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The Quezon City Public Library Wins Big in the Gawad Pampublikong Aklatan 2024

By: Dominique Alexinne V. Dizon

The Quezon City Public Library (QCPL) had set a high standard of excellence after being awarded two categories of the 2023 Public Library of the Year last March 22, 2024 at the Epifanio Delos Santos Auditorium of the National Library of the Philippines. This coincides with the celebration of the 65th Public Library Day in the Philippines with the theme "Ikaw, Ako at ang Pampublikong Aklatan: Higit Animnapu't Limang taong Pagtutugunan".

The QCPL bagged the City Category for the 2023 Public Library of the Year Award while the QCPL – Lagro Branch attained the Barangay/Branch Category of the same award. The Public Library of the Year Award not only celebrates excellence but also inspires libraries across the country to innovate, collaborate, and create spaces that will benefit their communities.

The QCPL's exceptional services are only made possible through the enormous efforts of librarians and library staff, thus, befitting of a recognition. Awarded with the Gawad Pampublikong Aklatan Leadership Award was none other than Ms. Mariza G. Chico, OIC, City Librarian for her exemplary performance in QCPL.

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City Librarian's Corner



While another year has unfolded before us, the Quezon City Public Library (QCPL) remains steadfast in continuing to provide quality library services and programs aligned with the actual needs of QCitizens.

This year, one of the programs that the QCPL would like to focus on is to implement simple literacy program, which includes reading and numeracy tutoring, in support to the “Zero Illiteracy sa QC” initiative of the Local Government of Quezon City. In this program, the QCPL branch libraries will serve as a venue and assist in implementing a one-on-one tutoring program for three hundred sixty (360) learners, pairing volunteer tutors with students struggling with literacy and numeracy. By 2029, the program has set a total of 600 learners and volunteers.

Since 2019, the program had 699 beneficiaries and partnered with different QC-LGU Departments and institutions including the QC- Education Affairs Unit (EAU), Quezon City- School Division Office (QC-SDO), and CIIT College of Arts and Technology.

Through these partnerships, the QCPL hopes that lives can be change by empowering them through reading and learning. Indeed, we are hopeful that this program is just a beginning of other beautiful possibilities. Thus, this will definitely not be the last.

Dahil sa QC, kung lahat ay may alam, walang maiiwan. Dahil TAYO ang QC!

The Quezon City Public Library Wins Big Continuation from p. 1

The following individuals had also received recognition in their respective categories: Ms. Chona C. Masbate awarded with Gawad Pampublikong Aklatan 3rd place for the Non-Librarian Category; Ms. Manica M. Cortes, QCPL Technical Services Division Head, had obtained the Loyalty Award for her 35 years of service in the library; and Ms. Jeniffer R. Adajo and Ms. Angeli Pascua each received an award for the Career and Self Development Category.



Ms. Mariza G. Chico, OIC, City Librarian receiving her leadership award together with Ms. Mary Ann L. Bernal, OIC, Assistant City Librarian



The 2023 Public Library of the Year Award and Leadership Award trophies.

The awards were presented by the National Library of the Philippines and The Asia Foundation (TAF) in cooperation with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and Philippine Information Agency (PIA). These awards not only recognize the continuous efforts and invaluable contributions of the library, its librarians and staff, to the QC community but also strengthen the cooperation between the Quezon City Public Library and the National Library of the Philippines.

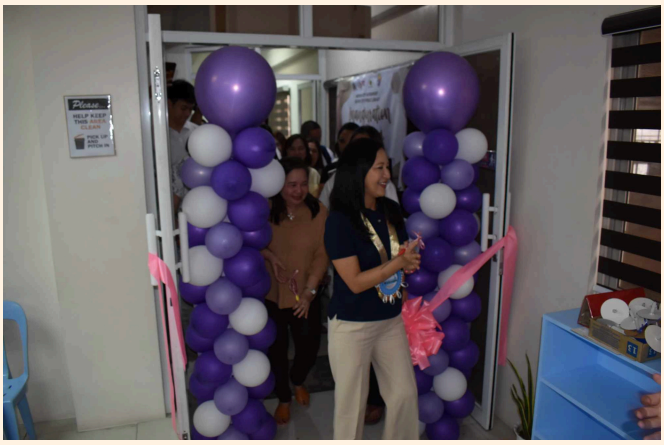
Congratulations to all awardees!

INAUGURATION OF QCPL LIBIS BRANCH

By: Gabrielle Paris Ramos

On March 15, 2024, the QCPL - Libis Branch was inaugurated in a grand ceremony attended by city officials, community leaders, and residents eager to witness the unveiling of this modern educational facility. The inauguration marked a significant milestone and the City's commitment to promoting literacy and providing accessible resources for learning and development.





Ribbon cutting with Hon. Mayor Joy Belmonte

This initiative aspired to reach out to the community and promote the library, especially in areas with no nearby public libraries. The opportunity enabled us to render services that provided our clientele with a enjoyable and worthwhile experience.

In his inaugural address, the District 3 Action Officer Atty. Thomas John Thaddeaus De Castro, emphasized the importance of libraries as centers of knowledge and culture. He reiterated the City's dedication to creating spaces where residents can engage in lifelong learning and exploration. The Libis Branch stood as a testament to his vision, offering a wide range of services and resources to cater to diverse interests and educational needs of the community.

