.

Check out our upcoming programs and services available at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library-- ukulele classes, community cultural classes, Early Literacy Story Hour, Children's Story Hour, Library Leads with Digital Skills Class, virtual learning resources, and so much more! Access free ebooks from Baker and Taylor Axis 360 or visit our website at www.cnmilib.org and check out our online card catalog. Registration is required for classes. Visit www.cnmilib.org for updated information. Interested participants, please contact the JKPL by telephone at 235-7315/7322/7323. Please contact the JKPL by phone at 235-7315/7322/7323(READ) for more information or to register your family for these amazing learning opportunities!

Thank you to all the families and children for participating in our programs and visiting the Joeten-Kiyu Public library this summer! Shout out to our community partners/sponsors, Education Tax Credit donors, Office of the Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, Office of the Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, Office of the Mayor of Rota, Office of the Mayor of Tinian and Aguigan, Saipan Mayor's Office, Lady Diann Torres Foundation (for the amazing Elmo and Cookie Monster costumes), MARPAC for the Children's Library decor, AmeriCorps volunteers, Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, First Book Marketplace, CNMI Public School System, All Star Sporting Goods, Achugao Services, LLC, American Library Association, Anaks Holdings, LLC, AOK, LLC, Athlete's Foot of Saipan, Bridge Capital, LLC, CNMI Books and Resource Center, CNMI Public School System, Excelsior Marianas, LLC, FT Condo, LLC, Google, Public Library Association, Joeten Development INC., M.S. Villagomez, Inc., Marianas Acquisition dba IP&E, Coconut Capital, LLC, NMI Museum of History and Culture, Proa, LLC, Seven Leaves, LLC, Westview Property, LLC, Northern Marianas Humanities Council's Motherread/Fatheread CNMI, Commonwealth Library Council, and our hardworking Team Joeten-Kiyu Public Library.

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