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Braille Books Now in Quezon City Public Library

By: The Library Extension Division

The Quezon City Public Library (QCPL) is on a transformative journey to become a model of inclusivity that ensures every member of the community feels welcomed, supported, and valued.

In line with the celebration of the 34th Library and Information Science Month with the theme "LibVocacy: Unity Towards Inclusive and Empowered Libraries," the Library Extension Division (LED) conducted an activity entitled "Launch of Braille" in the morning of November 28, 2024 at QCPL Main Library Conference Room. This activity reflected the QCPL's vision of being an inclusive public library.

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QCPL Accepted a Special Citation Award at QC Green Awards 2024

By: Ms. Dominique Alexinne V. Dizon

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Kasabay ng panahon ng kapaskuhan, tayong lahat ngayon ay natitipon para sa ating Year-End General Assembly. Gusto ko kunin ang pagkakataon na ito upang mag-reflect sa ating naging taon bilang pampublikong librarian. Sa repleksyon na ito ay maryoon akong dalawang salita na nais bigyang-diin: **Sarili** at **kapwa**:

Ang una ay **sarili**-- isang salita na malinaw na mai-ugnay sa atin bilang isang indibidwal. Sumasaklaw ito sa panlabas at panloob natin bilang isang tao. Ang panlabas na sarili ay ang pisikal na katawan, instrumento sa pagtupad ng ating mga gawain sa library. Ramdam ng panlabas na sarili ang bawat pagod, ginahawa, init, o lamig, na ating nararanasan sa araw-araw, librarian man o library staff. Ito rin ang dahilan kung bakit narito tayo, kasalukuyang nasa pagtitipon na ito. Ang panloob naman ay hindi nakikita ngunit tulad ng pisikal ay mahalaga. Ang panlooob na sarili ang sumasalamin sa bawat dalangin sa araw-raw, gayun din ang iba't ibang asal at prinsipyo na ating pinanghahawakan. Ang sarili ay nakaugat hindi sa sarili lamang, kung hind sa kapwa na siyang magbibigay saysay sa lahat ng ating ginawa, ginagawa, at gagawin. Kung ang una ay mayroong dagdag unlapi— ito ay ngayon ay MAKA-sarili. At hindi ito ang nais natin maging bilang librarian at library staff na nagbibigay serbisyo sa publiko.

Nabanggit ko ang magkaugnay ang sarili sa kapwa. Ito ay maaring indibidwal-- library client, kapwa librarian o library staff, pamilya, kaibigan, atbp. Ito rin ay maaring kolektibo—ang komunidad na ating pinagsisilbihan, ating institusyon, o ang komunidad na ating na-identify bilang indibidwal. Sa kapwa natin nakikilala at napapalalim ang ating sarili. Sa kapwa din nakatatamo ng talino sa gitna ng kawalan; lakas sa gitna ng kahinaan. At higit sa lahat, tulad ng aking nabanggit, sa kapwa din natin nabibigyan saysay ang bawat pagsisikap na ating ginagawa.

Ang pagtatangi at ugnayan ng mga salita na ito ay dinadalangin sa patuloy na pagdingas sa sunod na taon at sa darating pa na dekada.

Nawa'y ang repleksyon na ito ay magiwan ng liwanag sa damdamin ng bawat isa; magalab tulad ng dingas na nais natin makamtan sa sunod pang mga taon. Pasasalamat sa bawat isa sa patuloy na pagtaguyod ng ating pampublikong aklatan.

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Ms. Dolores D. Carungui, Reference Division Chief-NLP, delivering her inspirational message.



Ms. Mariza G. Chico, OIC-QCPL, conveying her heartfelt message to the attendees.

It was participated by one hundred (100) attendees from different schools, libraries, institutions, and organizations affiliated by the library namely: KahelPress, Adarna House, OMF Literature - Hiyas, Vibal Group, Anvil Publishing, Room to Read, Lampara Books, Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO), Social Services Development Department (SSDD), QC Kabahagi, Schools Division Office (SDO), Parent Advocates for Visually Impaired Children (PAVIC), Manila City Library, and Valenzuela City Library, together with the storybooks authors.

