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## **Mayor Herbert Bautista approves the construction of district libraries in QC**

Mayor Herbert Bautista approves in principle the construction of district libraries in Quezon City as proposed by the City Librarian, Ms. Emelita Villanueva.

Councilor Alyson Medalla extended her support in the said project through proposed resolution PR2011-12, "A resolution urging the Honorable City mayor Herbert M. Bautista to construct District Public Libraries one in every District in Quezon City, the fund to be taken from the infrastructure fund or any available fund of the City Treasury."

This project will be a long lasting legacy of the City Mayor considering that the City Library is already an institution.

This is now in the planning stage of construction and it will start in District I utilizing the old Pediatrics Building located at Bago Bantay, near the SM City North.

The proposed district libraries are conceived to be modernized and highly technical public libraries that will cater the information and research needs of the people of Quezon City.

At present QCPL has an existing 18 branch libraries located in different districts, 15 of which have two

or more computers each and are internet connected.

These libraries are open to the general public.

The City Librarian is very grateful to the City Mayor for all the support extended to the City Library.



Hon. Herbert M. Bautista,  
QC Mayor, 2010.-present

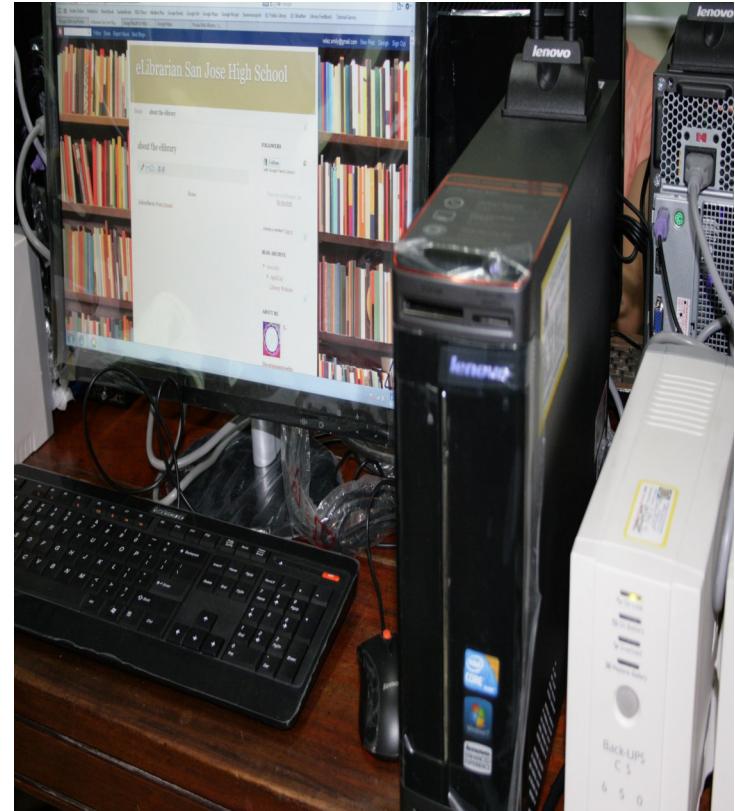
## QC MAYOR HERBERT BAUTISTA PURCHASED 26 COMPUTERS FOR THE QC PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mayor Herbert Bautista has purchased 26 flat screened computer units for the City Public Library that will also be distributed to its 18 branch libraries located in different barangays in the City.

Mayor Bautista has been very supportive in the City Library's needs since the direct beneficiaries are the less fortunate students who can not afford to do research in internet cafes because of its cost. The City Library provides free use of internet to all public school students in the City.

The Library also provides free trainings for Computer basics, Windows basics, Internet, E-Mail, Open Office writer, Open Office Impress and Information Literacy every Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9-10 in the morning. It offers free WIFI, and a library user can also ask questions online through the Ask-a-Librarian which can be seen in the library's website <http://www.qcpubliclibrary.org/>.

The City Library also provides the Lex Libris for law students and other researchers or search the library's bibliographic index through



search the library's bibliographic index through the library's Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC).

Rest assured that these computers block sites not intended for minors and students. They are exclusive for relevant research only.

Mayor Bautista has other great plans for the City Library. He has proposed for the construction of four modernized district libraries in his term and make the City Library a depository of all books published in the City.

