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## A MeSSage from the Read-A-Thon Chairperson

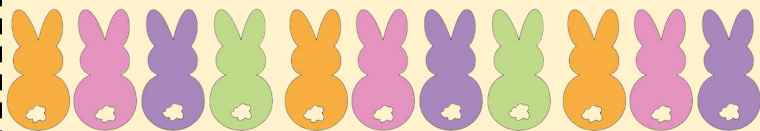


Reading Takes You Everywhere: Read-A-Thon 2021 has concluded! On behalf of the Guam Council - International Reading ASSociation, we would like to thank all the schools that participated. Although the pandemic brought about a lot of challenges, with all the hard work of the representatives, teachers, parents, and students, Read-A-Thon 2021 was a success! This is definitely "one for the books!"

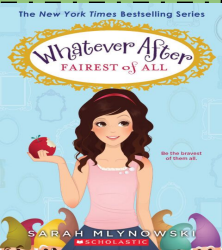
All top representatives, teachers, and students will be awarded at the **Spend It All, Spend It Now** Scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at Southern High School. Awards and vouchers will be emailed accordingly. Again, thank you for all your continued efforts and support in promoting literacy at school and at home.

While traveling is still an uncertainty with the pandemic, you can open a book: Reading Takes You Everywhere!

Thank you and See you at our **Spend It All, Spend it Now!**  
Your CY2020-21 IRA President-elect and Read-A-Thon Chair,  
*Liwayway Anicas*



## Book of the Month



### Description:

A fresh, modern spin on a classic fairy tale--from acclaimed author Sarah Mlynowski!

Mirror, mirror, on the basement wall... Once upon a time my brother and I were normal kids. The next minute? The mirror in our basement slurped us up and magically transported us inside Snow White's fairy tale. (Scholastic, 2021)

## NOTICE:

There will be **no Zoom meeting on April 24, 2021**.  
Instead, Read-A-Thon prizes for top representatives, teachers, and students will be distributed.



## IRA SATURDAYS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS  
SHARPENING OUR VISION IN 2020: READ  
TIME: 9AM-12PM VIA ZOOM OR AT SHS

September 26, 2020 "Looking Beyond the Present"  
October 17, 2020 "Seeing is Believing"  
November 14, 2020 "Examining the Possibilities"  
**DECEMBER 19** "Take a Peek Book Fair"  
January 9, 2021 "Focus on You"  
February 6, 2021 "Read-A-Thon Kick Off"  
March 20, 2021 "Biba Mes Chamoru"  
**APRIL 24, 2021** "Prize Distribution and  
Spend it All, Spend it Now"  
May 15, 2021 "Explore New Adventures"



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## EDTECH CORNER



As a teacher, it can be difficult to create engaging lessons that fully capture the attention of all of your students. Harder still is creating lessons that encourage learning through interactivity and action.

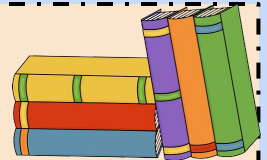
[Nearpod](#) is an amazing tool that solves these problems.

First, Nearpod provides a host of pre-made, fully-interactive lessons developed by subject matter experts for all school levels and subjects. Furthermore, Nearpod allows teachers to import lessons from any file type and begin adding interactive elements, web-links or video snippets to them.

Educators can then synchronise their prepared lessons to all students devices, casting the lesson simultaneously to each student and able to monitor their progress throughout the lesson. (Adam, 2020)

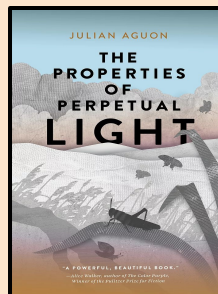


## Featured Authors:



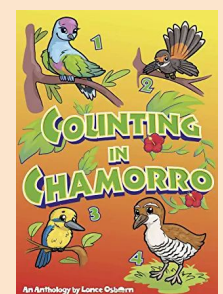
### Julian Aguon

Julian Aguon is an indigenous human rights lawyer and writer from Guam. He is the founder of **Blue Ocean Law**, a progressive firm that works at the intersection of indigenous rights and environmental justice. He is brilliant, soulful, and deeply engaged in the struggles of peoples across Oceania to liberate themselves from colonial rule, defend their sacred sites, and obtain justice for a range of harms inflicted upon them by outside forces—from nuclear weapons testing and nonconsensual medical experimentation to extractive industries and climate change. He serves on the Global Advisory Council of **Progressive International**—a global collective that launched in May 2020 with the mission of mobilizing progressive forces around the world behind a shared vision of social justice. (Aguon, 2021)



### Lance Osborn

Lance J. Osborn is the author of several children's Chamorro books. One popular book, "Si Pedro Yan Hilet Oru Na Ko'ko", which Osborn says is a story about a young boy named Pedro who wakes up every morning with the hopes of catching an elusive golden Ko'ko' because it's the only one on the island. Osborn is a lax artist from Old Agat, who loves Southern Guam. When he is not drawing, he can be found lounging down south or harvesting hot peppers, taro, and other crops at his family farm.



Last Chance for \$500.00 IRA Grant in SY 20-21!

Time is running out!



Put those creative ideas into an IRA Grant application and you might be the lucky recipient of hundreds of dollars in cash for your classroom! The IRA and the UOG School of Education Alumni Association will each be giving away \$500.00 for the Spring Grant Cycle. Don't let this opportunity pass you by!

Go to <https://iraguam.blogspot.com/> and look for Grants. Read the Guidelines. Fill out the Application form and Send it to Vivian Wolff at [vwolff7502@yahoo.com](mailto:vwolff7502@yahoo.com) or Martha Sudo at [mjsudo@gmail.com](mailto:mjsudo@gmail.com). You can send in your grant applications now. **The deadline to apply is April 17, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.**

Biba!



IRA Board members strike a pose after diligently counting Read-A-Thon money at Juan M. Guerrero Elementary School



Manda Tenorio, board member for Book Exchange, presents book donations to the Aleo Shelter on behalf of the Chapter