The QCPL would specially like to thank the following for their help and support to make this project possible: The National Library of the Philippines (NLP), Resources for the Blind Inc., Batino Elementary School, and Quirino High School.

A heartfelt message from Ms. Mariza G. Chico, OIC-QCPL, and an inspirational message from our esteemed partner, Ms. Dolores D. Carungui - Reference Division Chief of NLP, kickstarted the activity.

These projects embody the QCPL's dedication in making every visitor feel supported and valued. Through inclusive storytelling, accessible design, and tactile literacy resources, the library demonstrates a vision where learning and access to knowledge belong to everyone and truly becoming a library for all.



Ms. Mariza G. Chico, OIC-QCPL, presenting the Braille books to Hon. Mayor Joy Belmonte



A group picture, featuring Braille books, with Hon. Mayor Joy Belmonte, Ms. Mariza G. Chico, OIC-QCPL, and the Technical Services Division

The QCPL also presented the Braille books to the Hon. Mayor Josefina "Joy" Belmonte days after its launch dated December 2, 2024. She strongly affirmed her support to all persons with disabilities in Quezon City.

Stay informed about upcoming events, workshops, and other library activities by following our official social media accounts.

Balik-Tanaw: Paglingon sa Nakaraan, Pagsulong sa Hinaharap

By: Ms. Maria Antonette O. Yabut

Last October 1, 2024, the QCPL - Cubao Branch celebrated a significant milestone — its 70th founding anniversary. The event, with the theme "Balik-Tanaw: Paglingon sa Nakaraan, Pagsulong sa Hinaharap," was a joyous tribute to seven decades of cherished memories that reflects the library's evolution into a vital hub for learning and community engagement in today's society.



Ms. Mariza G. Chico, QCPL - OIC, delivering the opening remarks.



Ms. Mary Ann Bernal, OIC (Assistant City Librarian) concluding the program with heartfelt closing remarks.

The celebration was graced by several esteemed guests, including District 4 Action Officer Atty. Zandy Zarate, who represented Hon. Mayor Joy Belmonte, and Ms. Carmi Bandayrel, standing in for Hon. Vice Mayor Gian Sotto. Their presence underscored the importance of the library within the community. Distinguished guests such as OIC-QCPL Ms. Mariza G. Chico, OIC (Assistant City Librarian) Ms. Mary Ann L. Bernal, and Division Heads Ms. Jeniffer R. Adajo (Reader's Services), Ms. Jennifer R. Leoncio (Library Extension), and Ms. Manica M. Cortes (Technical Division), and Hon. Graziella Saab of Barangay Pinagkaisahan contributed to the celebratory atmosphere.



District 4 Action Officer Atty. Zandy Zarate delivering his inspirational message on behalf of Mayor Joy Belmonte.

The event kicked off with welcoming remarks from Ms. Mariza G. Chico, who reflected on the library's rich history and its role in fostering community connections. A nostalgic video presentation followed, showcasing highlights from the library's journey over the decades. This engaging montage included archival photographs, testimonials from longtime patrons, and glimpses of various programs and events that have taken place throughout the years. Many attendees were moved by the stories shared, recounting how the library has been a source of knowledge, support, and inspiration in their lives.



Mr. Joshua Ebalobo, Library-in-charge of QCPL Dagohoy Branch, captivating the guests with a heartfelt serenade while a video presentation is being played in the background.



Each guest writing their congratulatory messages in the memory frame.

Atty. Zandy Zarate delivered an inspirational message that emphasized the library's significance as a beacon of hope and learning in the community. He praised the library staff for their dedication and encouraged continued collaboration to enhance educational opportunities for all residents. Ms. Mary Ann Bernal concluded the formal program with heartfelt closing remarks as she reiterated the library's commitment to adapting and evolving in the face of changing community needs.



A photo opportunity taken after the event.

As the event wrapped up, attendees wrote down their congratulatory messages in a memory frame to further symbolized the library's enduring legacy and its bright future. The 70th anniversary was not just a celebration of the past, but also a hopeful vision for continued service and innovation in the years to come.

