



Quezonian Newsletter

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Quezon City Public Library Branches: Breaking Barriers for Persons with Disabilities

by Mr. Troy Lacsamana

The Quezon City Public Library held activities for the hearing impaired from June 13 to July 31, 2012. This activity was inspired by a US Embassy sponsored web chat entitled *Breaking Barriers: Being Who You Want To Be*, which was attended by a QCPL staff, Mr. Troy Lacsamana.

The speaker is Mr. Robert Lopez, who is a Tony awarded American composer and lyricist of musicals, best known for co-creating *The Book of Mormon* and *Avenue Q*. Mr. Lopez have Filipino roots, her mother is a Filipina. The audience during the said web-chat was students with disabilities such as hearing impaired and visually impaired and organizations who have projects on PWD such as the National Council of Disability Affairs. The audience enjoyed very much the web-chat which lasted for



MOA signing : (Seated) NCDA Executive Director Zubiaga, Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte , City Librarian Emelita Villanueva , (Standing) 2nd from left: Ms. Janet Alday, Ms. Tess Mariano, Head SSDD, Mr. Rizalino R. Sanchez, Ms. Cynthia Tolado, Asst. City Librarian, May Bernal

more than two hours at the Thomas Jefferson Center in Roxas Boulevard, conversing about latest and previous projects of the famous writer.

This led to an idea by Mr. Lacsamana to make a simple activity which will promote reading in kids and provide activities for the hearing impaired. He researched and found a website, signedstories.com

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which have books with American Sign Language interpretation of the storybooks. Thus, he was instructed by the City Librarian, Ms. Villanueva to organize and met the branch librarians and proposed an activity: storytelling with the hearing impaired as audience. The librarians were very glad and eager to accept this new challenge and experience. Preparations were made: orientation on the website, invitation to schools near our libraries, confirmation of the final schedule of the activities. The activity is focused on the hearing impaired since there is an available website with sign language interpretation. Schools are targeted in order for the library to identify which branches have nearby schools with students with disabilities. They are also the most organized group since they are being taken cared of by the teachers and their parents. We also targeted a small group, from 10-15 students so that it will be more manageable.

In summary, the activity was able to reach out to 91 persons with disabilities, 71 of them hearing impaired and 20 other disabilities. It was also participated by 42 teachers, parents and volunteers.

Here are some comments from the teachers:

"We are very thankful and grateful that we were able to be a part of the said activity sponsored by the branch libraries and the

schools." "It opened doors to the students with PWD from Ramon Magsaysay HS." "Thanks for the invitation." The teachers also suggested that materials must be available in the library. The teachers from Payatas also suggested that this is a welcome activity and they are willing to hold such activities in the library every month. The activity also provided a venue for volunteerism such as what happened with our senior citizen language interpreter in Lagro and the AKAPP group and staff of College of Saint Benilde Deaf Department teachers who visited the Krus na Ligas library.

Here are some comments from our librarians:

Ms. Mendoza said "that it is good and timely that we provide activities for them." "Our libraries must continue providing activities that is focused towards persons with disabilities." Ms. Camua and Ms. Quinatadcan also emphasized the need for our librarians to be equipped with basic sign language skills thru trainings in order to serve the PWD well. It is a new experience for them, but our librarians are most willing to deal and accommodate their needs in the library.

Although this activity was originally planned to be held in celebration of National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week starting July 17 every year, this activity will be institutionalized by QCPL by making it regular every quarter especially to branches which have a lot of students with hearing impairment.

In relation to this activity, a simple MOA ceremony attended by Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte and NCDA Executive Director Carmen Reyes Zubiaga was held in Quezon City Public Library to formally open the Persons with Disability Corner of the Main Library last July 17. Other branches, will soon have their own corner. Also Librarians from Cubao,

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SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FOR QCPL STAFF *by Lucila Raquiño*

The Quezon City Public Library conducted series of Seminar on Librarianship. **Basic Cataloguing** was conducted on August 13, 2012 by Ms. Mariza Chico, Head of Technical Services, "Establishment and Organization of Libraries and Marketing Strategies for Libraries", by the City Librarian, Emelita Villanueva and Ms. Fe Gomez respectively, on September 24, 2012 at the Quezon City Public Library Conference Room. Likewise a Storytelling Seminar was conducted with the resource speakers from the Makabata Foundation.