Present in the inauguration ceremony were: Atty. Thomas John Thaddeaus De Castro – 3rd District Action Officer, Hon. Councilor Wencerom Lagumbay, Barangay Chairwoman Florenda Bersamira-De Jesus, Barangay Council of Barangay Libis, Sangguniang Kabataan of Barangay Libis. Along with them were QCPL-OIC, Ms. Mariza G. Chico, OIC, Assistant Librarian, Ms. Mary Ann Bernal, Division Heads, District Supervisors, and Assistant Supervisors.



Brgy Chairwoman Bersamira De Jesus, Ms. Mariza Chico, Atty. Thaddeus De Castro with Hon. Mayor Joy Belmonte



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

One of the highlights of the inauguration was the presence of Hon. Mayor Joy Belmonte, which reaffirmed the City government's support for this initiative, prioritizing education, literacy, and cultural enrichment.

The QCPL - Libis Branch inauguration signified as a vital investment in education and community development. As it opens its doors to the public, the library stands ready to serve as a learning space, exploration, and cultural exchange, contributing to the intellectual and social growth of Quezon City and its residents.



Registration of guests



Fr. Jacek Kokosa lead the blessing of Libis Branch Library

Aklatang Gala with Storytelling and Puppet Show

By: MARIA ANTONETTE O. YABUT

Aklatang Gala serves as more than just a means to transport books; it fosters community connection, empowerment, and growth. It has also been instrumental in nurturing love of reading and expanding access to information.



District 4 staff conduct a puppet show.



Librarian-In-Charge Ms. Dez Noelle Macasaet conducts the storytelling.

The QCPL - Cubao Branch partnered with Barangay Chairperson Honorable Graziella Saab and the Barangay Council of Pinagkaisahan to organize an activity titled "Aklatang Gala with Storytelling and Puppet Show" at 49 Ermin Garcia St., Barangay Pinagkaisahan. The event was attended by fifty (50) community children on February 10, 2024. Barangay Chairperson Saab delivered an inspirational message, while District 4 Libraries Supervisor Ms. Jeniffer Adajo explained the activity and encouraged the children to visit the library and utilize its services. Meanwhile, the QCPL District 4 staff collaborated to provide fun and entertainment for the community children. Ms. Dez Noelle Macasaet, the Librarian-in-Charge of Roxas Branch, performed a storytelling afterward entitled “Makabagong kwento ni Pagong at ni Langgam,” where the participants learned about the value of being prepared especially in disasters and calamities. Smart Books were also distributed to the community children after the storytelling to encourage them to read and learn even in their homes.

This initiative aspired to reach out to the community and promote the library, especially in areas with no nearby public libraries. The opportunity enabled us to render services that provided our clientele with an enjoyable and worthwhile experience.



Distribution of smart books to the community children.



A group photo with the community children and the puppets.

Sayaw Girls Para sa Libro: A Book Donation Drive

By: Ma. Loraine Alolor

In the Philippines, the National Women's Month Celebration has become a platform to highlight women's accomplishments and achievements around the world and propel change in terms of gender equality.

The QCPL- Holy Spirit Branch, in partnership with Isidora Hills Zumba Ladies, organized an activity entitled "Sayaw Girls Para sa Libro: A Book Donation Drive Campaign." The goal of this activity was to recognize the contribution of women in society, particularly in providing support through donation of books and toys to the QCPL-Holy Spirit Branch.

Zumba is not just about dancing nor exercise; it is far more than simply dancing. It is about uniting the ladies in the community, appreciating movement, and empowering others. By participating in this event, it did not only improve one's health but also the lives of others around by the joy created through their camaraderie.





We are thrilled to announce that this exciting initiative program combines the joy of Zumba with the spirit of giving back to the community through books and toys donation. On March 12, 2024, the Zumba ladies were full of energy and grace as they danced with the spirit of donating books and toys. Doors to reading opportunities would open more as the library clients will get to enjoy the additional books coming from the dancers' donated books and toys.

Every Tuesday is scheduled for dancing in which everyone is invited. Get moving, get dancing, and enjoy giving. Come and be a catalyst of change. Tayo ang QC!



The Isidora Hills Zumba Ladies placing their donated books inside the book donation box.



The Isidora Hills Zumba ladies gracefully dancing on the floor.

The Joy of Reading and Learning: Math Tutorial Program @U.P. Campus Amorsolo Branch

BY: JOSHUA C. EBALOBO

In a significant stride towards educational development, the QCPL – U.P. Campus Pook Amorsolo Branch had initiated an educational program titled "The Joy of Reading and Learning: Math Tutorial Program." This initiative was designed to enhance the mathematical skills of Grade 1 pupils from Krus na Ligas Elementary School early in their academic journey.

Launched on March 5, 2024, this tailored educational scheme is scheduled to run until June 1, 2024. The program encompasses regular sessions every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday, designed to provide consistent and structured learning opportunities for its participants.



Picture of the children who attended the tutorial session.