QCPL Accepted a Special Citation Award at QC Green Awards 2024

By: Ms. Dominique Alexinne V. Dizon

Congratulations!

The QCPL is thrilled to announce that it received a Special Citation for Climate Action award in the last QC Green Awards 2024 held on November 28, 2024 at Meetings, Incentives, Conference and Exhibits (MICE) Center.

The Quezon City Green Awards recognize organizations that demonstrate climate action and disaster risk reduction initiatives. It also aims to promote sustainable practices, encourage participation in waste reduction and recycling, improve waste management practices, and raise awareness about environmental issues.

The QCPL was honored with the Special Citation for Climate Action award for going beyond its traditional mandate and becoming a library that champions environmental education, setting an example of how a government department can play a key role in advancing environmental consciousness.



QCPL Special Citation for Climate Action trophy

The QCPL reaffirms its commitment to serve for the betterment of the community by supporting a clean and green environment through being a local gateway to information that fosters environmental awareness and promotes sustainable practices.



Ms. Mariza G. Chico, OIC-QCPL, receiving the award from Hon. Mayor Josefina "Joy" Belmonte and City Administrator Michael Victor Alimurung.

2024 DLD DISTINCTION AWARD CEREMONY

By: The District Libraries Division



Awarding the District 1 Libraries Staff



Awarding the District 2 Libraries Staff



Awarding the District 4 Libraries Staff

To recognize the exceptional efforts and talents of the library staff across District and Branch Libraries, the QCPL – District Libraries Division (DLD) held the 2024 DLD Distinction Award Ceremony last December 7, 2024. The objective of this annual event was to appreciate and acknowledge the hard work and dedication of library personnel while motivating them to reach their full potential.

The ceremony formally started when Ms. Analiza C. Martinez, Head-DLD, delivered her welcoming remarks, setting the tone for a celebration of the libraries' achievements. Following her, Ms. Mariza G. Chico, OIC-QCPL, provided an inspirational message to the attendees.

Below are the list of awards and winners per category:

1. Reporting:
   - **Most Diligent Award:** Payatas Lupang Pangako Branch

2. Top Performing Branch Libraries:
   - **Highest number of Library Clients (District):** Lagro Branch
   - **Highest number of Library Clients (Branch):** Bagong Silangan Branch
   - **Top Performer (Book Donation Drive)**: District 4 Libraries (6,787 books collected)
   - **Highest number of Library Activities/ Programs Implemented:** Pasong Tamo Branch (53 activities)
   - **Highest number of Social Media Engagement:** Cubao Branch (Antonio Navarro - 454 Likes, 106 Shares)
   - **Highest number of Activity Posts:** District 2 Libraries (125 activities posted)
   - **Highest Number of Collections Utilized (District):** Cubao Branch
   - **Highest Number of Collections Utilized (Branch):** Bagong Silangan Branch

3. Best Reading Program:
   - **Best Reading Program Award:** Payatas Lupang Pangako Branch (Reading and Numeracy Tutoring Program)
   - **Highest Number of Completers (Basic Literacy Program):** Payatas Lupang Pangako Branch

4. Branches Conducting Reading and Numeracy Tutorial Programs:
   - Project 8, Project 7, Masambong, Balingasa, Payatas Lupang Pangako, Bagong Silangan, MRB Commonwealth, Holy Spirit, Greater Project 4, Libis, Cubao, Roxas, San Isidro-Galas, Krus na Ligas,

U.P. Pook Amorsolo, District 5 Libraries, Pasong Tamo, and Talipapa.



Ms. Mariza G. Chico, QCPL-OIC, giving an inspirational message.