Said seminars aim to increase the skills of the staff

that take charge of the branch libraries and for them to market and promote their library services to the community and ensure that the branch libraries are effectively used by the students and other target clientele.

The said seminars also aim to bring back the reading

habits of children using books and libraries, considering the widespread use of internet gaming.

The public libraries now take great challenge on how to increase readership and make the children and students use their time wisely in the libraries.



Table I Statistics of PWDs Served

Branch Libraries	Hearing Impaired	Other Disabilities	Teachers	Parents	Volunteers
Proj. 4	13	1	2		
Escopa 3	5	15			
Cubao	14	1	1		
Proj. 8	19		2		
Krus Na Ligas	3			2	13
Lagro	10		2		1
Roxas	5	1	1	4	1
Bagong Pagasa	7	2	2	4	
Payatas	18		5	2	
TOTAL	71	20	15	12	15

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Escopa 3, Project 7, Roxas, Main Library also attended a Disability Awareness and Beginning Sign Language Training at the QC Hall last July 18. This was organized by the Vice Mayor's Office.

Summary: People with disabilities served:

Hearing Impaired -	71
Other Disabilities-	20
Total	91

Others:	Teachers	15
	Parents	12
	Volunteers	15
	Total	42

QCPL Librarians Invited To Talk on Basic Librarianship at Taguig City

by Mariza Chico

By Mariza G. Chico

Last August 28-29, 2012, two of QCPL Librarians were invited to be the Resource Speakers in a seminar on "Basic Librarianship" which was conducted at Taguig City Public Library headed by Mr. Joselito P. Carpena. They were Ms. Fe Gomez, Librarian III and Head of the Outreach Services and Ms. Mariza Chico, also Librarian III and Head of the Technical Services. Topics discussed were on the Establishment and Organization of a Library on the 1st day and on the 2nd day Collection Management and Organization and Basic Cataloging attended and participated by fifty (50) Teachers-Librarians of Taguig City.

The two-day seminar aims to equip the teacher-

librarians with basic knowledge and skills on how to establish a library/reading center and, organize and manage its collection thru basic cataloging and classification of books.

The seminar was a success for it was supported by Taguig City officials led by Honorable Mayor Ma. Laarni L. Cayetano, who delivered the Inspirational Message. She said that her support to the education sector will continue as long as she's in the position.

Likewise, Atty. Shelah M.W. Famador, Chief-of-Staff of Taguig City gave the Welcome Remarks and Atty. Antonio Santos, Director of National Library of the Philippines served as Keynote Speaker, all during the first day. During the second day,

the City Administrator of Taguig, Atty. Jose Luis G. Montales, congratulated all the participants who attended the two-day seminar and rendered his closing remarks.



QCPL Staff Visits Bookfair

By Mariza Chico

The City Librarian, Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva, together with nine (9) other library staff, went to visit a 5-day exhibit of the 33rd Manila International Book Fair (MIBF) last September 12, 2012 held at the SMX Convention Center, SM Mall of Asia Complex, Pasay City. It commenced on September 12, 2012 up to September 16, 2012. This is a yearly event where different book stores, publishers and book dealers participated in order to showcase their books on different subjects and what's new in their business. Fora/symposia were conducted simultaneously for free and some with a minimal fee.

organized by Primetrade Asia, Inc. in partnership with Book Development Association of the Philippines (BDAP), Philippine Booksellers Association, Inc. (PBAI), Overseas Publishers' Representatives Association of the Philippines (OPRAP) and Asian Catholic Communicators, Inc. (ACCI).



The 33rd MIBF was

The City Librarian, Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva, (left) together with her staff during the Book Fair

6TH NCR LIBRARIANS' MEETING

by Ms. Fe Gomez

The NCR Librarians conducted its 6th meeting on September 28, 2012, held at Kaban ng Hiyas Congressional Library, Mandaluyong City, attended by Heads of Public Libraries,

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QCPL-GP4L RECEIVES BOOKS FROM CONG. BANAL

By Mariza G. Chico

The Office of Honorable Congressman Jorge "Bolet" Banal Jr. of the Third District of Quezon City thru Mrs. Charminia Banal, President of the Friends of the Library recently donates a total of 7,406 volumes of assorted elementary and high school textbooks published by FNB Educational, Inc.