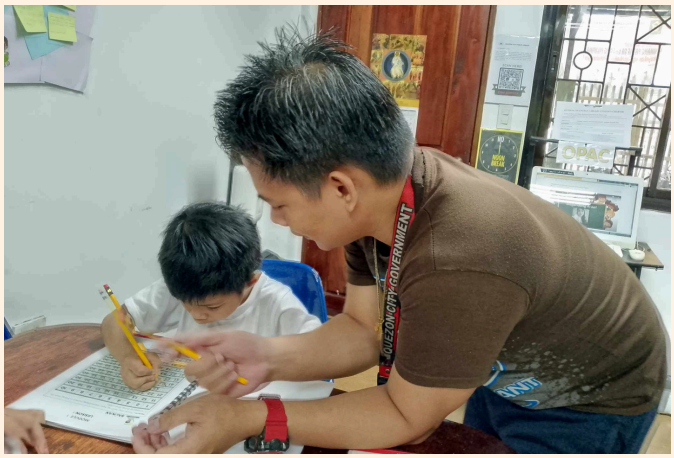
The moderator giving instructions for the prepared lesson.

The math tutorial program was participated by young learners, reflecting the library's dedication to foster academic enhancement in foundational subjects such as Mathematics. The initiative is part of a broader commitment by the QCPL to offer sustainable support for the children within the community. The QCPL aimed not only to enhance the academic performance of its participants through this program but also to cultivate a nurturing and stimulating educational environment.

The response from the community was exceptionally positive. This program was particularly praised for its focus on foundational learning, which is crucial at the primary education level.



Learners giving their all in answering the math equations.



A moderator assisting a learner in answering the module.

The organizers of the Joy of Reading and Learning initiative remained optimistic about the program's ongoing impact. They were committed to continue their efforts in nurturing the mathematical skills of the participants, thus boosting their overall confidence and academic prowess as they progress through their educational careers.

The program served as a beacon of the library's dedication to educational excellence and community support, promising a brighter academic future for the children of Quezon City.

ORIENTATION/TRAINING ON THE AWARENESS AND READINESS CAMPAIGN: YOUR HANDS CAN SAVE LIVES! CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR)

BY: MARIA CARMEN C. CHUA

In celebration of Women's Month, the Publication Section under the Library Extension Division, facilitated an orientation/training session titled "Awareness and Readiness Campaign: Your Hands Can Save Lives! Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)." It was conducted by Dr. Precious Emary E. Samonte, Nurse Anna Lissa E. Ogayon, Mr. Gilbert E. Pedroso, Mr. Brian Ignacio and Mr. Allan Camaymayan, Radio Technologists from the Philippine Heart Center on March 26, 2024 at the QCPL Conference Room.



QCPL OIC-City Library Ms. Mariza G. Chico awarding the Certificate of Appreciation to the trainers from the Philippine Heart Center, namely: Dr. Precious Emary E. Samonte, Nurse Ms. Anna Lissa E. Ogayon, Radio Technologists Mr. Gilbert E. Pedroso, Mr. Brian Ignacio, and Mr. Allan Camaymayan. LED OIC Ms. Jennifer Leoncio, Publication Head Mr. Paulo Dominik Daulat and Ms. Jinky Chua are also in the picture.

Employees from the Main Library and Branches demonstrated actual CPR and the use of Automated External Defibrillator (AED), a portable device that can help save someone's life during sudden cardiac arrest. This device delivers electric shock to the heart to restore its normal rhythm. On the other hand, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) is an emergency procedure used if a person's heart stops beating or breathing ceases. It is a first-aid proper procedure that a person or responder should start right away and continue until help arrives. In case where there is no AED close enough, CPR should be started first.



Publication Asst. Head Ms. Jinky Chua hosting the training.



QCPL employees enjoying the CPR and use of AED training session.

OIC - City Library Ms. Mariza G. Chico also participated in the said session. Participants enjoyed and were delighted to have learned so much from the training. Lunch was served to the one hundred (100) participants afterwards.



Library Extension Division OIC Ms. Jennifer Leoncio introduced the trainers from the Philippine Heart Center.



OIC, City Librarian Ms. Mariza G. Chico participating in the CPR training session.

This training aimed to educate QCPL employees to acquire knowledge regarding first aid to enable them to assist clients who are injured in the event of an emergency condition or accident in the workplace. Having a certified first aid responder, who went through first aid training, not only makes the workplace a safer place, but also is able to reduce casualties in emergency situations.



Radio Technologist Mr. Brian Ignacio demonstrating the Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).



Registered Nurse Ms. Anna Lissa E. Ogayon assisting an employee during the CPR training.

PARAPROFESSIONAL and LIBRARIANS ORIENTATION: Understanding Library Initiatives and Tasking

BY: EDGEL CEDRICK P. ESTEBAN

The QCPL - District Libraries Division (DLD) conducted a one day orientation entitled: "PARAPROFESSIONAL and LIBRARIANS ORIENTATION: Understanding Library Initiatives and Tasking" last March 5, 2024 at the Conference Room. It was participated by fifty (50) Branch Staff and most importantly, the newly hired staff.

The objective of the seminar was to provide the librarians and library staff from the Branch Libraries with updated library organization and initiatives, which are necessary in order to adopt to the changes in organization processes, policies, or procedures, ensuring alignment with current goals and objectives.



Inspirational message given by Ms. Mariza G. Chico, OIC, QCPL



Ms. Mary Ann L. Bernal, OIC, Assistant City Librarian delivering her Inspirational Message.

