On September 29, 2017, CNMI Motheread/Fatheread held a beautiful completion ceremony at the Tinian Youth Center. Parent Trainer Rose Lazaro facilitated the Adult Course for the Tinian Youth Center’s staff, which had 8 participants: Carlos Aldan, Lucia Ayuyu, Evitalynn Manglona, Javie Decena, Jacklynn Sanchez, Auring Ignacio, Lorrah Santos, and Joseph Borja. Assistant Program Coordinator Beth Demapan attended the completion ceremony and offered congratulatory remarks to the participants who completed the 8 hour class cycle. Special guest Parent Trainer Marvieluz Syed from the Tinian Public Library assisted with the completion ceremony. Special thanks to the Tinian Mayor’s Office for reaching out to CNMI Motheread/Fatheread. Interested organizations/businesses/schools willing to host a Free Motheread/Fatheread Family Literacy class, please contact us at 235-7319/989-8542/783-7678 or email: cnmimotheread@gmail.com. Congratulations, on a job well done! Biba, Tinian Youth Center!
On September 29, 2017, CNMI Motheread/Fatheread Assistant Coordinator Beth Demapan visited Tinian Trainers and Story Exploring Instructors for the 4th Quarter Tinian Trainers’ Meeting. Ms. Demapan updated Trainers and Instructors by hosting a one-on-one meeting. She discussed Motheread/Fatheread events, stats, class schedules, and got to see how Tinian Trainers/SE Instructors were.

**JOURNAL ENTRY 1: (8 AM)** Arrived on Tinian early, so I decided to visit Parent Trainer Lorna Hofschneider at the CHCC Tinian Health Center. I didn’t know that the first person I would be speaking to upon entering the main registration area would be Ms. Hofschneider herself! She was so gracious! I asked for a moment of her time and proceeded with our one-on-one informal meeting. She updated me about her schedule and that she was pursuing classes online. Such a determined and hardworking woman!

**JOURNAL ENTRY 2: (9 AM)** Visited Lucky Qiang mart to pick up Gift Certificates for Completion Ceremony. Got lost a couple of times trying to find the store, the Youth Center, and SE Instructor Mary Santos’s house.

**JOURNAL ENTRY 3: (10 AM)** Overall, it was a successful and super busy day! I attended an awesome completion ceremony with Parent Trainers Rose Lazaro and Marvieluz Syed. We read Talking Eggs by Robert D. San Souci as our final book at the Tinian Youth Center. This is the first time that I have visited the Tinian Youth Center. It is a sight to behold! It stands out as an A-Frame like structure and is painted a deep purple. When Rose Lazaro informed me that it was beside Grace Christian Academy, I thought at first it was the Office on Aging. I assumed it to be because I kept thinking about Rota’s building and it sort of reminded me of Rota’s Office on Aging, except a different color. I was relieved to find out the building that I had circled past 3x was actually the place where I was meant to go. What caught my attention inside the Youth Center was that they also had a mini library available for the community. We then proceeded to a reading room, and began our final class session. This particular group of students composed of Tinian Youth Center staff. They were warm, friendly, and very helpful. They made it a point to share the books that they read during the class to the children visiting the Tinian Youth Center later on that day. I thought it was remarkable how proactive and supportive they all were for literacy and community bonding. The Tinian Youth Center recently opened its doors, so seeing the eager new faces who support and love what we do was great! Soon after the completion ceremony, I stayed behind at the Tinian Youth Center and held one-on-one meetings with Marvieluz Syed and Rose Lazaro.
JOURNAL ENTRY 4: (7:30AM and 3PM) Visited the Tinian Elementary School and met with Parent Trainers Celina Farrell, Sue Omengkar, and Principal Lou Con-nie Manglona. Shared one-on-one meeting updates with each Parent Trainer and discussed starting classes at the Tinian Elementary School in November. Student Literacy and Numeracy event in December, Motheread asked to participate.

