



2025 Citizen Centric Report

JOETEN-KIYU PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mission

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library is the NMI's information hub, preserving NMI's cultural heritage and connecting people, libraries and government to the resources and tools they need to succeed and to build a stronger community.

Established

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library (JKPL) was established by Public Law 7-18 in 1991, which also created the Commonwealth Library Council and designated JKPL as the NMI's State Library.

LSTA Five Year Plan Strategic Goals:

1. Promote Literate CNMI
2. Strengthen Institutional Capacity
3. Enhance and Maintain NMISL Technology
4. Provide Welcoming Library Environments

About



Welcome to YOUR Library! The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library (JKPL) was established in December 21, 1991. NMI PL 7-18 established the Commonwealth Library Council (CLC) and Joeten-Kiyu Public Library as the CNMI State Library. As the designated State Library

Administrative Agency (SLAA), JKPL oversees the technical aspects of library operations for the Fernando M. Benavente Memorial Library, the Bookmobile/Technology Mobile Express, the Antonio C. Atalig Memorial Library on Rota (RPL) and the Tinian Public Library (TPL) in collaboration with the respective mayors of both municipalities, leveraging both annual CNMI government appropriations and federal funds primarily from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

Solar Power Project & Furniture Upgrades

In FY2025, the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library saw steady progress in the JKPL's Solar Power PV Parking Lot Project in that both the A&E Design and ITB were completed. Furniture upgrades for the Public Libraries' on Saipan, Rota, and Tinian commenced during this time. These projects were funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) through earmarks made possible by Congressman Gregorio "Kilili" Camacho Sablan. Thank you to the CNMI Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for their support assistance.



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"I really enjoy all the fun and engaging activities the library teen program has provided. The staff have been so kind helpful always, and I appreciate it so much!" — Johanna Mogar



Programs 2025 Citizen Centric Report JOETEN-KIYU PUBLIC LIBRARY

LSTA Five Year Plan Strategic Goals:

- GOAL 1 –Promote Literate NMI**
 Project 1.1 –Literacies for 21st Century Skills
 Project 1.2 –Early Literacy
 Project 1.3 –Adult Literacy
 Project 1.4 –Community Engagement
- GOAL 2 –Strengthen Institutional Capacity**
 Project 2.1 –Workforce Development
 Project 2.2 –Community Partner Development
- GOAL 3 –Enhance and Maintain NMI Technology Infrastructure**
 Project 3.1 –Connectivity
 Project 3.2 –Technology Infrastructure and STEAM Support
 Project 3.3 –E-Content
- GOAL 4 –Provide Welcoming Library Environments**
 Project 4.1 –Facilities Planning and Assessment
 Project 4.2 –Disaster Planning

NMI VISITORS TO THE LIBRARY
107,937 TOTAL
 96,812 SAIPAN
 3,198 TINIAN
 7,927 ROTA

Patron Information Technology (IT) Usage		
Island	FY 24	FY 25
Saipan	18,564	35,064
Tinian	24,002	44,568
Rota	13,005	27,778
Total	55,571	107,410

17 Community Service Volunteers (CSV)
311 CSV Hours

GOAL 1– Promote Literate NMI

Literacy Programs & Activities

- 1,000 books before Kindergarten & Beyond
- After School Reading & Homework Help
- AmeriCorps Week
- Anniversary Celebration
- Arts & Crafts Adult Classes
- Autism Family Fun Day
- Basic Chamorro, Japanese, Chinese language classes
- Birthday Literacy@ My Library
- Book-a-Treat
- Book Launch
- Bookmobile & Technology Mobile Express Outreach Program
- Chamorro & Carolinian Cultural Heritage Month Celebration
- Chinese New Year Celebration
- Community Garden
- Community Sea Aquarium
- Community Service Program
- Computer classes
- Co-Op Program
- CSLP Completion Celebration Fun Day
- Cultural Self Defense Class
- Easter Read Aloud and Craft
- Great Stories Teen Book Club
- Happy Birthday Amelia Earhart
- Library Assistant Internship Program
- Library of Congress NMI Center for the Book
- Library tours
- Literacy Fair
- LOC Center for the Blind and Print Disabled
- Local Author Meet & Greet
- Movie Day
- National Library Week
- NSF 75th Anniversary STEM DAY
- Pacific Cultural Corner
- Read Aloud
- Reading Challenges
- Reading for Fines
- Roy D. Rechebei Game Day
- Saturday Storytime & Craft
- Sensory Corner
- Sensory Night
- Stations (Math, Arts and Crafts, Literacy, Coloring, Games)
- Summer Reading program
- Teen Trivia
- Trunk or Treat
- Tutoring
- Women's Night
- Writer's workshops