# CUBAO BRANCH LIBRARY IN ACTION!

## By Ms. Irene Camua

The Cubao Branch Library promotes the value of reading among students and the youth in the community. It is vital to improve their English skills and to encourage learning outside the classroom. I believe that encouraging students and the youth to develop the love for reading is very important and helpful in their study, like doing their assignments and basically to develop their speaking skills and learn other knowledge outside the school.

From time to time students are encouraged to do their research through the traditional use of books to complement online research.

The Cubao Branch conducts regular storytelling sessions not only at the library per se but to schools like the M. H. del Pilar Elementary School, Lingap School Foundation and Eulogio Rodriguez elementary School. 16 sessions of Storytelling and one (1) session of Puppet show, four (4) sessions of E-storytelling and a 3-day basic computer training to students were conducted.

Training not only to the students but also to the parents will surely be a continuing program of the library.



Basic computer training to kids



Storytelling at M. H. del Pilar Elementary School

# **“ARRIBA ESCOPA 2 BRANCH”**

**by Jennifer M. Quilaquil**

Escopa 2 Branch conducted Free Computer Tutorials from April 11 to April 20, 2011 with two sessions a day, morning and afternoon. 12 participants graduated.

This was made possible through the effort of Ms. Carla A. Mendoza with the help and support of Barangay Captain Ding Ortiz.

The Escopa 2 Branch through Ms. Jennifer M. Quilaquil, librarian-in-charge, had an outreach service by invitation of the Greater Proj. 4 Book Lovers Club to have a storytelling entitled “In Search of the Missing Light” at Paowin Elementary School,

Right: Ms. Quilaquil , Storytelling at Paowin Elem. School, Laguna, below, left:: Ms. Mendoza on computer tutorials, right below, Ms. Quilaquil, storytelling at T. Alonso Elem. School

Cavinti, Laguna.

There was book distribution and feeding to the 87 pupils from Grade 1 to Grade 6.

This was made possible through the leadership of Capt. Oscar Ramos of Barangay Paowin and Mr. Gregorio Gordula, President of GP4BLC.

Last June 19, 2011,

the Escopa 2 branch also conducted a storytelling session in memory of our National Hero Dr. Jose Rizal at Teodora Alonso Elementary School, entitled “Si Jose Rizal noong bata pa.”



## Roxas Branch at a Glance!

**By Ms. Grace Ann M. Velez**

For the 2nd quarter of 2011, Roxas Branch conducted storytelling sessions with the aim to inculcate good moral values among the children of Bgy. Roxas.

Title of stories are: The lion and the Mouse, oral lesson, "Never underestimate our neighbors' capacity. Help... and learn to trust others", The tortoise and the rabbit, lesson, "Success is the fruit of determination and perseverance, Bakit matagal and suundo ko?, lesson, "Be patient and understanding".

There were 86 children-participants, followed by the feeding program

sponsored by the Women's Rights Movement of the Philippines (WRMP). Storyteller was Ms. Cherry Sarmiento-Vallega,

A forum on the "Role of Women in Moral Values Formation and Children's Rights was also conducted and was held at Roxas Public Library last May 30, 2011.

Attendees were 32 mothers and young women.

This forum aimed to disseminate information about the importance of mothers in molding good values to their children as well as letting them know the

rights of their children.

Resource speakers were Dr. Carmencita Aguilar, WRMP President and U. P. Professor and Dr. Trinidad Abeno, a Professor.

During the summer, Roxas branch had undergone remake of its interior. There were re-arranging of furniture and fixtures and painting of murals at the Children's Section.

Other activities at Roxas branch are E-storytelling and tutorials.

The library is under the management of Ms. Grace Ann Velez and Ms. Arlene de Borja.



E-storytelling at Roxas Branch by Ms. Grace Velez

# A SUMMER TUTORIAL & ACTIVITY AT PROJECT 7 LIBRARY BY Susana Santiago

Proj. 7 Branch Library conducted activities that will make the summer days of the children in Barangay Veterans Village more worthy and productive.

Ms Susana Santiago and Ms. Tita Aris conducted storytelling, tutorials on writing, reading and book coloring to 11 children.

The aims of conducting these activities are to give additional knowledge and skills for the kids to ponder and also to encourage these children to use and appreci-

ate the services of the library especially during summer vacation.

