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The Hon. City Mayor Josefina "Joy" Belmonte with City Librarian Emelita L. Villanueva

CITY LIBRARIAN RECEIVES PFPA PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

By: Mariza G. Chico

Last February 29, 2020, the Philippine Federation of Professional Association (PFPA) held their 7th Professional Excellence Award at the Bahay ng Alumni, University of the Philippines, Q.C. wherein our City Librarian, Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva, was among the twenty-four (24) Professional Distinction Awardees. Aside from this distinction, each member Professional Association will select one (1) Excellence Awardee for their profession from any of the following categories/fields, namely: a) Private/Specialized Practice; b) Government/Organization/Community Service;

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City Librarian's Corner

Amid the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic, 2019 and the first quarter of 2020 have been very rewarding and fruitful for the Quezon City Public Library. For us, we have accomplished so much, both in terms of capacity building and personnel development, which we believed are worthy of emulation and inspiration to other libraries, especially those in the public library sector.

For capacity building, the QCPL has adopted various programs and activities designed to bring library services closer to the communities, especially in the grassroots level.

QCPL has also actively campaigned for the promotion of its reading advocacy especially among children in the belief that reading enhances literacy and improves children's educational performance
in schools.

The library highly encourages children to visit the library in order for them to appreciate, even at an early age, the importance of books and understand why library visits are enjoyable and pleasant.

2019 also saw the promotion to permanent status of QCPL staff who have spent several years as contractual employees at City Hall. As an offshoot of the departmentalization of the QCPL, almost 50 percent of its vacant positions have been filled up.

There is still more good news about the QCPL.

In the early part of the 2020, QCPL - Talipapa Branch has been adjudged by the National Library of the Philippines as one of the country's top performing
branch libraries in 2019.

Modesty aside, yours truly has been nominated by the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. for the Professional Distinction Award and was lucky enough to bag the Professional Excellence Award given by the Philippine Federation of Professional Association (PFPA) in the field of Government Service.

While the world is gripping from the threat of COVID-19, let us continue to remember that there is still light at the end of the tunnel. Rest assured that the QCPL will continue to remain relevant in these trying times, even in its simple and little way.

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Let to right: Jennifer Leoncio, Lucila Raquiño, Emma Rey, Lilia Echiverri, Emelita Villanueva, Rogelio Villanueva, Mariza Chico, Mary Ann Bernal, Cherry Taruc, Analiza Martinez and Donna Mae Estoque.

c) Academe/Research and Development; and d) Overseas Filipino Professionals. In the case of our City Librarian, she was nominated by the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI), as the accredited professional organization for librarians. Fortunately, our very own Ms. Villanueva bagged the Professional Excellence Award in the field of Government Service. The PFPA Excellence Awards was established to serve as an inspiration to member-professionals to excel in their chosen fields of endeavor as well as motivate them to give their very best for the country. It gives the highest distinction to be conferred to professionals who have displayed exemplary contribution in the advancement of their professions and to nation-building. The PFPA is committed to promote the Filipino professionals in the Philippines and the global community. It is also duty-bound to continuously raise the bar of excellence among the professionals. Ms. Villanueva's contribution to the library profession is enough proof to be given such award. She is a very passionate and hard-working City Librarian who spearheaded the continuous innovations and modernization of library services in Quezon City Public Library that made it as a model public library to other public libraries in the country. She was the prime mover of the departmentalization of QCPL which is now being implemented, initiated various programs for the development of the staff as well as outreach services to help other public and school libraries not only in Quezon City but out of town and to the hard to reach libraries and reading centers. She has also been very supportive to the different libraries in NCR, sharing books and providing basic librarianship seminars. With all her accomplishments, Ms. Villanueva deserves to be awarded as Natatanging Propesyunal na Tagapangasiwa at Tagapaglingkod ng Pampublikong Aklatan conferred by the National Library of the Philippines and The Asia Foundation last March 19, 2019 held in Puerto Princesa, Palawan in celebration of 60th Public Library Day.