The seminar started with a prayer and singing of the National Anthem. It was then welcomed by DLD Head Ms. Analiza C. Martinez, followed by an inspirational message from OIC - Assistant City Library Ms. Mary Ann L. Bernal and OIC - City Library Ms. Mariza G. Chico.

The first speaker was Ms. Martinez, who she discussed the topic, "Paraprofessional Initiative and Librarians Orientation" in which she shared the organizational chart, protocols, and ideals of a Proactive Leader. She conducted a workshop — a short role-playing scenario on how to handle tasks under-pressure using the Proactive and Reactive type of behavior.

It was followed by the next speaker, Ms. Rona D. Crucillo, OIC, Asst. Head of DLD, who tackled the "Library Initiatives" on how to plan a program or a project. She shared that the first thing in planning is to know your audience/ participant/beneficiary. Second is to understand the needs of the program and project. She also reminded the participants to conduct an activity in connection with the monthly celebration.

The next speaker was Mr. Edgel Cedrick Esteban who reminded the participants about the "Communication Flow." He shared how to properly put a Subject on an e-mail, what should be the attached files in that e-mail, and the proper templates of the documents/reports needed to be submitted.

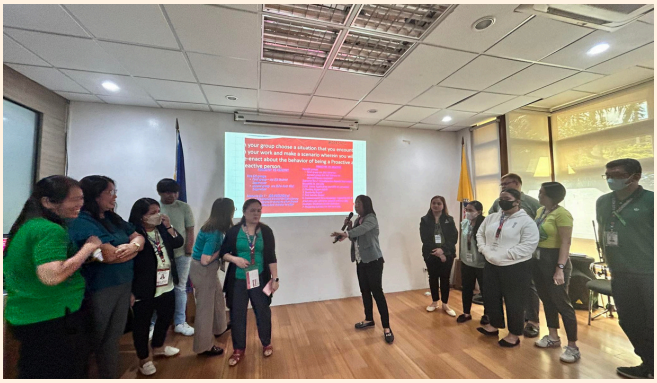


Opening Prayer followed by the National Anthem (Audio Visual Presentation)



Registration

Ms. Ma. Regina Malaza followed suit. She discussed the "Book Donation Drive" and newspaper concerns. She explained how to update the newspaper report, so that there will be no issue regarding the budget. She also tackled the Book Donation Drive template where she explained every column to the participants for them to understand what details must be entered in a specific cell.



Ms. Analiza Martinez, Head, DLD conducting a Workshop, a short role playing using Proactive and Reactive type of behavior



Ms. Analiza C. Martinez, Head, DLD discussing her topic on Paraprofessional Initiative and Librarian's Orientation

Lastly, Mr. Rare Aarof Corpus talked about the Do's and Don'ts on "Maintenance Concerns." He explained how to properly take a photo in connection to the concern of the Maintenance Team. He also said not to take a photo in a portrait format but instead, to use a landscape format. He added how to properly make a Maintenance Report and shared that there is a new monitoring sheet for the Maintenance Request.



Awarding of Certificates, (From Left to Right) Ms. Mary Ann L. Bernal, OIC, Assistant City Librarian, Mr. Edgel Cedrick P. Esteban, Clerk II of the DLD, Ms. Rona D. Crucillo, OIC Assistant Head, DLD, Ms. Analiza C. Martinez, Head, DLD, Ms. Ma. Regina S. Malaza, Librarian 1, DLD, Mr. Rare Aarof R. Corpus, Staff, DLD, Ms. Mariza G. Chico, OIC, QCPL



Photo Opportunity after the Seminar, (Seated infront from Left to Right) Ms. Analiza C. Martinez, Head, District Libraries Division, Ms. Mariza G. Chico, QCPL-OIC, and Ms. Mary Ann L. Bernal, OIC, Assistant City Librarian

BOOKwentuhan sa Parke ng Bernardo

Ni: Bb. MARIA ANTONETTE O. YABUT

Sa pakikipag-koordinasyon ni Gng. Gladys Torralba, guro sa Ingles ng Quezon City High School, ang silid-aklatan ng Lungsod Quezon-Distrito 4, Sangay ng Cubao ay nagsagawa ng pagkukwento sa mga kabataan noong ika-20 ng Enero 2024. Si Bb. Tiffany Calda ay nagbahagi ng kwento na may pamagat na "Lola Millenial," isinulat ni M.A Lingo, guhit ni Krizia F. Ke, at inilathala ng Sta. Teresa Publications, Inc.



Nagbigay ng pambungad na pananalita si Gng. Jeniffer R. Adajo para sa aktibidad.



Si Bb. Tiffany Calda mula rin sa Quezon City High School ay nagsagawa ng pagkukuwento tungkol sa istoryang "Lola Millenial."

Ang kuwento ay tungkol kay Lola Mildred na hiniling sa kanyang apong si Anna na turuan siya tungkol sa mga bagay na maaring gawin sa tulong ng teknolohiya. Malugod na tinuruan ni Anna ang kanyang Lola Mildred. Masayang nakinig ang mga bata sa kwento at sumagot sa bawat tanong na ibinigay sa kanila upang malaman kung sila ay may natutunan sa istorya.