GOAL 2– Strengthen Institutional Capacity

- Volunteer Program
- Intern Program
- Community Partnerships
- Professional Development Training
- Computer Classes & Digital Literacy



310 Student Volunteers
5,919 Student Volunteer Hours

GOAL 3– Enhance and Maintain NMI Technology Infrastructure

- Wi-fi
- Upgrade ILS Horizon
- Upgrade Technology
- E-Books
- Virtual Learning Resources
- Rota Bookmobile



224,905 Engagements on FB
10,968 Followers FB & IG

GOAL 4– Provide Welcoming Environments

- Solar Power PV Project
- Furniture Upgrade
- JKPL Beautification

123,871 Library Items
(Books, E-Books, CDs, DVDs, etc.)

1,475 Summer Reading Program Participants on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota

50+ Library Programs



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Budget 2025 Citizen Centric Report JOETEN-KIYU PUBLIC LIBRARY



FY 2025 BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR JKPL					
Description	Bus. Unit	Personnel	Operation	Utilities	Total
General Fund (P.L. 23-26) FY' 25	1592	\$ 499,330.00	\$ 4,993.00		\$504,323
Revolving Fund-Fees	3070		\$ 11,982.62		\$11,983
Education Tax Credit	3071		\$ 26,825.00		\$26,825
JKPL-ALA small & Rural Libraries Grant	3072		\$ 10,000.00		\$10,000
JKPL-Chief Officer's of State Library Agencies	3073		\$ 21,250.00		\$21,250
FY 2025 IMLS LSTA	FG88090009	\$ 14,778.20	\$ 104,221.00		\$118,999
Saipan Local Law 24-02 - Beautification JKPL	SL108		\$ 15,000.00		\$15,000
Total		\$514,108.20	\$194,271.62		\$0 \$708,380

Major developments of Joeten-Kiyu Public Library (JKPL) FY 2025 budget include the following:

- Total of \$499,330.00 for 16 employees was appropriated \$504,323 in local funding for JKPL under P.L. 23-26. The General fund for allocated \$499,330.00 for personnel and \$4,993.00 for operations. Funding of \$59,647.00 from IMLS LSTA were used to offset personnel (\$14,778.20) and operations (\$104,221.00).
- Through the assistance from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) LSTA, JKPL was able to carry out library programs and services. Despite the budgetary constraints, JKPL met challenges in efficiency, customer care, and systematic compilation of performance indicators in line with NMI State Library LSTA Strategic 5-Year Program Goals: Promote Literate NMI, Strengthen Institutional Capacity, Enhance and Maintain NMISL Technology, and Provide Welcoming Library Environments.
- The 23rd Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation (SNILD) allocated \$15,000.00 via SLL 24-02 for beautification of the JKPL.
- Additional donations through the Educational Tax Credit (PL 15-120) in the amount of \$26,825 assisted JKPL with operational funding support for library programs and activities for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.
- Utilities budget: As per P.L. 23-26, JKPL did not receive a utilities allocation.



"The library welcomes me just as I am. I love everything about the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library! My most favorite places are the Information Technology Center and the Children's Library!" — Alexandra D. Bimbich



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In FY2025, the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library continued to strengthen its role as a vital community resource for learning, culture, and innovation. Our priorities include expanding literacy and lifelong learning programs, enhancing digital access and technology resources, community workforce needs, and preserving local history and cultural heritage. We will also continue to focus on accessible library programs and services that support children, teens, families, man'amko, and individuals with disabilities. With community partnerships and ongoing staff development, JKPL is committed to providing welcoming spaces and meaningful opportunities that empower every citizen of the Northern Mariana Islands.



Thank you for your interest in the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library!

We welcome your comments on how we can make this report more informative for our readers. Please send your comments to:

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How can you help the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library?



We also welcome and encourage businesses to please consider donating cash contributions to the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. 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 Treasurer. You are also welcome to contribute directly to the Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library via MUNIS vendor id#100404

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"Thank you for everything that you do for our community!" -- Winnie Solano
"Great opportunities for families, especially kids!" -- Jennifer Ada