BookTANical

By: Bienvenido P. Ongkiko, III

The Quezon City Public Library - Novaliches branch formally launched its Book-TANical Garden (formerly named "Green Library" or "Luntiang Bahay Aklatan") on January 23, 2020, located at a vacant lot at the back of the library building to serve as an extension of the library services to the people of Novaliches Proper. Table and chairs were placed in the garden and copies of magazines hanged in makeshift newspaper stand, for the people roaming the garden to just sit, read, relax and enjoy the beautiful scenery of the sprouting vegetable plants like pechay, ampalaya, mustasa, green sili, malunggay, and other flowering plants. It is a pioneering effort of Novaliches Branch Library to inspire people to plant as well in their own backyards and experience how a simple pot of soil with seeds when grown can provide healthy food for the family.

To mark the occasion, a ribbon-cutting ceremony, led by the City Librarian, Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva, highlighted the formal opening of the Book-Tanical Garden. "This is another innovative project of the QCPL out of the four corners of the library", the City Librarian said in her speech.

Among those present during the occasion were the Acting Assistant City Librarian Mariza G. Chico, Publication Services Head Lucila R. Raquiño, Children's Corner Head, Alistair Troy Lacsamana, District Libraries Head Analiza Martinez, Marketing Section Head, Mary Ann L. Bernal and District V Libraries Coordinator Emerlina R. Tan.



From left to right: BOC Sheila Marie Jaranilla, OIC-Asst. City Librarian Mariza G. Chico, District Coordinator Emerlina R. Tan, Marketing Section Head Mary Ann L. Bernal, District Libraries Head Analiza C. Martinez, Publication Services Head Lucila R. Raquiño and City Librarian Emelita L. Villanueva.



Mr. Bienvenido P. Ongkiko, III as the master of ceremony

District IV Libraries celebrates Bible Month

BY: JENIFFER R. ADAJO



Cubao branch library staff, Elizabeth dela Cruz and Maria Carmen C. Chua conducting Bible reading with Junior and Senior high school students in the community.

As part of the celebration of Bible Month in January, District IV libraries, consisting of Cubao, Krus na Ligas, Roxas and San Isidro-Galas Branch Libraries, spearheaded various activities that highlighted the importance of reading the Bible.

The Cubao Branch Library conducted Bible reading and sharing from Book of Daniel Chapter 1, Verse 8, which was participated by Junior and Senior High School students in the community. The book of Daniel talks about how God gave Daniel favor and compassion because of his faithfulness. Everyone shared their thoughts, feelings, experiences and testimonies.

The Krus na Ligas branch library conducted a simultaneous film showing before grade school pupils from Krus na Ligas Elementary School and General Roxas Elementary School and the San Isidro Galas Branch spearheaded a storytelling session before 40 pupils of Doña Aurora Quezon Elementary School facilitated by Ms. Grace Ann Velez. The story revolves around the Book of Exodus (the Passover) with the main character, the Prince of Egypt, Moses, and the people who have been freed from slavery for over 400 years in the hands of Egyptian Pharaohs.

These activities emphasized the importance of reading the Bible from which students can learn from and adopt in their lives and also an opportune time for them to strengthen their faith and relationship with God. This yearly celebration encourages children to spend their quality time with the Lord by reading His words in the Bible.





KRUS NA LIGAS BRANCH - Mr. Jeffrey Francisco conducts a brief library orientation and explains about the National Bible Month celebration.





ROXAS BRANCH LIBRARY - Ms. Rosalie Teologo asked questions to children on what they have learned about the film entitled "Adam and Eve".





SAN ISIDRO GALAS BRANCH - Ms. Grace Ann Velez facilitating the Bible Reading.

QCPL-Lagro Branch Launches Super Bookman

By: Raquel I. Lunar

In celebration of World Read Aloud day, the Quezon City Public Library (QCPL)-Lagro Branch Library had launched a super book hero named "Super Bookman" on January 21, 2020 at Barangay Lagro proper with the aim to encourage more people to enjoy reading.

"Super Bookman" will be wearing a costume and designed to go around the barangays in the 5th District of the city to conduct series of reading campaigns, promote library services thru library orientation and share and read books to children. The concept of this project is to draw the attention of the children, teenagers and even adults to listen to Super Bookman (considering the very colorful costume) for them to go to the library and read.

The launching of Super Bookman kicked off with a motorcade from Lagro Subdivision to Quirino Highway to Maligaya Road, Belfast Avenue, Bristol Street and back. It was participated in by 108 preschool children from Yakap Day Care Center.







With the City Librarian Emelita L. Villanueva (7th from left) together with some of QCPL Novaliches branch and main library staff.