The good Congressman Banal and her mother Mrs. Charminia Banal have been very supportive to the City Library even when he was still a Councilor.

The books were delivered to Greater Project 4 Branch, under Ms. Irene Camua, located at Bgy. Marilag, Quezon City, last August 15, 2012. The books

were sorted for distribution to QCPL Branches, its adopted Libraries and to public schools both elementary and high school in District III.

On September 5, 2012, a simple turn over ceremony was conducted at the Greater Project 4 Branch, with a short program. It was attended by Ms. Emelita Villanueva, the City Librarian and Branch Librarians and principals of different public schools in District III who are the recipients of the books.

The Honorable Congressman was not able to attend said turn over rites but he was ably represented by his Executive Secretary, Ms. Bingle Custodio and his

ever supportive parents, former Councilor Jorge Banal, Sr. and FOL's President Mrs. Charminia Banal.

Lunch was served after the program courtesy of the family of the Honorable Congressman.



Left : Former Coun. Jorge Banal and Mrs. Charminia Banal turn over the book donations to the City Librarian, Mrs. Emelita Villanueva together with the staff and Head of GP4L Ms. Irene Camua. (Right) Mrs. Banal turns over books to the teachers of District III.

Thomas Jefferson Information Center Supports QCPL

By Ms. Jeniffer Adajo

The City Librarian Ms. Emelita Villanueva has sent Ms. Jeniffer R. Adajo Librarian II, and Head of the Periodicals Section to attend a two-day 1st American Shelves Training - Workshop at Thomas Jefferson Information Center, U.S. Embassy Manila Seafront Compound, Pasay City last September 13-14, 2012.

The said workshop was an opportunity to provide Librarians handling the American Shelves collections better perspective of the key role of the American Shelves and share best practices for more effective programming.

It was also attended and participated by Librarians from the Intramuros Library Consortium, House of Representatives, and The National Library of the Philippines who were the 1st group member in the 33 network of American Shelves.

The Resource Speaker was Director Reysa C. Alenzuela of Thomas Jefferson Information Center, and Mr. Alan Holst, Cultural Affairs Officer, who discussed the Film Resources for Programming in American Shelves.

The goals of the training are:

- To gain knowledge in maximizing the use of the internet. .
- To learn about innovative ideas that will enhance the American

Shelves. To discuss issues and concerns and share best practices and approaches.

- To create a program plan on how best to manage the strategic dissemination of information and create more dynamic programs.

During the workshop, Ms. Adajo presented proposed programs like eLibrary USA data base orientation, Filmshowing and acquisition of additional collections for the American Shelves Corner.

These programs were approved by the TJIC, and hopefully to grant financial support to the QCPL for the implementation of said programs in order to augment the American resources and programming.

The target audience of

this program are the students, professionals and even the differently abled audiences who are users of the American Shelves not only at the Main Library but also at the Branch Libraries located in different brangays of Quezon City.



Ms. Adajo, Head of the Periodicals Section (left, 2nd row) together with the participants and speaker during the seminar-workshop at Thomas Jefferson Information Center.

BRANCH LIBRARIES CORNER



6th Year Anniversary of Galas Branch



Proj. 7 Branch Storytelling Session



Balingasa Branch Storytelling Session



Escopa 2 Branch Library Orientation

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GP4L venue of QCPD Moral & Spiritual Enhancement Seminar Aug. 1, 2012



Graduates of Computer Tutorials and storytelling & Riddles at Proj. 8 Branch



Storytelling for the Deaf at Payatas Branch



Storytelling for the Deaf at Roxas Branch

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Proj. 8 Branch Library Orientation Activity



Library Orientation at T. Alonzo Elem. School, Proj. 4



Datamex Tour at Novaliches Branch Library



Puppet show at Bgy. Dioquino Zobel, Proj. 4



Bestlink Library tour and Orientation at Novaliches Branch Library



Health Awareness Lecture of QCPD at GP4L



Word Factory and Scrabble Activity at the Children's corner at the Novaliches Branch Library



Puppetshow with Barney the Mascot at the Bahay Kubo Library, Payatas.