5. Special Awards (Inclusivity):

- **LGBTQIA+ Inclusivity:** District 5 Libraries (Alcologne Making and Storytelling)
- **Indigenous People Program:** Sagana Homes 1 Branch (Balik-Baybayin)
- **Persons/Learners with Disability:** Cubao Branch (Bukas Libro, Bigay Talino)
- **Children's Program:** Lagro Branch (Kid's Fair)
- **Youth Program:** District 5 Libraries (Biodiversity)
- **LIS Program**: Payatas Lupang Pangako Branch (Read-a-Thon Contest)
- **Educational Contest:** Sagana Homes 1 (Alam Mo Ba?)
- **Community Outreach Program:** District 5 Libraries (Esterotelling)

6. Staff Leadership Award:

- **LIC (Library-In-Charge / Librarian):** Ms. Alnas, Ms. Cabalquinto, Ms. Teope, Ms. Hobayan, Ms. Malonga, Ms. Culala, Ms. Olan, Ms. Pascua, Ms. Ramos, Ms. Orca, Ms. Fernandez, Ms. Velasco, Ms. Lacra, Ms. Campo, Mr. Felipe, Ms. Martinez, Ms. Yabut, Ms. Malig, Ms. Lunar, Mr. Ongkiko III, Ms. Gumabon, Ms. Bautista, Ms. Balaoro
- **Former LIC (Library-In-Charge / Librarian):** Ms. Arceta, Ms. De Guzman
- **DS and ADS (District and Assistant District Supervisors):** Ms. Melanio, Ms. Cadeliña, Ms. Bautista, Ms. Diwata, Ms. Puno, Ms. Baron, Ms. Gonzales, Ms. Macasaet, Ms. Sampiano, Mr. Salvador, Mr. Broso
- **Former DS and ADS (District and Assistant District Supervisors):** Ms. Masbate, Ms. Alabata, Ms. Adajo

7. Recognition Awards:

- **Sustainable Environmental Literacy Award:** Talipapa Branch
- **Gawad Liyab (QC):** District 5 Libraries
- **Children's Program (NLP):** Payatas Lupang Pangako Branch

8. Recognition Award – Inspection Report:

- **Minimal Observations During Inspection:** Talipapa Branch



Awarding the District 5 Libraries Staff



Awarding the District 6 Libraries Staff

The 2024 DLD Distinction Award Ceremony not only honored individual and group accomplishments but also reinforced the commitment of QCPL to foster an inclusive and thriving community through literacy, learning, and outreach initiatives.

QCPL's Celebration of Araw ng Pagbasa 2024

BY: MS. ANA KATRINA T. HONRADE

The QCPL celebrated the Araw ng Pagbasa —a nationwide event dedicated to foster the love of reading and the importance of storytelling among children, last November 27, 2024 at QCPL-Main Conference Room. The activity was held in partnership with Meralco Quezon City Business Centers & MVP Sports Foundation, Quezon City Cubao Lions Club Inc., Kristin Educational Exponents Publication Inc., and Barangay Central Captain, Ms. Rosa Magpayo.



A group picture with participants from Barangay Central, and partners Meralco Quezon City Business Centers & MVP Sports Foundation, Quezon City Cubao Lions Club Inc., and Kristin Educational Exponents Publication Inc.

The Araw ng Pagbasa celebration was aimed to:

- Encourage children to embrace reading as a lifelong habit.
- Highlight the value of storytelling as a tool for learning, imagination, and critical thinking.
- Provide children with a memorable and engaging reading experience through community collaboration.



Registration of participants from Barangay Central Quezon City



Storytelling session with Ms. Shiela Golloso on the book, "Ako na ang Mauuna"

The activity was attended by fifty (50) children from Barangay Central, Quezon City, who enthusiastically took part in the event. All participants and partners were given a warm welcome by Ms. Jeniffer R. Adajo, OIC-Readers' Services Division (RSD), as she set the tone for the exciting day of learning and fun.

The centerpiece of the “Araw ng Pagbasa” was a storytelling session led by Ms. Shiela Mae B. Golloso, a dedicated staff member of RSD - Children’s Section. She read the storybook "Ako Na Ang Mauuna" written by Kristine Canon, illustrated by Dominic Agsaway, and published by Adarna Publishing House, Inc. Her engaging narration captured children’s imagination and conveyed important lessons about recycling and how to take care of our environment.