1st and 2nd photo from above: Super Bookman during the parade

Put Print in the Sand Art Activity

By Elisa Blanca E. Yulai

No need to go to the beach just to play sand.

An art activity was spearheaded by the Quezon City Public Library - [QCPL]Payatas Lupang Pangako Branch on February 6 to encourage Grade 4 and 6 students of Lupang Pangako Elementary School to make their own sand art.

"One can see the excitement of the children in doing the activity as they were brought back to their childhood days." Mendros said.

According to Mendros, the activity has an academic and cognitive benefits for it enhances color recognition. Through it, children were able to increase their ability to label colors and help understand as to what will happen when certain colors are mixed together. It also increases fine motor skills and enhances hand-eye coordination.





Ms. Marivic Mendros, library staff explaining & demonstrating the mechanics of the activity.



Ms. Marivic Mendros assisting the children in doing the activity.





Participants holding their artwork;

a participant's showing her best artwok with Ms. Chona Masbate, Coordinator District 2 libraries

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Novaliches Branch Celebrates World Read Aloud Day

By: Eleanor M. Sampiano

In celebration of the Read Aloud Day in the month of January, the Quezon City Public Library-Novaliches Branch in partnership with Doña Rosario Elementary School conducted storytelling sessions and book distribution, participated by almost 900 pupils from said school with the aim to promote love for reading and sharing stories.

Library staff, Mr. Nicomedez Neptali S. Remoral and Mr. Jose Carlo S. Ibabao shared stories entitled, "Ang Mangingisda at ang Tamban" to Grade IV and V students and "Ang Ambisyosong Istetoskop" to Grade II and III pupils respectively. The pupils also requested Ms. Jelly Marie Velasco, of Metro Manila College to also render a story and she told the story entitled, "Ang Bisita ni Lolo Lino." This was followed by a dance number from our work immersion students as they groove to the jingle of "Tara na sa Ating Aklatan" to the delight of the students.



Mr. Jose Carlos S. Ibabao during the storytelling of "Ang Ambisyosong Istetoskop" with the Grade 2 and 3 pupils of Doña Rosario Elementary School.



Big books distributed to the Grade 2 and 3 pupils of Doña Rosario Elementary School.

CAREER ORIENTATION HANDA KA NA BA?

By: Analiza T. Puno



The resource speaker from UST Angelicum College, Ms. Mycel R. Tameta



Sergio Osmeña senior high school student participants having some fun with the resource speaker Ms. Mycel R. Tameta



Sergio Osmeña senior high school student participants

The Quezon City Public Library - Masambong Branch conducted a Career Orientation Program "Handa ka na Ba?" at Sergio Osmeña Senior High School last February 14, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It was coordinated with the School Librarian, Mr. John Paul Ramos and School Principal, Ms. Adora Teano.

It was participated in by two (2) sections of Grade 10 Junior High School consisting of seventy (70) students. The resource speaker was Ms. Maiqui Mycel R. Tameta, a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Communication in UST - Angelicum College. Her talk was about students' Emotional Quotient (EQ) for the participants to be ready in going to the next chapter of their lives. It was about the realities they would be facing soon. She also introduced to the students what is called the quarter - life crisis, wherein students may feel a great deal of pressure in acting like an adult. She said that according to research, in this time of their lives is when they are expected to act like an adult and be pressured about the expectations of being in the "real world" but still are not prepared on how to act like one. Furthermore, she stressed about the reality that in their lives there will be hardships that they will always encounter.

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Gears Towards an Autism-Friendly Environment

By: Rowena G. Remiendo

The *Quezon City Public Library has partnered with the Autism Society of the Philippines (ASP) for the launch of the first seminar-orientation promoting the development of an autism friendly-environment in the city library.*

Councilor Nicole Ella "Nikki" V. Crisologo, who sits as chairperson of the QC Council committee on People with Special Needs and Ms. Cecil Sicam, one of the founders of the ASP, were among those present during the activity.

In her inspirational message, Councilor Crisologo stressed that there is a continuing effort from the Quezon City government to address the concerns of children with special needs in the city. She said that plans are underway to ensure that developmental program shall be adopted by the city for the benefit of children with special needs, specifically those diagnosed with autism.

For her part, Sicam, whose son was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, underscored the importance of creating an autism friendly-environment as she encouraged people to be mindful of the challenges faced by people with autism and their families, as well.

