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LET'S CELEBRATE! 60TH PUBLIC LIBRARY DAY: BARANGAY AKLATAN SA PASONG TAMO, QC

By: Myrene M. Melanio

The Quezon City Public Library - Pasong Tamo Branch, Sangguniang Kabataan, and Barangay Pasong Tamo Council collaborated for an activity dubbed as "Barangay Aklatan Project". This included Big Books distribution, storytelling and Feeding Program for a month long celebration of the 60th Public Library day with the theme: "Libraries Click: Public Libraries Click when the Local Official Lead."

These activities foremost aimed to promote the Pasong Tamo Branch Library thus, bringing library services to the community is a great help. The library staffs and barangay officials participated well. They taught children how to read and gave lessons on how to improve their literacy skills through different reading-oriented activities and exercises. One important example is the storytelling sessions and games for children.

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City Librarian's Corner

QCPL: Continuing to Move to a Higher Gear

Emelita L. Villanueva

In behalf of the Quezon City Public Library (QCPL), we would like to extend our congratulations to our Mayor-elect Hon. Josefina G. Belmonte for winning in the last local election and thank you very much to our outgoing Hon. Mayor Herbert M. Bautista for his support to the City Library for his entire term 2010-2019.

Rest assured that the QCPL will continue to do its mandate as a public library and do its outstanding achievements and accomplishments in support to the thrusts and vision of the incoming Mayor, Mayor Josefina G. Belmonte, who, even when she was still the Vice Mayor, had been very supportive of the QCPL's activities and projects.

The QCPL, being awarded as 2018 Outstanding Public Library with Special Programs and Outreach Services on "Malasakit" to the Different Sectors in the Community for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) National Committee on Libraries and Information Services (NCLIS), ensures to be a model not only for public libraries in the country but also in the library profession, thus giving prestige to Quezon City as a whole.

QCPL will continue to do projects and activities congruent to the incumbent Mayor's thrusts.

Again, congratulations to our Mayor-elect Josefina G. Belmonte.

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The Barangay Aklatan Project also conducted library orientation at each activity and made them aware of the different services and programs of its main, the Quezon City Public Library.

Five hundred forty (540) children participated and learned in the storytelling sessions and reading activities .

The storytellers were Kagawad Tricia Pilar, Kagawad Maine Deuna, Kagawad Katherine Marcos, Kagawad Anne De Jesus; and SK Pau Diaz. Kagawad Mae Tagle and Kagawad Cedes Madrinico Bisonaya gave an inspirational messages for the participants of the Barangay Aklatan Project”.

The barangay officials also conducted library games for the children to have fun after the storytelling activity. They also distributed Big Books that they can read at home or during their free time.

“Maganda po itong storytelling lalo na sa mga batang natututo pa lang magbasa gaya ng dalawa kong anak,” said a mother who accompanied her two daughters at a Barangay Aklatan storytelling session.

“Sana magbigay ulit ang public library at barangay ng Big Books next time,” she added. She noted that the Big Books would help her children become interested in reading and encourage them to spend some time reading rather than play games at their street most of the time.

“Naniniwala ako na ang edukasyon ay tulay o susi upang makamit ng mga kabataan ang kani-kanilang mga pangarap kaya maganda talaga ang proyektong Barangay Aklatan. Because of this project we get to teach and encourage children to read. Also, we were able to make the children realize the importance of reading and how beneficial education is to them. Nowadays, we can observe that kids prefer gadgets instead of reading books or playing outside their homes. That is why it is important to have project like Barangay Aklatan because it also serves as promotional for the kids to go back to reading and playing which really helps in the mental and



Kagawad Maine Diaz storytelling

physical development of a child. Definitely, marami pang susunod na storytelling sessions, with the help of the QCPL” said Kagawad Tricia Pilar.

This “Barangay Aklatan Project” will continue to visit different communities to provide library services to out-of-school children, parents, senior citizens and person with disabilities who cannot visit the library.

The Feeding Program on the otherhand was sponsored by the Barangay Pasong Tamo Council. It provided food to malnourished children and helps ensure that each child has adequate food and nutrients is congruent with the reading activities of the Barangay Aklatan project since proper nutrition leads to better learning.

Activity schedules were done in the different sheets in Bgy. Pasong Tamo, on March 11 at Karingal St. Area 1-A, March 14 at Magsaysay Area 1-B, March 19 at Area 3, March 26 at Area 5 and March 28 at Area 2 & 4.