Ms. Jeaneth Aro, an Olympic Nutrition Coach, was invited by Meralco Quezon City Business Centers & MVP Sports Foundation to inspire children further. She also conducted a short storytelling session emphasize the value of healthy habits which added a unique touch to the program.



QCPL Heads together with the Quezon City Cubao Lions Club Inc. and Kristin Educational Exponents Publication Inc. representatives.

Snacks were generously provided by Meralco Quezon City Business Centers & MVP Sports Foundation to ensure that all children stayed energized throughout the event. Quezon City Cubao Lions Club Incorporated and Kristin Educational Exponents Publication Incorporated also gave thoughtful gifts including stuffed toys, school supplies, umbrellas, and slippers which brought smiles to everyone present.



QCPL Heads with representatives from Meralco Quezon City Business Centers & MVP Sports Foundation

The event successfully met its objectives. The storytelling session ignited the children’s curiosity and love for reading while imparting important moral values. The presence of partners and their thoughtful contributions enriched the experience which left a lasting impression on our young participants.

The Araw ng Pagbasa celebration at QCPL was a resounding success as it showcased the power of stories to educate, inspire, and entertain. The collaborative effort of QCPL and its partners made the event a truly memorable experience for the children.

QCPL remains committed in promoting literacy and learning through innovative programs and partnerships to ensure that every child has the opportunity to discover the transformative power of reading.

QCPL - An Advocate for Children's Rights and Safety

BY: MS. DOMINIQUE ALEXINNE V. DIZON

In celebration of Children's Month, the QCPL participated in the Children's Fair held last 29th of November, 2024 at Meetings, Incentives, Conference and Exhibits (MICE) Center.

The library took a proactive approach to support the city's campaign for children's rights and safety. A booth, surrounded with colorful books and engaging jigsaw puzzles, was stationed at the event to entice children to read and play to their hearts' content. A successful completion of jigsaw puzzles gave winners the chance to choose a story book of their choice as their prize.





QCPL booth featuring young readers engaged with puzzles and books.

A short yet captivating puppet show was also organized to teach children their basic rights and importance of every day reading. Through this entertaining storytelling and puppetry, the library aimed to communicate effectively these crucial knowledge children must know while also bringing smiles to their faces.

The QCPL is an advocate for the well-being of children and supports the city's campaign for children's rights and safety. The library wishes to empower children to become advocates of their own rights by becoming their local gateway to information, creating a safer and more equitable environment for all children.





QCPL puppet show entertaining young kids.

BUHAY NA AKLAT: THE QC LIBRARIANS STORIES

BY: MR. CHARLES A. PASICOLAN

Last November 20, 2024, the QCPL - Readers' Services Division, in partnership with the Office of Councilor Kate Abigael G. Coseteng, conducted a seminar entitled, "Buhay na Aklat: The QC Librarians Stories" in celebration of the 34th Library and Information Services Month (LISM) with the theme "LibVOCACY: Unity towards Inclusive and Empowered Libraries."



Buhay na Aklat - Story 01 by: Ms. Rona D. Crucillo, Assistant Head, DLD



Buhay na Aklat - Story 02 by: Ms. Mariza G. Chico Officer-in-Charge, QCPL

The seminar was attended by senior high school students from Flora A. Ylagan High School who were accompanied by their adviser. The event provided an engaging and insightful platform for students of Flora A. Ylagan High School as they learned about the inspiring lives and careers of librarians. Featuring our esteemed resource speakers, Ms. Mariza G. Chico, OIC-QCPL, and Ms. Rona D. Crucillo, Assistant OIC-District Libraries Division (DLD), the seminar showcased personal journeys through interviews and panel discussions. Students also received an inspirational message from former 3rd District Councilor Julian M.L. Coseteng, who highlighted the value of libraries in education and community building.



Awarding of Certificate to Hon. Julian M.L. Coseteng, Former Councilor of District III, Quezon City

The "Buhay na Aklat: QC Librarians Stories" successfully engaged the students by providing them with a deeper understanding of librarianship. By sharing personal stories and answering questions, the event left a lasting impression on the participants, inspiring them to consider the noble profession of librarianship.