Summer time gives Project 7 staff the opportunity to reorganize and remake the interior arrangement of the library.

Bookshelves and other furniture were rearranged and mural painting to make the children's corner more colorful was done.

Proj. 7 library

staff had also a great time together with the Barangay and SK officials and the schools principal and teachers during the Brigada Eskwela at Esteban Abada Elementary School last May 27, 2011.

The group cleaned the school and planted some trees in preparation for the school opening.

It was a great experience.



Storytelling session



Proj. 7 Library staff together with the Bgy. Veterans and SK Officials, Principal and Teachers of Esteban Abada Elem. school

## QCPL SUPPORTS R.A. 9710

### BY Janet Alday

88 Quezon City Public Library Staff including Gender and development (GAD) Focal persons from different QC Hall Offices attended a lecture-forum on R.A. 9710 or the Magna Carta of Women held at QCPL Main building, Quezon City Hall last April 15, 2011.

The forum aims to inform and educate the participants to recognize the basic rights and freedom of Filipino Women, especially those in the marginalized sector and promote the development of their well being whether here or abroad.

The guest speaker was Atty. Claire Angeline P. Lucson, a long time women's advocate and Executive Director of WOMEN L.E.A.D. Inc.

She emphasized that RA 9710 guarantees full enjoyment of rights, including those which were missed out in RA 9262 or the Anti-Violence Against Women Act. And RA 9208 or the Anti-Trafficking Act.

She also explained the new law covering equal rights in all matters relating to marriage and family relations; provides that the

state ensure the same rights of women and men to enter and leave marriages' freely choose a spouse; decide on the number and spacing of their children; personal rights including the choice of a profession; own, acquire and administer their property; and acquire, change, or retain their nationality.

Other guests were Dr. Ruby Palma, Executive Director of QC Gender and Development Resource and Coordinating Office (GADRCO)



QCPL staff from left: Marlene Raquino, Fe Gomez, Troy Lacsamana, Janet Alday, Emelita Villanueva, City Librarian, the lecturer Atty. Claire Angeline P. Lucson, Dr. Ruby Palma, Executive Director of GADRCO), Cynthia Tolado, Asst. City Librarian, May Bernal, Mariza Chico, Eleonor Sampiano and Jennifer Adajo.

# COMMUNITY LIBRARIES INAUGURATED

By Marlene Raquino

A Community Library in Batasan Hills, Quezon City was inaugurated last April 29, 2011. The Library is air-conditioned and has computers with internet and provision for toys and an early childhood corner.

The community Library is a project of the Unang Lingap, Philippines, Inc., under the umbrella of the Children's International, Philippines, spearheaded by Ms. Lei Orioste, Agency Head Director and Ms. Eleanor Pena, Regional Program Coordinator, in coordination with the Quezon City Public Library under the leadership of Ms. Emelita Villanueva and with the support of Barangay Chairman Arnulfo "Rannie" Ludovica. This library will be used by the less privileged children and students of Batasan Hills.

Credit is also given to the 8 library staff organizers, Ms. Fe Gomez, Ms. Ana Puno, Ms. Zenaida Baltazar, Ms. Marcia Moneda, Ms. Michelle Ferrer, Ms. Ma. Luisa Quinalayo, Mr. Ryan Untalan and Mr. Jun Paterter.

The program was livened up by the QCPL Puppeteers who presented a show to the delight of the audience.

Also, last March 25, 2011, Payatas Reading Center, located at the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Barangay Hall

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in Area B, a project of Barangay Captain Rosario L. Dadulo was also inaugurated. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> library in Payatas, one is located in Payatas A. This was also organized by the Quezon City Public Library. LRR/QCPL



Left: Inauguration of Betty Lou Daul Center . The City Librarian gives her speech. Right: Ianuguration of Payatas B Reading Center. Cutting the Ribbon are Coun. Ally Medalla, Bgy Capt. Rose Dadulo and Ms. Emelita Villanueva.

# QC Councilors Push Book Dissemination

By Chito Chavez

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MANILA, Philippines - Two Quezon City councilors proposed the "Book Dissemination Ordinance" that requires publishers of books in the city to furnish the city's public library with at least five copies of all printed books for free.