Matapos ang pagkukwento, nagkaraon ng kaunting palaro na pinangunahan ng mga mag-aaral at namahagi sila ng pagkain at premyo. Kasabay nito ay ang pamamahagi ng mga kawani ng lungsod Quezon-Distrito 4, sangay ng Cubao ng Bibliya para sa selebrasyon ng "National Bible Month."



Nagkaroon ng aktibidad ng "Oras ng Pagbabasa" na pinangunahan ng mga estudyante mula sa Quezon City High School.



Namahagi ang mga kawani ng lungsod Quezon, Distrito 4, sangay ng Cubao ng Bibliya para sa selebrasyon ng "National Bible Month."

Ang aktibidad na ito ay naglalayong makapagbahagi ng karagdagang kaalaman gamit ang magagandang kwento na kagigiliwan ng mga kabataan upang mahikayat sila sa pagbabasa, makapulot ng mabuting aral, at maging isang mabuting mamamayan ng Lungsod Quezon. Ito rin ay isang paraan upang makilala ang ating mga silid-aklatan at ang mga serbisyong ibinibigay nito sa mga kabataan at mag-aaral.

Kahel Press and Quezon City Public Library Collaborated for Book Launches

BY: ALISTAIR TROY B. LACSAMANA

On January 6, 2024, the QCPL and Kahel Press joined forces to celebrate the launch of two remarkable books: (1) "Too Loud: Soothing Sensory Overload with Music" by Bambi Eloriaga-Amago and (2) "Bayani Biographies: Apolinario Mabini" by John Ray Ramos. The event was a resounding success, attended by passionate advocates for autism awareness and dedicated public historians.





The first book, "Too Loud: Soothing Sensory Overload with Music," is a picture book published to expand the knowledge of QCitizens about young individuals with autism who grapple with sensory overload. Authored by Bambi Eloriaga-Amago, this heartwarming book was illustrated by Arthur Riel Cabezas and translated into Filipino by Mark Daniel Fortaleza.

The second book, "Bayani Biographies: Apolinario Mabini," authored by historian John Ray Ramos, was unveiled on January 13, 2024. The book launch took place at the QCPL Conference Room, where attendees had the privilege of meeting the author himself. John Ray Ramos also delivered a captivating lecture titled "Mabini's Republic: What Makes a Good Government." Known as "The Great Paralytic," Mabini's contributions to the nation remain profound and his biography shed light on his ideals; how it can guide us in building a government that truly serves the people.





Storytelling for Catch-up Fridays at District 2 Branch Libraries

By: Mari Toni L. Diwata, RL





The QCPL-Holy Spirit Branch connecting with children at Yakap Daycare and HOSCOMCO Academy through storytelling, fostering the love of reading, and adding smiles as they receive tokens.

The Department of Education's "Catch Up Fridays" program marked a significant shift in educational strategy, aiming to address learning gaps and strengthen reading proficiency among learners nationwide. With the release of DepEd Memorandum 001 s. 2024, also known as the "Implementation of Catch-Up Fridays," the urgency to foster a love for reading became evident which prompted libraries to initiate activities to complement the program's objectives.

In response to this call, the QCPL - District 2 branches had initiated storytelling activities, aligning the goals of Catch-Up Fridays. Every Friday at the Payatas Lupang Pangako, Holy Spirit, and Bagong Silangan branch libraries, something magical happens. It is not just the end of the week; it is a celebration of storytelling and connection. Since January 2024, Catch-up Friday storytelling activity had been a beacon of light, bringing together communities, libraries, and schools in a shared love for reading and values.

Prior to the release of DepEd's Memorandum 001 s.2024, the QCPL - Payatas Lupang Pangako Branch, in partnership with Lupang Pangako Elementary School, had started with the same purpose on November 2023 and became a pivotal stage with other branches. With the help of dedicated and collaborative teachers, students from kindergarten to grade 2, eagerly anticipate Catch-Up Fridays, where stories come alive and lessons extend far beyond the pages of books. Through these engaging narratives, children not only improve their reading skills but also imbibe valuable life lessons.

Similarly, the QCPL-Bagong Silangan Branch extended its outreach to daycare centers, Bagong Silangan Elementary School, and regular library clientele. This inclusive approach aimed to foster, a culture of learning that transcends generations of today's youth, forging lasting connections and enriching the educational experience.





The initiative of QCPL - Payatas Lupang Pangako Branch to foster love for reading and instill values to students of Lupang Pangako Elementary School.

Meanwhile, participants at the QCPL-Holy Spirit Branch, including students from HOSCOMCO Academy and Yakap Day Care Center, had immersed themselves in the captivating world of storytelling. Through collaboration and the universal language of tales, young minds were shaped and nurtured, laying the groundwork for a future generation of empathetic and responsible individuals.

Catch-up Friday has more than just stories; it is about instilling values that will guide these young individuals throughout their lives. Through the tales of bravery, kindness, and empathy, children learned not only about the world around them but also about the kind of person they want to become.

As Catch-up Friday continue to unfold week after week, it served as a reminder that the love of reading knows no bounds and that the values we instill in our youth today will shape the world of tomorrow. So, let us keep the stories alive, the values strong, and the community united, one Friday at a time.





At QCPL-Bagong Silangan Branch, capturing the active, eager, and engaging students as they listen and participate in the storytelling session.