JOURNAL ENTRY 5: (1PM and 4:30 PM) Visited the Tinian Public Library, meeting and onsite Professional Development Training with Marvieluz Syed. Introduced to new library staff and updates on Tinian Public Library. Reviewed facilities and updated staff on JKPL and MRFR events.
September 8-9th, 2017, Assistant Coordinator Beth Demapan visited Rota and hosted the 4th Quarter Rota Parent Trainer and Story Explorer’s Meeting at the Antonio C. Atalig Memorial Library. Prior to the meeting, Ms. Demapan visited trainers at the DCCA, the Manamko Center, Rota Head Start Center, Sinapalo Elementary School Library, and the Sinapalo Elementary School. She continued to network with Rota HOME visiting and the Bank of Guam on Rota to conduct Motheread/Fatheread classes. While on Rota, Ms. Demapan also attended the “We Will Never Forget: 9/11 Tribute and Flag Ceremony” at the Corporal Joe G. Charfauros Jr. Rota Veteran’s Memorial Park.

Despite the rainy weather, Ms. Demapan was able to conduct the Parent Trainers and Story Exploring Instructor’s Meeting on Rota. Parent Trainers Mary Ogo, Geri Dela Cruz and Bergitt Maratita were able to attend the meeting at the Antonio C. Atalig Memorial Library. They shared valuable insight as to program needs and concerns. Motheread/Fatheread planned to attend PTSA and CPIC meetings as well as exhibit in partnership with the Antonio C. Atalig Memorial Library at the Coconut Festival and the Lady Diann Foundation Book Launch. “We are optimistic that Rota families will avail of our Free Literacy Services. We have a strong and dedicated team on Rota who love what they do. We hope to see more Motheread/Fatheread classes!”

On September 16, 2017, CNMI Motheread/Fatheread Rota Parent Trainers Bergitt Maratita and Geri Dela Cruz exhibited at the Coconut Festival. They shared Motheread/Fatheread program information, created a book display and posted sign up sheets for interested participants. Should your business or organization want to avail of a FREE Motheread/Fatheread family Literacy class on Rota, please contact Team CNMI Motheread at 989-8542/783-7678/235-7319 or email cnmimo-
Starting Monday, September 11, 2017, CNMI Motheread/Fatheread classes will be held at the Oleai Elementary School from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adult Classes are facilitated by Parent Trainers Celina Foreman and Nolyn Villagomez. Children’s Story Exploring Classes are facilitated by Instructors Ignacia Reyes and Gloria Kaipat. Course Completion ceremony is scheduled for November 6, 2017. Way to go, Oleai Elementary School Turtles!

Starting Tuesday, September 26, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., CNMI Motheread/Fatheread classes will be held at the Garapan Elementary School Cafeteria. Adult Classes are facilitated by Parent Trainer Leora Lynn S. Terlaje. Children’s Story Exploring Classes are facilitated by Instructor Lyzandra Barcinas. Course Completion ceremony is scheduled for November 28, 2017. Great job, Garapan Elementary School Mallards!
Starting Thursday, September 14, 2017, CNMI Motheread/Fatheread classes will be held at the Kagman Elementary School library from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adult Classes are facilitated by Parent Trainer Elenita Arriola. Children’s Story Exploring Classes are facilitated by Instructor Augustina Jaimatoon. Course Completion ceremony is scheduled for November 30, 2017. Cheers, Kagman Elementary School Marlins!

Starting Wednesday, September 20, 2017, CNMI Motheread/Fatheread classes will be held at the William S. Reyes Elementary School from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 pm. Adult Classes are facilitated by Parent Trainer Celina Foreman. Children’s Story Exploring Classes are facilitated by Instructors Ignacia Reyes and Quendolynn Besong. Course Completion ceremony is scheduled for November 15, 2017. Keep it up, William S. Reyes Elementary School King-fishers!
**Taotao tano'-ta: People of the Island** encompass a collection of local leaders, individuals, and groups from the CNMI whose vision, wisdom and skill have made an enormous impact in the lives of the people of the Commonwealth in many ways. These are progressive local leaders that showcased exemplary leadership roles in public service, community building, and undertakings that benefited the CNMI as a whole. Taotao tano'-ta are Individuals & Artisans that promoted and represented the CNMI local culture and traditions through the arts of healing, music, crafts, dances, culinary, and language enhancement in the Commonwealth and beyond the Pacific. These are also groups and innovative individuals that contributed generously in the development of agriculture, fishing, education, health, law, religion, public safety, and good governance in the Northern Marianas Island. Their untiring efforts to lift the Commonwealth to prosperity leaves no question of their true leanings; that is for the betterment of the CNMI.