In behalf of the QCPL-Pasong Tamo Branch, we would like to thank Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva, City Librarian, and Hon. Emmanuel “Banjo” Pilar, Barangay Chairman of Pasong Tamo, Quezon City for their support in the Barangay Aklatan Project, that led to its successful implementation.

Greater Project 4 Branch Inter-School Spelling Bee Contest

By: Mark Angelo M. Caldonga

Greater Project 4 branch conducted its 12th Year Spelling Bee Contest from various schools within the vicinity of Project 4 area in February 19-21, 2019.

This is a joint project of Quezon City Public Library- Greater Project 4, the Progresibong Edukasyon tungo sa Kapayapaan at Kaunlaran (P.E.K.K), Greater Project 4 Book Lover's Club and Barangay Marilag Council. It aims to encourage the youth to participate in a spelling bee competition that can result in several benefits. Spelling bee does not only provides a valuable educational experience for the youth, but also allows them to engage in healthy competition. Other benefits from this educational fun activity are learning the correct grammar, enhanced vocabulary, having a competitive spirit that will boost their confidence as well as increase their knowledge on vocabulary and spelling.

The said Spelling Bee Contest was attended by 134 students from grades 1-6 of the 8 participating Schools, namely Batino Elementary School, 15th Ave Elementary School, Holy Angels Elementary School, Kalantiyaw Elementary School, Project 3 Elementary School, Pura V. Kalaw Elementary School, Teodora Alonzo Elementary School and Quirino Elementary School.

Anticipation was great. Contestants were nervous and coaches were boosting each participant that they can do it. Each pupil was seated according to the number pinned on their clothes. Before each session starts, the Spelling Bee Master Ms. Angeli Telan read the instructions clearly regarding what was an acceptable spelling and what was not. She even gave a warm up sample on how to go about it. She also clearly stated that even though there was a scoring chart, the Judges still has the final decision.

As the elimination came down to three remaining contestants for each grade level, the excitement grew. Coaches and parents were cheering and hoping their bet wins. Of course, only one 1st placer gets a trophy. In Grade 1, 1st placer was from Pura V. Kalaw Elementary School, Vinn Sebastian Manzano. In Grade 2, Marco Aeron P. Baraquia from 15th Ave. Elementary School, in Grade 3, Ralph Deandre M. Conde from Quirino Elementary School, in Grade 4, Kathryn Sophia P. Dionision from Holy Angels Elementary School, in Grade 5, Raine Hyacinth B. Sanchez from Holy Angels Elementary School and in Grade 6 Cielo Ysobel Abrina from Pura V. Kalaw Elementary School. Others got the 2nd and 3rd places.

And yes, children are children. Mixed reactions were seen, some were crying because they lost, some were just plain sport and some were disappointed. But these were but natural reactions from kids. Nevertheless, the activity was again successful.

Without the help and support of the people behind it, led by Ms. Julie G. Domingono, Coordinator, District III Libraries and her colleagues, namely Mr. Anthony Corpuz, Helen Grace Fernandez, Maribel M. Felonia, Jerico T. Martinez, Pascual Sacramento III, Mark Angelo M. Caldonga, and most especially the management of QCPL headed by the City Librarian Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva, this activity would not be a success.

Kudos to all!

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Grade 1

1st placer Vinn Sebastian Manzano (middle) from Pura V. Kalaw Elem. Sch., 2nd placer Hans Lllam Ryder R. Acosta (left) from Holy Angels, 3rd placer Sophia Joy Q. Bigornia (right) from Kalantiyaw Elem. Sch.



Grade 2

1st placer Marco Aeron P. Baraquia (middle) from 15th Ave. Elem. Sch., 2nd placer Keziah Kate L. Ducog (left) from Pura V. Kalaw Elem. Sch., 3rd placer Jared Ezekiel C. Malaca (right) from Pura V. Kalaw Elem. Sch.



Grade 3

1st placer Ralph Deandre M. Conde (middle) from Quirino Elem. Sch., 2nd placer Ayanna Renee M. Ronquillo (left) from Holy Angels, 3rd placer Rhian Grace D. Bragado (right) Quirino Elem. Sch.



Grade 4

1st placer Kathryn Sophia P. Dionision (middle) from Holy Angels, 2nd placer Erin Jan Tan (right) from Project 3 Elem. Sch., 3rd placer Lindsay Allision C. Gabriel (left) from Pura V. Kalaw Elem. Sch.



Grade 5

1st placer Baine Hyacinth B. Sanchez (middle) from Holy Angels, 2nd placer Mary Joaquine C. Ravalo (left) from Kalantiyaw Elem. Sch., 3rd placer Ma. Ashley Anne Imperial (right) from Pura V. Kalaw Elem. Sch.