Councilors Julianne Alyson Rae Medulla and Alexis Herrera of the city's second and first districts respectively authors of the proposal said that books are the cheapest and most effective tools for imparting information, achieving educational growth and recording, preserving and disseminating the nation's cultural heritage.

The proposed ordinance is meant to make these books available to the public through the city libraries and public elementary and high school while encouraging local book publishers to disseminate books

for free by granting them tax credits based on the value of the books actually donated.

Within a 30-day period from the date of any printed book is first delivered out of the press, the publisher whether private, government-owned, individual or judicial person will furnish the afore-

mentioned libraries free of charge.

Upon receiving the book donation, the chief city librarian concerned will have to issue an acknowledgement receipt to the publisher or the representative concern for record purposes.

Under section 6 of the proposed ordinance, Herrera said that the city librarian has the power to use, allocate or distribute in the manner he deems fit in the interest of educational or cultural advancement, scholarship or research the materials on legal deposit at the city library.

Herrera noted that under section 3 of the proposal the city librarian shall keep the record of all materials received containing the particulars like the title of the book, the language in which the book is written, name of author, translator or editor of the book, subject matter and other pertinent information on the books supplied by the publisher.

At the end of each quarter, Herrera said that the records kept by the City Librarian shall be uploaded at the website of the Quezon

City government, counted from the beginning of each calendar year or not less than one month after the end of such quarter.

Any person who violates any provision of the ordinance shall be subjected to a fine of not less than P2,000 but not more than P5,000 depending on the discretion of the court with subsequent violations gaining a fine not exceeding P5,000 and suspension of business permit.

## QC COUNCILOR ALY MEDALLA PROPOSES RESOLU- TION PR2011-12



Coun. Aly Medalla

Coun. Aly Medalla proposes a resolution urging the Honorable City Mayor Herbert M. Bautista to construct district public libraries one in every district of Quezon City.

# CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL PHILIPPINES (CIP) DONATES BOOKS TO QCPL

Again, the Quezon City Public Library received truck-loads of reference books from the Children International Philippines.

This was made possible through the initiative of the City Librarian, Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva who has been very active in soliciting books from different associations, and foundations like the CIP.

The aim is to augment the book collections purchased by the City library

and be able to share the solicited books to less fortunate public libraries, reading centers and school libraries not only within Metro Manila but to other provinces and remote barangays.

Early recipients were Bgy. Apad Library at Jomalig, Quezon received 7,850 volumes, St. Mary's University, BIBAK Students Organization from



Nueva Vizcaya, received 1,088 volumes and Tanday Elementary School, Baclayon, Bohol, received 433 volumes.



- QCPL staff unloads books from the truck to Roxas Branch Library

- Sorting of books at the Roxas Branch Library

## CITY LIBRARY ON BASIC JOURNALISM

Last April 26, 2011, the Quezon City Public Library Staff conducted a seminar workshop on Basic Journalism at the QCPL Main Building at QC Hall.

It aims to give librarians and support staff basic knowledge on

writing skills.

This seminar workshop was in collaboration with the Editorial Staff of the Greater Lagro Gazette.

The Resource Speaker was no other than the Editor-in-Chief of the Greater Lagro Ga-

zette Mr. Felicino U. Galimba, Jr.

The City Librarian Ms. Emelita Villanueva and the speaker Mr. Galimba awarded the certificate of participation to the staff.

## QCPL STAFF VISITS UP ENGINEERING LIBRARY, MARIKINA CITY LIBRARY AND PASIG CITY

Recently, QCPL staff led by the City Librarian Emelita Villanueva and her Assistant Cynthia Tolado visited the UP Engineering Library, Marikina City Public Library and Pasig City Library.

This is part of the annual activity of QCPL to visit libraries of other Cities, municipalities and provinces to be able to gain insights on best practices on library operations and management.

This also gives good relationships to other libraries bringing other things like sharing of resource materials and other linkages.

Above: UP Engineering Library ,  
Below Left :: Marikina City library



# **QCPL REPORTS TO COUNCILORS**

## **Mr. Alisair Troy Lacsamana**

Last June 24, 2011, the Quezon City Public Library through the Asst. City Librarian Cynthia Tolado and Mr. Troy Lacsamana, Head of the Multi Media were able to meet with the councilors or their representatives.