QCPL and BOC Spearhead Values Formation Seminar

By Lucila Raquiño

The Quezon City Public Library and the Barangay Operations Center join hands in the conduct of Values formation Seminar with the theme "**Tamang Kaalaman sa Pagmamagulang ay Tagumpay ng Isang Barangay**", to all the 142 barangays in Quezon City, led by the agencies' Heads, Ms. Emelita Villanueva and Mr. Jorge Felipe respectively. This will be a long term project considering the vast number of barangays.

The two government agencies started this project to three pilot barangays namely, Barangays Nagkaisang Nayon, Tatalon, and Bagong Silangan, under the able lead-

ership of Hon. Under Feliciano Dela Cruz, Hon. Benedick B. Bañega, and Hon. Crisell B. Beltran respectively.

The prospective participants are parents of each barangay.

This seminar aims to inculcate in the minds of parents their responsibilities to their children. For these children to become responsible themselves as loving and caring individuals and good citizens of the community.

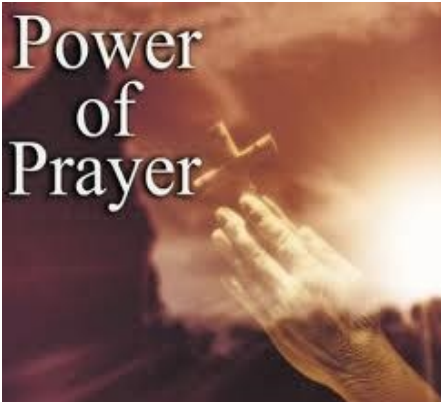
This program will be officially launched on October 4, 2012, in celebration of the 73rd Foundation Anniversary of Quezon City. All barangay captains of the city are invited

to attend the said affair to give them an overview of the forthcoming seminar to be conducted in their respective barangays.



When God Doesn't Make Sense...

by White Dove



A little boy wanted \$100 very badly. He prayed for weeks, but nothing happened. So, he decided to write a letter to God requesting \$100.

When the postal authorities received the letter to "God, USA", they decided to send it to the President.

The President was so amused that he instructed his secretary to send the little boy a \$5 bill. The President

thought this would appear to be a lot of money to a little boy.

The little boy was delighted with the \$5 bill, and sat down to write a thank-you note to God. The postal authorities forwarded this letter on to the President, too. It read:

"Dear God, Thank you very much for sending the money. However, I noticed that for some reason you sent it through Washington, D.C., and those guys deducted \$95 in taxes!"

It's a funny story but what we can learn from this is...

...sometimes when God answers your prayer it will not be exactly as you wanted it to be.

But you just have to

trust. Trust that God's answer to your prayer is the best for you.

Yes, sometimes it seems that God doesn't make sense but remember in Isaiah 55:8-9 it says...**His thoughts are higher than our thoughts. His ways are higher than our ways.**

That's why it's important to keep His Word to your heart and mind through scripture memorization. Because through regular reading, memorization, and meditation of God's Word you develop your faith.

You become a stronger Christian. You start to trust God more and more each day.

Source: www.Memory Delight

Time to reflect on the past !!!

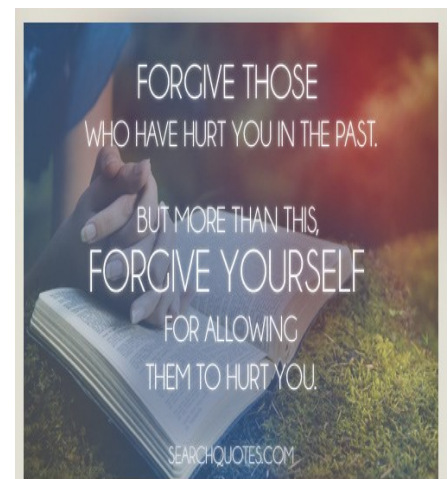
By Marion Flores

Are there people in your life who have **hurt** you physically, spiritually or materially? You have't yet extended the olive branch of forgiveness.

Is it not the time ? If you've forgiven them in your heart, should you let them know and free them from the **bundle of guilt?** And are the people you've hurt , a child, a spouse, a friend, a neighbor, or a co-

worker, a fellow believer? If you feel the tug of the holy spirit in your heart, don't delay. **Forgiveness** is a **wonderful gift** for both the giver and the receiver. Flush away the negative dregs in your cup with miracle working forgiveness and experience the grace of **God filling your love cup.**

To god be the glory ! ! ! !