Attendance of participants from Flora A. Ylagan High School



Inspirational Message by: Hon. Julian M.L. Coseteng, Former Councilor, District III, Quezon City.

Thank you, Flora A. Ylagan High School, for your active participation! We look forward to seeing you again—not just as visitors or library users, but as future colleagues in this noble profession.

Celebrating Innovation in Library Services as QCPL Seminar Explores AI Tools and Ethical Research Practices

BY: MR. JEREMIAH GARCIA

In celebration of Quezon City's 85th Founding Anniversary, the QCPL hosted a seminar last October 11, 2024, entitled "Leveraging AI Tools and Library Services for Ethical Research" held at the QCPL Conference Room. The event brought together department heads, representatives from various Quezon City Government departments (LGU), and librarians and staff from both the main library and branch locations.

The seminar aimed to revolutionize the approach to information management within the QCPL and how AI tools can enhance research efficiency, access, and user experience in the library's daily operations. Attendees explored new ways to streamline workflows, improve data accessibility, and ethically integrate AI-powered tools to support both the library's mission and patrons' needs.



The keynote speaker, Mr. Kevin Conrad T. Tansiongco, shared his expertise on AI applications within public institutions. His insights provided a comprehensive overview of how AI can revolutionize traditional library services, making research more user-centered and accessible. Mr. Tansiongco's presentation covered the following topics:

- **AI for Information Management:** Focused on how AI can enhance cataloging and retrieval systems to make it easier for library staff and patrons to find and utilize resources efficiently.
- **User-Centered AI Design:** Emphasis was placed on designing AI tools that meet the needs of library patrons, creating a user-friendly experience that promotes accessibility.
- **Ethics in AI-Enhanced Library Services:** Underscored the importance of transparency, user consent, and data privacy in AI applications to reinforce QCPL's commitment to ethical practices in AI adoption.





The seminar began with an opening address from Ms. Mariza G. Chico, OIC-QCPL, who highlighted the importance of AI in meeting the evolving demands of information access and research. Ms. Chico emphasized the QCPL's commitment in maintaining ethical standards while embracing these advancements to ensure that AI is used responsibly to serve the public and improve library services.

Ms. Mary Ann Bernal, OIC (Assistant City Librarian), concluded the seminar with her closing remarks as she expressed gratitude to all attendees and highlighted QCPL's vision for future AI projects. Ms. Bernal reiterated QCPL's dedication to making research and information access both efficient and ethically sound, reinforcing the library's role as a forward-thinking institution.

As a final note, QCPL leaders announced plans to pilot AI tools for different services and data analysis in the coming months. They gave assurance to provide training and resources to staff to ensure that both the library and its patrons benefit from these advancements.