GIVING BOOKS PROMOTES A JOYFUL READING: OUTREACH ACTIVITY IN CELEBRATION OF 65TH PUBLIC LIBRARY DAY FOR QCITIZEN YOUTH

BY: SONIA E. BAUTISTA, RL



QCPL-Bagong Silangan Branch staff with their very supportive Barangay Chairperson, Hon. Wilfredo L. Cara.

Pursuant to Proclamation No. 563, S. 1959 declaring March 9 of every year designated as nationwide Public Library Day, all public libraries celebrated the 65th Public Library Day with the theme: "Ikaw, Ako at ang Pampublikong Aklatan: Higit Animnapu't Limang Taong Pagtutulungan" through various events and programs.

In observance of the celebration, the QCPL-Payatas Lupang Pangako and Bagong Silangan Branch libraries focused on the crucial role that libraries serve in communities and embrace the spirit of giving books, which is fundamental to the celebration.



A flock of passersby wanting to get a book for their children.



Children are patiently waiting in line to reach the attendance logbook.

On March 8 and 12, 2024, the Quezon City Public Library-Payatas Lupang Pangako and Bagong Silangan Branch Libraries organized an outreach activity dubbed as "Giving Books Promotes a Joyful Reading," with the goal of encouraging children in particular, to choose books over gadgets. The aim was to foster the significance of books and the multitude of benefits to every readers. Now on its second year, some library clients had anticipated the activity at the venue where plenty of books were being displayed.

In attendance, the QCPL-Payatas Lupang Pangako branch welcomed a total of one hundred forty (140) individuals, consisting of thirty-five (35) males and one hundred five (105) females. One hundred (100) big books and approximately seventy-five (75) hard bound books including Literature, Spelling Books, Open Court Reading, Mathematics, etc. were happily embraced before they left the premises. Meanwhile, the QCPL-Bagong Silangan branch had a total of one hundred twenty-seven (127) individuals in attendance, comprising of fifty-three (53) males and seventy-four (74) females. Approximately two hundred (200) hardbound books were given away.

Giving books even under the heat of the sun was a success. We had witnessed the community's appreciation for the well-received valuable printed reading materials shared by the library as the people recognized this simple act of kindness. Moreover, it is a way to stimulate an individual's imagination, enhance understanding, and foster lifelong learning.

Together, let us continue to promote and spread the joy of reading by giving books. May the love of books remain an inspiration to attract future generations of readers.

Happy 65th Public Library Day!



Happy reading!



QCPL-Payatas Lupang Pangako Branch staff happy and ready to serve!

Book Donation Drive Update

By: Technical Services Division



Pastor Alfonso Filardo Jr. donating his pre-loved books.

"Sharing books is like sharing stories. It is an enriching and powerful experience that helps us see the world differently."

The Quezon City Public Library (QCPL) would like to express its gratitude to the donors listed below, as well as those who chose to remain anonymous, for their generous contributions to the Book Donation Drive campaign:

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Migrant Forum in Asia represented by Ms. Aileen Castro, Finance Assistant, donatig various books about Labor Migration, Planner and note pad.



Councilor Jorge Banal donating boxes of assorted books

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Roselle Evangelista
Enrico Cuenca
Kiyoharu Miura & Aya Tantiangco



Ms. Josie Acosta donating 2 boxes of her pre-loved Harvard classics.



Diana R. Agbayani, Ph.D donating 48 copies of her book entitled "Braiding Metaphors" and copies of Bible.

Our goal is to make Quezon City the "Reading City" by providing reading materials to all QCitizens. These donations will greatly help achieve this.

Celebrating Excellence: Quezon City Public Library Lagro Branch Named 2023 Public Library of the Year (Barangay Reading Center / Branch Category)

BY: BIENVENIDO P. ONGKIKO, III

The QCPL - Lagro branch has been recognized once again for its exceptional service to the community, receiving the 2023 Public Library of the Year award in the Barangay Reading Center/Branch Category from the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) and The Asia Foundation (TAF). This prestigious accolade, presented on March 22, 2024, celebrated the library's dedication to serve both physical and online users, with a remarkable total of 48,957 clients served throughout the year.



The library's innovative approach to serve the community, coupled with their digital resources, had made it a hub of knowledge and learning for clients of all ages.

This recognition proved the QCPL- Lagro branch's role in promoting literacy and education, set a standard for public libraries nationwide and inspiring others to make a positive impact in their communities.