They reported on the programs and projects of the city library and how the councilors may able to help in these projects.

Some reported outreach services are 1) Promote reading to school children thru the

I Love2Read storytelling at branch libraries and nearby schools; 2) Promote Independent learning thru provision of local and international magazines; 3) Promote library to toddlers and parents thru educational puppetshows; 4) Promote research to professionals thru Lex Lebris Law Database; 5) Promote life long learning to seniors and out of school youth thru computer tutorials and free wifi; 6) Encourage

age change and respond to customers needs thru several venues of feedback.

At the end of the report, Coun. Aly Medalla and representatives from other Councilors vowed to support the programs and projects of the City Library particularly on ordinances that will uplift and further strengthen library services.

Present were Councilor Julianne Alyson Rae Medalla herself, representatives from the offices of Councilors Anthony Peter Crisologo, Edcel Lagman, Mari Grace Castelo, Allan Reyes, Eden Delilah Medina, Raulfo Ludivica, Francisco Calalay and Jessica Daza.



Mr. Troy Lacsamana gives his powerpoint presentation report while Coun. Aly Medalla, Ms. Cynthia Tolado and the group listen.

# QCPL MID YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT

## QUEZON CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY MID YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT

ANUARY - JUNE  
2011

### I. QCPL and its branch libraries

The Quezon City Public library to date has 18 branch libraries under its direct supervision and management and 2 adopted libraries. They are located in the different districts as follows:

District I - 4 branch libraries

District II - 5 branch libraries

District III - 4 branch libraries

District IV - 5 branch libraries

As of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2011 QCPL has organized and adopted 2 reading centers as follows:

1. Betty Lou Daul Reading Center at Bgy. Batasan Hills

2. A Reading Center at the Barangay Payatas B

### II. QCPL Book Collections and other reading materials:

Total of 54, 855 vols.

4,506 volumes were purchased in 2010, and Php 3.5 M approved budget for Books Outlay in 201

### III. Library users Statistics:

The QCPL and its branch libraries have served a total of 155,620 researchers.

### IV. Number of Staff

40 regular and 37 contractual employees.

Out of 40 regular employees 18 are licensed librarians, and 1 of the 37 contractual employees is licensed.

### V. Activities Conducted

1. Storytelling - 8 sessions

2. Computer Tutorials - 19 sessions

3. Filmshowing - 1 session

4. Puppet show - 12 sessions

5. Conducted a Literacy Campaign forum in coordination with the Children's Literature of the Philippines and the National Library.

6. Conducted a Forum on Reading and Environment in coordination with the Quezon City Librarians Association.

7. Conducted a forum on Magna Carta of Women held at the QCPL. Donated various books at the Female Dormitory in Camp Karingal under the "Share a Book program" of the Library.

8. Initiated a meeting with barangay captains with libraries in their respective jurisdiction, wherein librarians in charge had powerpoint presentation of their accomplishments.

9. Donated various books at the Female Dormitory in Camp Karingal under the "Share a Book program" of the Library.

10. Organized the Betty Lou Daul reading center for the use of the people of Bgy. Batasan Hills and was inaugurated last April 9, 2011.

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11. Organized the Payatas B Reading Center located at the Barangay Hall

12. Had an Employees Team-building at Subic.

### **VI. New Furniture and Computers and other Equipments:**

The QCPL received 26 new **Lenovo Computers** distributed at the branch libraries. To date, 15 branch libraries have 2 to 4 computers each, and are internet connected.

The Library has also acquired new office tables, chairs, filing cabinets, and steel cabinets.

A new **ID printer** was also acquired by the City Library with the goal to automate the library ID cards of its users.

Window Venetian blinds were also installed.

### **VII. Book Donations from organizations, foundations, etc.**

The QCPL has received container van of books from the Children's International Philippines.

### **VIII. Outreach Services**

QCPL conducted an outreach service in Malabon and at Nueva Viscaya, as per request of the community. Reference books were donated to the libraries.

### **IX. NEW PROJECTS/PROGRAMS**

1..Approval of the City Mayor for the Construction of 4 District Libraries.

2. Proposed ordinance for the amendment of Ordinance No. 3559, An ordinance prescribing the powers and duties of the City Librarian and

Superintendent, Quezon City, and promulgating rules and regulations for the operation thereof.