Initiated by the Readers Services Division, the orientation-seminar was attended by some 50 library personnel, including division heads, section heads, district coordinators and front liners.

City librarian Emelita L. Villanueva, in her inspirational message, vowed to support the development of an autism-friendly environment at the QCPL as she emphasized that people with autism need more understanding and empathy rather than criticized and belittled.

Held January 20 at the QCPL building, the activity was also attended by ASP Vice President Perlita So.



Edward Bayani, Rowena Remiendo, Charles Pasicolan, Analiza Martinez, Mariza Chico, Perlita So, Cecil Sicam, Emelita Villanueva, Lucila Raquiño, May Ann Bernal, Alistair Troy Lacsamana, Ma. Victoria Manuel, Paulo Dominik Daulat, Manica Cortes, Donna Mae Estoque & Janet Alday.



Group photo of participants together with Councilor Nicole Ella "Nikki" Crisologo (sitting in-front in red dress)



The City Librarian Emelita L. Villanueva



Councilor Nicole Ella "Nikki" Crisologo



The Acting Assistant City Librarian Mariza G. Chico



The speaker Ms. Cecil Sicam

LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL JAPAN DONATED COMPUTER SET FOR QCPL CUBAO BRANCH

MARIA CARMEN C. CHUA

The Quezon City Public Library- Cubao Branch acknowledges the philantrophic deeds of Higo Reimei Lions Club International District 337-E from Kumamoto, Japan represented by Immediate Past President Hirosuke Genkawa, Yanachi Koichi and Ana Marie Fukada in partnership with District 301-D2 headed by Governor Generoso D. Del Rosario by donating one (1) set of Desktop Computer for this branch. Said Office equipment was turned over through District IV Libraries Coordinator Jeniffer R. Adajo, Library in Charge Maria Carmen C. Chua, and its staff last February 19, 2020.

In return, Cubao Branch gave its donors Certificate of Appreciation to express its gratitude for their goodness.

Ms. Floribel Carlos, District Chairperson of the Reading Action Program of Pasig Lions Club District 301-D2 also donated storybooks for our branch library where its community can benefit. She was actually the one who initiated the donation of said computer set.

It's noteworthy that Lions Clubs International (LCI) is an international non-political service organization and has been an active and generous sponsor and partner of QCPL-Cubao branch's outreach projects and activities aim to uplift the quality of life of the latter's adopted schools and communities.

For this year, Lions Club International District 301-D2 has lined up pledges for this branch – something to be excited in the near future.

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Higo Reimei Lions Club International District 337-E from Kumamoto, Japan represented by IPP Hirosuke Genkawa, Yanachi Koichi and Ana Marie Fukada in partnership with District 301-D2 donating one (1) set of Desktop Computer for this branch. Also, Cubao Branch gave its donors Certificate of Appreciation.





District IV Libraries Coordinator, Ms. Jeniffer R. Adajo acknowledged the donation and the donors from Lions Club International Kumamoto, Japan. Immediate Past President Hirosuke Genkawa gave a brief speech and also expressed his gratitude for the Filipino hospitality he experienced.





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VISION: The QCPL envision itself to be a premier and world-class public library, responsive to the information and research needs of the community.

MISSION: Imbued with its Vision, the QCPL commits to:

1. Provide quality resources and services to meet the changing needs of the community through the introduction of innovative techniques for the advancement of learning and literacy.

2. Train and develop the staff to be equipped with the needed skills and competencies and strive to be an innovator in public library services.

3. Foster strong linkage and partnership among government and non-government agencies both local and international.

QCPL CORE VALUES:

1. QUALITY RESOURCES AND SERVICES – QCPL believes in the value of accuracy and efficiency in providing information to its clientele, through the available relevant resources in different format facilitated by the flexible, responsible, service-oriented, skilled and resourceful QCPL team that helps in the formation of responsible citizens of the city and the country.

2. COMMITMENT - QCPL team believes in the importance of commitment in doing its role wholeheartedly as a public library through honest, trusted, loyal and motivated employees to achieve personal and professional integrity.

3. PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY – QCPL team believes in the value of developing its human resources to become fully aware of their duties as professionals, accountable in everything they do and respectful in dealing with their clients, co-employees, and duly constituted authorities.

4. LEADERSHIP - As a prime public library in the country, QCPL team continues to be an influence to other public libraries in the country being the leader in public library service through its innovative strategies and initiatives.