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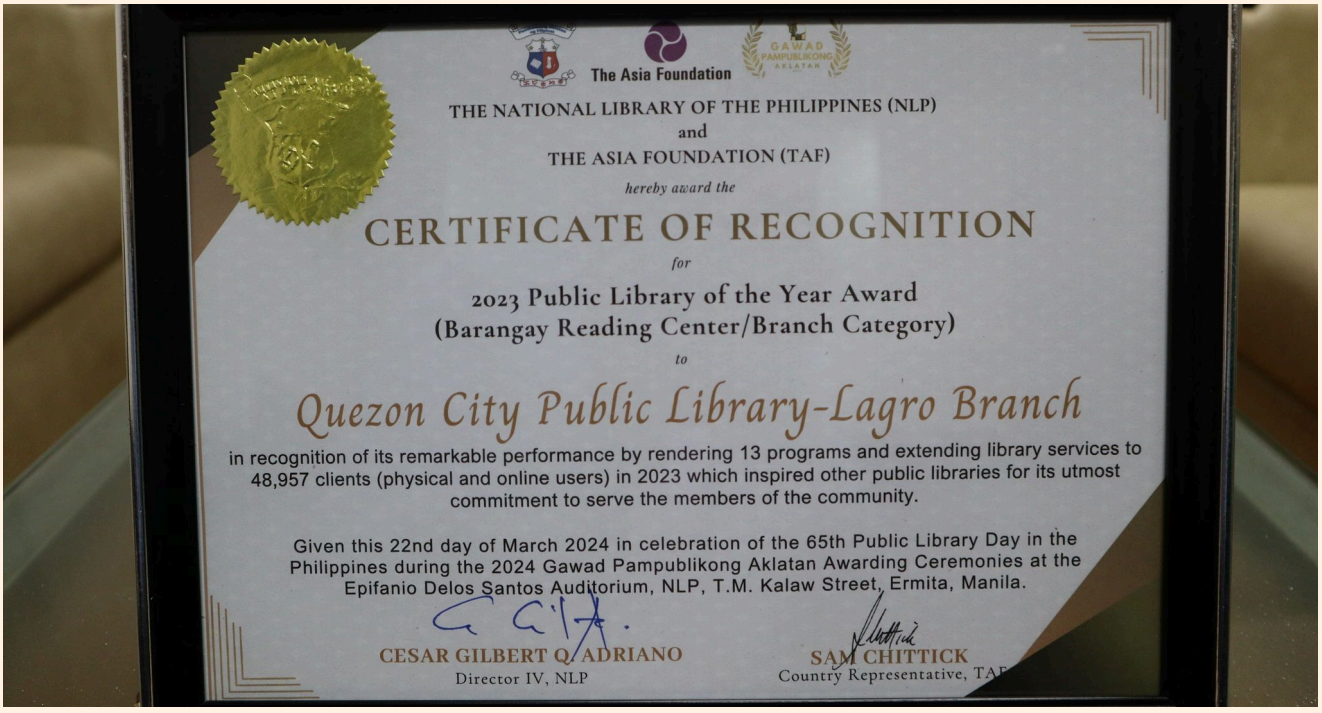

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to

Quezon City Public Library-Lagro Branch

in recognition of its remarkable performance by rendering 13 programs and extending library services to 48,957 clients (physical and online users) in 2023 which inspired other public libraries for its utmost commitment to serve the members of the community.

Given this 22nd day of March 2024 in celebration of the 65th Public Library Day in the Philippines during the 2024 Gawad Pampublikong Aklatan Awarding Ceremonies at the Epifanio Delos Santos Auditorium, NLP, T.M. Kalaw Street, Ermita, Manila.

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Celebrating Public Library Day: Exploring the Joy of Puzzling

By: Fatima Ronz Margaret C. Manila



In celebration of the 65th Public Library Day, an activity entitled the "Joy of Puzzling" was conducted at the the QCPL Conference Room on March 9, 2024 at 11:00 AM. This was a joint project between the Jigsaw Puzzle Community Philippines (JPCPH), the National Library of the Philippines (NLP), and the Quezon City Public Library (QCPL).

Part of the activity was a program where QCPL-OIC Ms. Mariza G. Chico delivered a welcome address, welcoming all the puzzle enthusiasts and all participants. Mr. Giovanni Barrantes, the Jigsaw Puzzle Community Philippines (JPCPH) Head Administrator, talked about the benefits of playing puzzles. Among the benefits he discussed were the following: improves memory, increases/improves focus and concentration, stress reliever, helps protect the risk of age-related conditions (i.e. hearing loss, cataracts, depression, dementia, and etc.).





The program continued with Ms. Mariska Locsin and Ms. Ruby Llamas, who gave an overview of the Joy of Puzzling. They invited everyone to indulge on the thrill of discovering and playing jigsaw puzzle, accompanied with the feeling of satisfaction every time each challenge was completed.

The highlight of the celebration was the turn-over of jigsaw puzzles and the signing of the Deed of Donation between the donor, the Jigsaw Puzzle Community Philippines (JPCPH), and the QCPL as the beneficiary.






OIC-Assistant City Librarian Ms. Mary Ann L. Bernal gave the closing remarks, thanking everyone for their attendance, and extending QCPL's gratitude, as one of the beneficiaries of the Jigsaw puzzles donation.

Directing and steering enthusiasm during the entire course of the program was the Head of the Reference Section, Ms. Rowena G. Garcia, who is the Master of Ceremony.

As we celebrate the Public Library Day, let us continue to experience the "joy of playing puzzles" as a source of learning, relaxation, and inspiration. Let us explore the endless possibilities of playing puzzles, find fulfillment in pursuit of knowledge, and cherish the bonds forged through shared experiences gathered in the "joy of puzzling."




The Joy of Reading and Learning: Reading Tutorial

BY: ANA KATRINA T. HONRADE

We are delighted to share the wonderful news on the successful conclusion of "The Joy of Reading and Learning: Reading Tutorial," a collaborative effort between the QCPL and the dedicated students of CIIT NSTP Literacy Training Service (LTS) students. This program, spanning seven enriching sessions, aimed to instill a love for reading and learning among children aged 5 to 7 years old in our community.