#### **Amendments include:**

1. The fees to be collected for the Library ID cards and the fee for overdue books.

2. Rightful guarantors.

3. Correction/change of some terminologies used. Correction/change of some terminologies used.

3. Automation of Library ID Cards.

4. Submitted project proposal for the 2013-2014 UNESCO World Book Capital in behalf of the QC government. The proposal was accepted and QC was one of the nominees.

## SPIRITUAL CORNER

by white Dove

"Man does not live by Bread Alone". True enough for I have pondered the spiritual words sent to me by friends which stayed in my cellphone's inbox.

I just wanted to share some of these which made me think twice and at least gave me lessons to learn and wisdom to ponder.

### 1. "God's Healing Grace":

When illness comes your way, Don't fill your heart with fear, just put your faith in God, for you know He's always near. When you kneel to Him in prayer, he will teach you how to cope, For when you put your trust in Him, Your faith will give you hope. Your strength and hope will never die if you nourish it with faith, And God will fill you with His love, and bless you with His grace.

### 2. "Someone Loves Us"

In times of deep discouragement, and when we're filled with fear, someone understands our plight and holds us very near. Someone has the answers when a solution we must find, someone has an

outstretched hand and who's both merciful and kind. Someone listens to our pleas and stands steadfastly by our side. As long as we abide in Him, amid still waters or rushing tides. Someone very special cares for us and will see us through. When the thunderstorms rumble and our days are dreary and blue, this "**someone**" is our Father in Heaven up above-

3. "A Prayer" In tough times, LORD, let me stay motivated and calm... Let me look at how far I have come, rather than how far I still have to go... Let me continue counting my blessings, not what I have been missing... May everyday bring new chances to grow... new beautiful things to see... New plans to do... New goals to pursue...As every new day is GOD's miracle day...! Amen.

4. Life is an undying cycle. It's a battle of survival. If you quit, then you're a loser. If you fall, then stand up. If you keep on complaining about the miseries of your life, nothing will happen. God doesn't

throw stones that we cannot catch. Live with Him and everything will turn out good. Have faith always!

5. Specific emotions that weaken organs of the body: ANGER weakens the liver. GRIEF weakens the lungs; WORRY weakens the stomach; STRESS weakens the heart and the brain; and FEAR fails the kidney. **STAY HAPPY! LOOK GOOD! FEEL GOOD! DO GOOD HEALTH IS WEALTH.**

6. Wisdom is knowing when to speak your mind and when to mind your speech. A word from our mouth speaks volumes about our heart. Lord God bless our heart full of your wisdom..

7. When I saw Jesus on the cross, I grieved and cried.. "who nailed Him?" but I was shocked when I turned and saw the hammer in my hand. . Heb. 6:6.

**GOD BLESS US ALL!**

## **QCPL EMPLOYEES UNWINDING & BONDING**

Last May 4, 2011, the QCPL employees led by the City Librarian Emelita Vilanueva and her assistant Cynthia Tolado, had their annual teambuilding at Camayan Beach Resort, Subic Bay.

It was another year of unwinding from the pressures of library works and bonding together with fellow employees.

Fresh air to breath, clean beach, sumptuous food. It was great! Coupled with teambuilding activities, renewed friendships, showed love and care with each other. God was with the employees guiding and watching every move we made, heard every word we speak.

Guiding our ways back and forth, winning any obstacles along the way, controlling emotions.

It was a great experience, the advantage of having teambuilding.

See each and everyone again next year.

**ALL  
ABOARD!**



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## Cont. from page 17 QCPL employees



LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION..  
SAY CHEESE!



## Cont. from page 18 QCPL employees...



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

**Vision:** QCPL ENVISIONS IN PROVIDING MODERNIZED LIBRARY FACILITIES AND SERVICES THAT WILL ENHANCE, SUPPORT AND DEVELOP THE LEARNING AND RESEARCH OF ITS CLIENTELES.

A WORLD CLASS PUBLIC LIBRARY WHERE ALL SCHOLARLY INFORMATIONS ARE EASILY ACCESSED DOWN TO THE GRASSROOT LEVEL, AND THAT SHOWCASES RICH COLLECTIONS OF THE CITY'S LOCAL HISTORY AND CULTURE.

**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 21

**LIBRARY HOURS:**

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



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