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A Message from the President



It's about that time of the year again when we celebrate our love of literacy islandwide. Our Read-A-Thon kicks off on February 6, 2021. We definitely sharpened our vision in 2020 and now we will travel the world because "Reading Takes You Everywhere!" This year's theme is even more relevant because for almost a year the world stood still and closed its doors due to the pandemic that we didn't "see" coming. But adventure still awaits all of us and all we have to do is open up a book and read to our heart's delight!

Our guest authors this month, Frank Candaso and Makiia Lucier, will definitely open up the world for us through their intriguing stories and brilliant writing! To all of our members and their families, welcome to a new year in this new world we live in!

Thank you, and I look forward to our meeting!

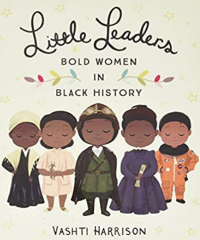
Your CY2020-21 IRA President,
Dr. Darlene Rose Afaisen Roberto



Book of the Month

Description:

An important book for all ages, *Little Leaders* educates and inspires as it relates true stories of forty trailblazing black women in American history. Illuminating text paired with irresistible illustrations bring to life both iconic and lesser-known female figures of Black history such as abolitionist Sojourner Truth, pilot Bessie Coleman, chemist Alice Ball, politician Shirley Chisholm, mathematician Katherine Johnson, poet Maya Angelou, and filmmaker Julie Dash. (Amazon)



Join us at our recurring
meeting link below:

bit.ly/34I97Nn

Meeting ID & Passcode will be
emailed to members.



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 "Prize Distribution"

April 17, 2021 "Spend it All, Spend it Now"

May 15, 2021 "Explore New Adventures"

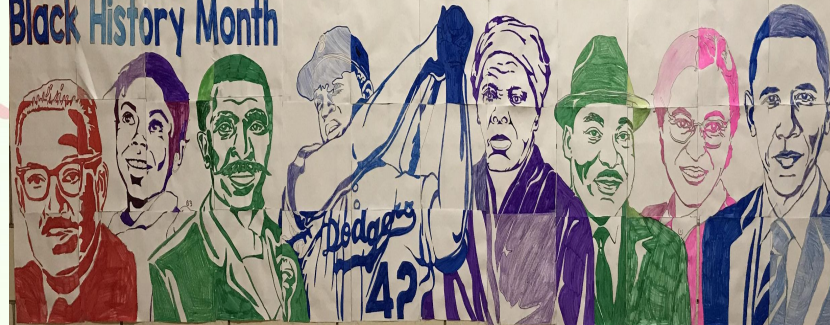
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Black History Month



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Floop is a cloud-based website where students can receive annotated feedback from teachers and peers. Students

upload images of an assignment to the platform, and teachers put markers in places where they want to provide written feedback. Students are able to see and respond to comments, creating a feedback loop that allows teachers to see patterns of student learning.

Students get the feedback they need when they need it. Give feedback 4x faster than traditional methods with a digital dropbox and comment banks. (Adam, 2020)

This Month's Speakers:

Frank U. Candaso, Jr.

Frank U. Candaso, Jr. is a 35-year-old  resident of Barrigada and a 1st grade teacher at Manuel U. Lujan Elementary School in Yoña.

New to the world of writing children's books, he finds inspiration in his strong connection with social-emotional learning and tries to incorporate encouraging messages into his stories. Certified in Fine Arts with a background in graphic arts for over 20 years, his story illustrations try to capture his surroundings in ways that help create a comforting, yet exciting, display of art that takes the reader on a visual journey.

With the new book *The Sihek and the Thing that was Different*, he hopes to spread a positive message about the differences within oneself and others, and how these differences can be embraced and repurposed to create a better community; even a better world. In the future, he hopes to take other characters discovered in the book and create meaningful stories through their experiences that touch on other important encounters children may face.

The Sihek and the Thing that was Different can currently be purchased at discoverthesihek.com.

Makiia Lucier

Makiia Lucier grew up on the Pacific island of Guam and is a graduate of Simon Sanchez High, Class of '93. She now resides in North Carolina and has degrees in journalism and library science from the University of Oregon and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Her books have appeared on many notable lists, including the Kids' Indie Next, the American Booksellers Association's 'Best Books for Children,' and the American Library Association's 'Best Fiction for Young Adults.' *A Death-Struck Year*, her debut novel, is set in Portland, Oregon during the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918. The world of St. John del Mar, in which *Isle of Blood and Stone* and *Song of the Abyss* take place, was inspired by a childhood love of the Indiana Jones movies, as well as a lifelong fascination with old, old maps. Discover more at <http://makiialucier.com/>

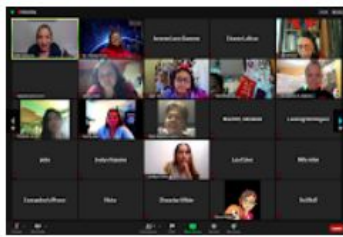


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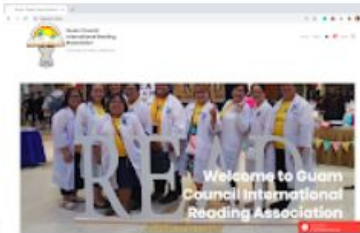


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Snapshots of the IRA Community Book Fair & December Meeting



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TAKES YOU
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Read-A-Thon 2021

February 6-26, 2021

If your school is interested in participating in the Read-A-Thon 2021, please email Liwayway Anicas at guamreadathon2021@gmail.com

TIKTOK CHALLENGE

Help us kickoff the 2021 Read-A-Thon "Reading Takes You Everywhere" by sending in your amazing TikTok videos showcasing the theme and win some awesome prizes!

Contest is open to all educators, students, and families. Videos will be featured during the Guam Council IRA Read-A-Thon virtual kick off event on February 6, 2021 via Zoom.

SUBMIT VIDEOS TO IRAGUAM@GMAIL.COM



**DUE
DATE
2/3/21**



Join us as we kick-off our annual Read-A-Thon on February 6! Prizes, Speakers, and more await you!