Every session, the library came alive with the laughter and excitement of young learners eager to embark on a journey of discovery through the world of books. Guided by the passionate tutors from CIIT NSTP Literacy Training Service (LTS) students, the children engaged in interactive reading activities, comprehension exercises, vocabulary-building activities, and explored the wonders of literature in a supportive and nurturing environment.

The contribution of the CIIT NSTP Literacy Training Service (LTS) students was invaluable to the success of the program. For five weeks, these dedicated tutors shared their knowledge, enthusiasm, and love for learning with the young participants, serving as mentors and role models who inspired a sense of curiosity and wonder in the hearts of the children.

Under the guidance of our student tutors, the participants not only improved their reading comprehension and vocabulary skills but also developed a deeper appreciation for the joys of reading. Through engaging activities, and meaningful interactions, children discovered the power of imagination and the endless possibilities that lie within the pages of a book.









As the program concluded, we celebrated the remarkable achievements of our young participants with a post-assessment and the distribution of the certificates of completion. It was a moment of pride and joy as we witness the smiles on the faces of our young learners, knowing that we had made a positive impact on their lives through the power of reading.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the CIIT NSTP LTS students for their unwavering commitment and tireless efforts in making "The Joy of Reading and Learning" Reading Tutorial a resounding success. Their passion, dedication, and genuine desire to make a difference in the lives of others had left a lasting impact on our community and inspired us all to continue our efforts in promoting literacy and education.













Buribooks School Tour and Book Mobile Caravan: Promoting Literacy and Learning in Quezon City

By: Alistair Troy B. Lacsamana

The QCPL is thrilled to announce the launch of Buribooks School Tour and Book Mobile Caravan. This exciting initiative aims to foster the love for reading and learning among elementary and high school students in Quezon City.



Storytelling using Buribooks with Mr. Alistair Troy Lacsamana at Project 6 Elementary School

What is the Buribooks School Tour and Book Mobile Caravan?

The Buribooks School Tour and Book Mobile Caravan is a comprehensive school registration and literacy program. It focuses on the following key components:

- Orientation on Buribooks: We provide teachers and librarians an orientation on Buribooks database, ensuring easy access to a wealth of educational resources.
- Creative Storytelling Sessions: Our QCPL librarians and staff engage students through captivating storytelling sessions. These sessions not only entertain but also reinforce learning and critical thinking skills.
- Monthly Themes: Each month, we explore a different theme through our storytelling sessions. In February, we delved into the rich history of the EDSA revolution while March was dedicated to discussing women's issues. This April, we are going to focus on environmental awareness.



Bago Bantay Elementary School students happily reading inside QCPL Book Mobile.



Young students queueing to get inside the QCPL Book Mobile at Project 6 Elementary School



Lucas Pascual Elementary School students engaged in a storytelling session.



Judge Juan Luna High School students actively listening to a storytelling session.

IMPACT and REACH

Since February 2024, the Book Mobile Caravan has reached a total of:

- 2918 Students: We have reached out to 2918 students across various schools in Quezon City.
- 431 Teachers: Our program has engaged 431 teachers, empowering them with valuable resources to enhance their teaching methods.
- 39 Schools: The Book Mobile Caravan has visited 39 schools, spreading the joy of reading and learning.



A storytelling session with Librarian Ms. Carmi Joy Domaum at Ernesto Rondon Elementary School



Young students actively listening to a storytelling session at Mines Elementary School

POSITIVE FEEDBACK

The response we have received from the teachers and students have been overwhelmingly positive. They appreciate having access to the Buribooks database—a valuable resource that enriches the learning experience for all.

We look forward to nurturing a generation of curious minds that are eager to explore the world through the pages of books as we continue this journey. Join us in celebrating literacy and knowledge at Buribooks School Tour and Book Mobile Caravan!





Teachers of Sto. Cristo Elementary School (left) and Apolonio Samson Elementary School (right) attending a Buribooks Orientation in their respective schools.

World Read Aloud Day 2024 Celebrated in Quezon City

By: Carmi Joy E. Domaum

On February 7, 2024, Quezon City joined the global celebration of World Read Aloud Day. The event, organized in partnership with the Schools Division Office and the Social Services Development Department, aims to encourage young learners to engage with books and enhance their literacy skills.





The highlight of this year's celebration was the remarkable increase in participation of students. From 108,101 participants last year, the number surged to an impressive 185,643 this year. This growth reflects the city's commitment to promoting reading and education among its youth.



The Quirino High School, one of this year's active participant, went beyond reading aloud. They provided a unique opportunity for their students to interpret stories using Filipino sign language. This inclusive approach ensures that all learners, regardless of their abilities, can enjoy the magic of storytelling.



As part of the festivities, Mayor Joy Belmonte visited the QC Yakap Day Care Center and read a storybook to the children. Her engaging narration inspired young minds and reinforced the importance of literacy.

Anticipating of the 85th Quezon City Foundation Day, this celebration served as a testament to the city's dedication to education, inclusivity, and the joy of reading. Let us continue to celebrate the power of words and the transformative impact they have on our lives!





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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.