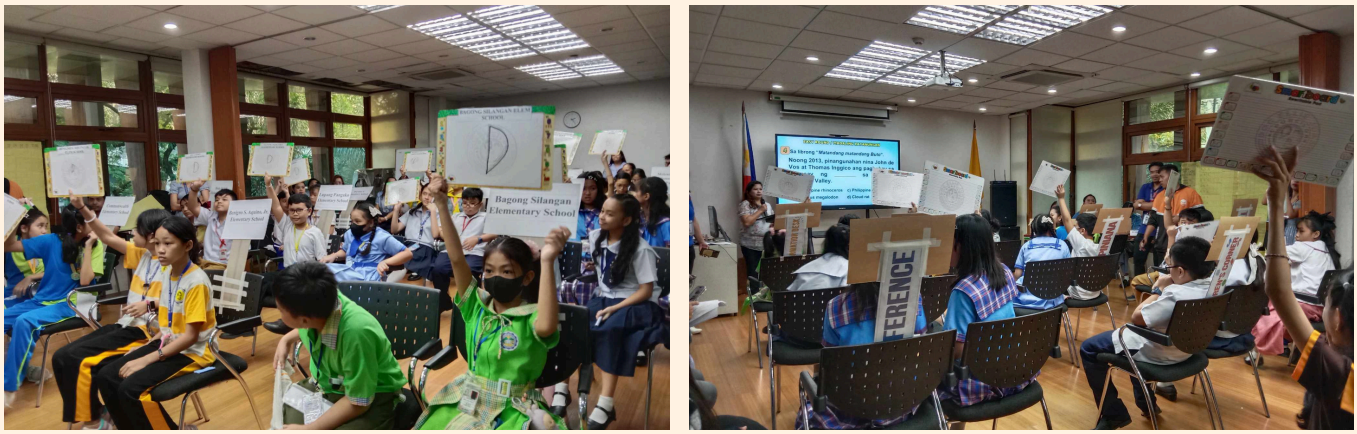


QCPL - District 2 Libraries' "Read-a-thon Contest in Filipino Year 1"

BY: MS. MARI TONI L. DIWATA

The observance of the 90th National Book Week, which coincides with the commemoration of the 34th Library and Information Services (LIS) Month, was celebrated by the QCPL - District 2 Libraries with the long-awaited event called "Read-a-thon Contest in Filipino: Year 1" last November 21, 2024 at QCPL-Conference Room. The program was dedicated to demonstrate the effectiveness and impact of reading among young people.

Through the "Read-a-thon Contest," the QCPL aimed to stimulate the interest of children in reading, improve their comprehension, and instill the lifelong love for books. In addition, it was intended to promote a healthy competition as well as cultivate a sense of accomplishment to twenty-two (22) Grade 5 representatives of eleven (11) public elementary schools within the 2nd district of Quezon City. The pupils were fully prepared by their coaches and advisers as they excitedly took part in the sequence of reading and comprehension tasks.



Participants showing their answers by raising the whiteboards.

The program began with Ms. Analiza C. Martinez, Head of District Libraries Division (DLD), delivering the welcome remarks, followed by an uplifting message from Ms. Mariza G. Chico, OIC-QCPL then an inspiring video message from Hon. Aly Medalla, Quezon City's 2nd District Councilor. Author/writer Mr. Jose Monfred Sy, also known as "Mon Sy," also contributed a motivational video, while Engr. Scott James Choa, President of the Rotaract Club SDFM Malaya Achievers, offered his words of wisdom in person.

The lively atmosphere of the competition was heightened by the ardent support from the participants' coaches and advisers, whose encouragement was felt throughout the event. The children's excitement and willingness to tackle each question showcased their hard work and preparation.



Participants writing their answers on the whiteboards.

The event concluded with an awarding ceremony that honored both the winners and participants for their hard work and dedication. The top three winners of the Read-a-thon contest were:



Leann Eunice D. Macalood and Megan Isabel B. Aguinaldo from Manuel L. Quezon Elementary School (2nd Place)



Rafiya Ezra E. Palomares and Samantha Eliz A. Vistal from Benigno S. Aquino, Jr. Elementary School (1st Place)

1st Place	Rafiya Ezra E. Palomares & Samantha Eliz A. Vistal	Benigno S. Aquino Jr. Elementary School
2nd Place	Leann Eunice D. Macalood & Megan Isabel B. Aguinaldo	Manuel L. Quezon Elementary School
3rd Place	Liana Venice C. Anda & Jace B. Bayhon	Bagong Silangan Elementary School

All winners received certificates of appreciation and cash prizes. In addition, their schools obtained books which were generously donated by Adarna Publishing House and the Rotaract Achievers Club of San Francisco Del Monte Malaya Achiever. Non-winning participants also received consolation prizes. The Adarna Publishing House also presented books to all participants and their coaches as a sign of appreciation.



Liana Venice C. Anda and Jace B. Bayhon from Bagong Silangan Elementary School (3rd Place)

After the certificates were distributed and the winners were announced, Ms. Mary Ann L. Bernal, OIC (Assistant City Librarian) delivered the closing remarks. She congratulated all the winners, participants, and their coaches, as well as everyone in attendance. She also expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the participants and coaches for their dedication and effort for taking the time to join the contest which made the event a resounding success. She also conveyed her thanks to the organizers, the QCPL District 2 Libraries for arranging a fun and competitive way of learning for children.