Our CNMI Motheread/Fatheread Taotao Tano-ta spotlight for the month of September is Parent Trainer Leoralynn Sablan Terlaje, lovingly known as “Leora.” She was born and raised on the beautiful island of Saipan on September 3, 1980. She has three boys—Jose Darrell (18 years old), Daniel Joshua (17 years old), and Nicolas Alexander (13 years old). She is happily married to Darrell Mark Quitugua Terlaje.

Mrs. Terlaje currently works as the Librarian Assistant II for the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Bookmobile Outreach Services, and she is working on her degree at the Northern Marianas College. She is a certified Parent Trainer having graduated from the Motheread Institute in February 2015. Since her certification, Mrs. Terlaje has facilitated over 3 cycles to 30 families at the Oleai Elementary School and the Garapan Elementary School. This summer alone, while working with the Bookmobile, she conducted Story Exploring Read Aloud Craft and Activities to over 680 children at the Garapan Community Development Center, Garapan Miha Housing, Koblerville Miha Housing, Kagman Community Center, Tanapag Youth Center, Koblerville Youth Learning Center, and the Fernando Benavente Memorial Library (San Antonio).

Mrs. Terlaje is certified in CPR & First Aid, CERT, and she actively volunteers for the American Red Cross. In April 2017, she was awarded the 2017 Division Employee of the Year Award for her outstanding work at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. In October, she will be attending her second trip to the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and will be sharing her love for literacy. “I enjoy being a parent trainer. I get to meet new people and further develop my social skills, teaching skills, and public speaking abilities. The families I meet are truly inspirational. My time at the Bookmobile exposes me to children who love to read, so when I work with adults who share the same joy and commitment, I am thankful that our CNMI is on the right path towards literacy!”

We thank and appreciate you for all your hard work and dedication for our CNMI families. CNMI Motheread/Fatheread is blessed to have you be a part of our family. Un Dangkulo na Si Yu’us ma’ase Leoralynn Sablan Terlaje!

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**CNMI Motheread/Fatheread Classes @ the Koblerville Elementary School**

(Left) Assistant Coordinator Beth Demapan is seen presenting the Motheread/Fatheread Program to the Koblerville Elementary School PTSA. Program Coordinator Viola Deleon Guerrero (not pictured) also assisted with Story Exploring Classes for the Koblerville Elementary School.

Starting Thursday, September 14, 2017, CNMI Motheread/Fatheread classes will be held at the Koblerville Elementary School from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adult Classes are facilitated by Parent Trainer Mercedes Deleon Guerrero. Children’s Story Exploring Classes are facilitated by Instructor Gloria Kaipat. Course Completion ceremony is scheduled for November 9, 2017. Biba, Koblerville Elementary School Hugging Umangs (Hermit Crab)!
Motheread®, Inc. is a nationally acclaimed private, non-profit organization that combines the teaching of literacy skills with child development and family empowerment issues. Parents and children learn to use the power of language to discover more about themselves, their families, and their communities.

Motheread® offers classes for both the adults and children. In adult classes, participants learn to be story readers, writers, and tellers in a group structure that supports their own sense of worth and ability. These classes are appropriate for all adults, regardless of reading ability or prior educational experience. By teaching the “why” of reading rather than just emphasizing the “how”, classes encourage parents to be reading role models for their children. For children, Story Exploring provides a structured environment for learning reading, critical-thinking, and problem-solving skills.

**CNMI Motheread/Fatheread® Current & Upcoming Session Schedule**

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Schedules for interested Private Schools and Organizations/Agencies could be arranged by contacting Viola Deleon Guerrero or Beth Demapan at Tel: 235-7319/989-8542/783-7678 or E-mail: cnmimotheread@gmail.com

COMMUNITY ADVISORY
The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library will be closed for Inventory and the upcoming Labor Day Holiday from August 25-September 5, 2017.