PWD CORNER @ QCPL NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC...

by Ms. Mary Ann Bernal



The PWD Collections can now be availed and read in our Quezon City Public Library Main Building.

The Corner which was officially opened last July 17, 2012 with no less than Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte as signatory of MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) sparked the affair.

The City Librarian, Ms. Emelita Villanueva has long dreamed of helping and serv-

ing the needs of persons with disability and is now a reality through various library materials on laws, and rights of a PWD. All they have to do is visit our library.

The collections which are located at the Reference Services, headed by the Ms. Mary Ann Bernal, Head of the Reference Services, can now be availed by group or individual visit or walk-ins and for inquiries you can contact telephone numbers 927- 98-34 and 922-4060.

Very soon, we will have a PWD Corner also in our Cubao Branch Library located at Lion's building beside Ramon Magsaysay High School, EDSA.

There will be soon to have series of signing of Memorandum of Agreement for the Cubao Branch and to the rest of the branch libraries in Quezon City. Executive Director of NCDA, Ms. Car-

men Zubiaga and Ms. Emelita Villanueva, City Librarian will be the official signatories and to be witnessed by the corresponding Librarians-In Charge.

"People with disabilities have abilities too and what this course is all about, making sure that those abilities blossom and shine so that all dreams you have can come true"—by Mary McAleese.

Cont. from p. 5 6th NCR Librarians' Meeting

presided by the National Library of the Philippines Director Atty. Antonio P. Santos.

The NCR Librarians group is one cluster of the over all public librarians in the Philippines, Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao.

Also tackled during the meeting was the forthcoming Public Librarians Congress to be held on November 6-8, 2012


at Baguio City Hotel Supreme.

Ms. Emelita Villanueva, Quezon City Chief Librarian will be one of the resource persons to talk on the topic "Outreach Services for Public Libraries."

Other forthcoming activities are the Opening Celebration of Library and Information Service Month,

Search for Outstanding Provincial Public Librarians and Search for 2013 Outstanding Children's Library.

“Praise the children Between Sign”


 Libraries are great way to inculcate the love of reading. Hand in hand, we can reach our objectives of encouraging everyone to read.

Our month of September 2012, had a lot of changes, as we also welcome our new librarian in-charge here at Cubao branch, Mrs. Princesa T. Nebab from Engineering Dept. and with her effort for a more relax and conducive library some interiors was done.

Also for this month, Cubao branch under the leadership of Mrs. Princesa, recently conducted a Storytelling program for the Deafmute Kindergarten children of Batino Elementary school, “Praise for the children between signs” last Sept.28,2012. T'was a very exciting day for the children since it was their first time to have this kind of activity. Joined by their parents and their SPED teachers, they were fetched and brought back from their school. The children was welcomed by Mrs. Princesa and staff followed by a stories with sign language but of course with the help also of Ms. Pearl Talens their SPED teacher. Sir Troy did a short talk about the program itself for the deaf/mute.

“The Voices In My Head Talk In Sign Language” was the theme cover of our invitation together with a flyer that announcess the

services of QCPL-Cubao has and its location that was given to our visitors from Batino Elementary School. After the film showing, the children had some inter-action of the short storytelling

 Surprised! Mrs. Princesa handed price to the one who answer the correct question given. Children were all happy so with a parent that gave his reaction about the activity we had. Saying, “ Sayang hindi sila sumama dahil napaka ganda”. Everyone also had a simple food-gifts that was shared.

For the Cubao branch staff, Congrats!!

Upcoming ! Again Cubao Library Branch will be launching a corner for the people with disability this October, titled “ Persons with Disability Corner” partnering with the National Council on Disability Affairs. This has already been launched at the

by Marion Flores

main library and Cubao Branch will be the first branch library to launch the PWD Corner. With this we are so thankful for all the nice programs that are being blessed to us.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY !!!



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Storytelling with Yakap Day Care Pupils

Drawing Activity at Escopa 3



Recreational activities at Novaliches Branch

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Lupang Pangako, Payatas Puppet Show



Puppet Show at Payatas B for the SPED Kids



Storytelling at Project 8 Branch



Library Orientation to the Roxas Elementary School Pupils

QCPL READERSHIP... UP OR DOWN?