This event was made possible through the collaborative efforts of the QCPL-District 2 Libraries with Adarna Publishing House, the Rotaract Achievers Club of San Francisco Del Monte Malaya Achiever, and the invaluable support given by Hon. Aly Medalla, the barangay leaders, and QCPL colleagues. Their combined assistance ensured the smooth and successful execution of the program.

The “Read-a-thon Contest in Filipino: Year 1” highlighted the QCPL-District 2 Libraries' dedication to foster literacy and nurture the love for reading among young learners. By creating opportunities for children to engage with books and demonstrate their skills, the program emphasizes the significance of education and community collaboration in shaping the next generation. The QCPL-District 2 Libraries is eager to organize similar programs in the future to inspire more young readers and promote a culture of literacy throughout Quezon City.

Araw ng Pagbasa 2024 in QCPL- District 2 Libraries

BY: MR. JULIUS B. CULTIVO

The QCPL District 2 Branch Libraries participated in a simultaneous reading activity last November 27, 2024 in celebration of "Araw ng Pagbasa 2024." The featured story, entitled "Ako na ang Mauuna," written by Kristine Canon, illustrated by Dominic Agsaway, and published by Adarna Publishing House, Inc., was centered on promoting the differences children can make in helping to make the city greener and cleaner.

This year's reading activity made a significant difference as leaders in the Quezon City Government participated as guest storytellers at the four (4) branches of the District 2 Libraries.





Hon. John Lesther A. Pangilinan, Chairman-Committee on Education & Kagawad of Payatas, Quezon City, together with participants from QCPL-Payatas Lupang Pangako Branch.

At QCPL-Payatas Lupang Pangako Branch, Hon. John Lesther A. Pangilinan, Kagawad and Chairman of the Committee on Education, excitedly read and explained the essence of the story to fifty (50) students from Kokkyo naki Kodomotachi, Inc. and Promise Land Christian School of Payatas.

At QCPL-MRB Commonwealth Branch, Hon. Fernando Miguel F. Belmonte, Councilor-District 2, imparted valuable lessons to fifty (50) children from Pinadama Yakap Daycare Center. His engaging storytelling style captivated the attention and hearts of our young audience as they listened until the end of the story with full attention.





Hon. Fernando Miguel F. Belmonte, Councilor-District 2, Quezon City, together with participants from QCPL-MRB Commonwealth.

Hon. Eden Delilah “Candy” A. Medina, Councilor-District 2, participated in sharing the featured story at QCPL-Bagong Silangan Branch. She read the story with love and patience to all fifty (50) children from Brgy. Bagong Silangan Day Care Center and later engaged with them in a short Q & A. This is a positive step towards encouraging these children to become responsible QCitizens early.





Hon. Eden Delilah “Candy” A. Medina, Councilor-District 2, Quezon City, engaging in a Q & A with participants from QCPL-Bagong Silangan.

Last but not the least, Hon. Melody Bravo, SK Chairwoman of Brgy. Holy Spirit, Quezon City, passionately shared the story to fifty (50) children from Brgy. Complex Child Development Center. Her clear and captivating voice engrossed all children present which motivated them to actively participate and respond.





Hon. Melody Bravo, SK Chairwoman-Brgy. Holy Spirit, Quezon City, together with participants from QCPL-Holy Spirit.

The involvement of leaders from the Quezon City Government created a lively and interactive storytelling experience. Children often idolize leaders and aspire to follow in their footsteps. Bonding through sharing stories with valuable lessons provides a strong foundation for making a positive difference. Children can begin to contribute in making the city a cleaner place through baby steps they learned by reading and understanding the text conveyed in the story.

To conclude this year's "Araw ng Pagbasa," participants received a big book and snacks as a token of appreciation for their active participation. Additionally, certificates of appreciation were awarded to all guest storytellers who generously gave their time and effort to convey high moral values based on the story.

The QCPL-District 2 libraries remain committed in supporting reading and literacy initiatives to demonstrate that reading is a lifelong learning journey.

Happy reading!

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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.