By Lucila Raquiño

The Quezon City Public Library has been serving the information and research needs of the Quezon City Constituents from all walks of life for the past 64 years.

It was greatly noted that percentage of library users was at its peak during the 80's and early of 2000. Library services were purely traditional method then... use of books and other printed materials for research. The library can accommodate at least two hundred (200) users in one sitting, and serves more than five hundred (500) readers a day.

As what the City Librarian, Ms. Emelita Villanueva reported to Ms. Kara David, of GMA News TV during her visit and interview to the Quezon City Public Library, that there was even a long queue of students entering the library for research, especially during Saturdays.

In 2007, the National Book Development Board (NBDB) reported that according to their survey, per-



centage of readership of the reading public lowered from 92% to 88% in 2012. The survey also showed that Filipinos read to gain knowledge and for more information, others for enjoyment or recreational reading.

Then why the decline? Perhaps, because of the media other than print available in the net. Perhaps, Filipinos are more entertained through television, or because books are less affordable nowadays?

The Quezon City Public Library is also alarmed by this decline in readership. Students now prefer to do their assignments through the internet rather than read books. What's more alarming is the way students do their research....COPY and PASTE without even reading and understanding.



YOUR TEXT... MY WISDOM

1. "We should be grateful to the Lord our God for putting us to the test, as he did our forefathers. Recall how He dealt with Abraham, and how He tried Isaac, and all that happened to Jacob in Syrian Mesopotamia while he was tending the flocks of Laban, his mother's brother. Not for vengeance did the Lord Put them in the crucible to try their hearts, nor has He done so with us. It is by way of admonition that He chastises those who are close to Him." Judith 8:25-27.
2. The Lord Jesus Christ has given us the light of another day. In return we thank him as we cry out... "Lord Bless Us and Bring Us Close to You." "You offered yourself in sacrifice for our sins- accept our intentions and our work today. You bring us joy by the light of another day; let the morning star rise in our hearts.

Give us strength to be patient with those we meet; and so imitate you.

3. "Our minds gather the dirt and dust of human opinions everyday... but God's words are like waterfalls that wash our heaths and minds."

4. A Beautiful Prayer:

"Sometimes Lord you break our spirits to save our souls.

You break our hearts to make us whole; You send us pain so we can be stronger; You send us failure so we can be humble; You send us illness so we may take better care of ourselves; And at times Lord, You take everything away from us so we can learn the value of everything. LORD we trust that you are the living God who heals our imperfections. Amen.

5. Everything that irritates you about others is your key to understanding yourself. What angers you in another person is an unhealed aspect of yourself. If you have already resolved the issue... you would not be irritated



by its reflection back to you.

6. Real friends are not those who are nice to be with, but rather those who are nice to talk with because they understand not only your words but also YOU.

7. One thing nice about God, the more you think of HIM, the closer He stays beside you. If you forget Him, He follows behind you, and if you fall He will carry you.

8. **Tips to be good looking:**

For lovely eyes- always look at the good side of other people.

For tender lips- Speak only kind words towards others.

For a charming Face- Always smile with a happy heart.

For Graceful Arms- Reach out with compassion to those in need.

For Beautiful Feet—Always walk with God!



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CIRCULATION—MANICA M. CORTES

Quezon City Public Library was organized on August 16, 1948.

Vision: *To provide library users with facilities where they can use the latest technologies like internet and multi-media to enhance research and facilitate information access and retrieval.*

Mission: *The public library, the local gateway to knowledge, provides the basic condition of life long learning. It shall provide access to all printed, cultural, historical, intellectual and literary heritages of the country and other information sources and ensures the preservation and conservation of these materials through the technological innovations for the use of the future generations.*

Clientele: *The general public from all walks of life;*

Branch Libraries: 18

LIBRARY HOURS:

Mondays— 8:20-5:00pm / Tuesday-Friday-8:00-5:00pm / Saturday-8:00-4:00pm

QCPL 's Book 2 soon to be published ...

QUEZON CITY'S TIMELINE OF EVENTS THAT SHAPED THE CITY

This book is a compilation of significant events in Quezon City from the time of its creation to the present administration of Mayor Herbert Bautista. This book is the volume 1 of the three volumes. This is the second book to be published by the Quezon City Public Library, after the "Quezon City: A Saga of Continuing Progress". These publications aims to enrich the Local History collections of the Library.