Grade 6

1st placer Cielo Ysobel Abrina (middle) from Pura V. Elem. Sch., 2nd placer Wesley F. Buco (left) from Quirino Elem. Sch., 3rd placer Fae Hermione S. Marquez (right) from Pura V. Kalaw Elem. Sch.

SUMMER FUN WITH GREATER PROJECT 4 POLICE OFFICERS, LIONS CLUB INT.'L & COLOR YOUR LIFE FOUNDATION

By: Julie G. Domingono

The Quezón City Public Library – Greater Project 4 Branch in collaboration with Project 4 Police Officers, Lions Club International and Color Your Life Foundation conducted Storytelling & Arts and Crafts activities for the kids in the community with the theme, “Summer Fun Activities Station Best Practice: Load, Carry and Deliver (LCD)” on April 6, 2019.

It aims to promote literacy for anti-criminality for the youth to become better persons. It was attended by one hundred eight (108) participants from different barangays like Barangay Tagumpay, Escopa and Dioquino Zobel.

The children were fortunate to have visited the Greater Project 4 Branch library together with the Police officers and were excited about the school supplies given by Lions Club International, Big books (story book given by GP4 Branch Library). They had the chance to explore the arts and learn more about storytelling. Everyone enjoyed the different art crafts they produced like Pinwheel, paper fan and water color painting.

This storytelling activity in celebration of Arts and Crafts week was conducted with a hope that “Education to Anti-Criminality” specially at tender age, will lead to a better youth which this project endeavored to promote.

Developing a love of learning to all, the QCPL- Greater Project 4 Branch is always ready to serve.



The children participants during the arts and craft activity

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(Seated in front from left): Mr. Pascual Sacramento Jr. III, NUP Jenevie A. Cablente, Edelyn, Micha, Sheila, Raymart; (Standing 2nd row from left): Ms. Arlene N. Lunasco, PSSGT Eden R. Dela Paz, Sam, friend of Sam, member of the Lions Club, friend of the Lions Club, visitor of the Lions Club, Deputy Station Commander, PS-8, PCI Edwin M. Fuertes, District III libraries Coordinator, Ms. Julie G. Domingono, Ms. Maribel M. Felonia; (Standing 3rd row from left): Mr. Anthony Corpuz, visitor of the Lions Club, Mrs. Ms. Rowena C. Gamana, friend of the Lions Club, Mr. Mark Angelo M. Caldonga, PGS, PO Carl Vincent A. Equibal and Mr. Kevin.

The Fun Summer Activity Committee:

--- Lions Club International, Project 4 Police Station, Color Your Life Foundation and QCPL - Greater Project 4 Branch

Member of Lions Club: Mrs. Rowena C. Gamana (standing 2nd row 1st from left)

Member of Project 4 Police Station: Deputy Station Commander, PS-8, PCI Edwin M. Fuertes (standing 2nd row 3rd from right), PGS, NUP Jenevie A. Cablente (seated, 2nd from left), PGS, PO3 Carl Vincent A. Equibal (standing last row 2nd from right)

Member of Color Your Life Foundation: Raymart, Micha, Sheila, Edelyn (seated from right), Sam (standing 2nd row 3rd from left), Kevin (standing last row 1st from right)

QCPL Staff - District III Libraries: District Coordinator Ms. Julie G. Domingono (standing, 2nd row, 2nd from right), Library staff : Pascual Jr. III Sacramento (seated 1st from left), Arlene N. Lunasco (standing from left), Maribel M. Felonia (standing 2nd row 1st from right), Anthony V. Corpuz (standing, last row 1st from left), Mark Angelo M. Caldonga (standing, last row 3rd from right)



Left: Schools supplies donated by Lions Club Int'l. Right: Big books from QCPL

QCPL GETS UPDATES ON ITS DATABASES

By: Rowena G. Remiendo

The Periodicals Section of the Quezon City Public Library (QCPL) in collaboration with the Filipiniana and Local History and Law Research Sections conducted an orientation on the use of Press Reader, an online database consists of 7,215 foreign and local newspapers and magazines subscribed by the library and the QC LIBROS (Quezon City Library Repository Online System), a database of digitized library materials, on May 6, 2019 at the QCPL conference room. The objective of this orientation is to acquaint the QCPL staff from the Main Library and its branch Libraries with the use of these databases to better serve the research and informational needs of the clientele.

At first, Ms. Rowena G. Remiendo, Head of the Periodicals Section and her staff explored and studied the use of the Press Reader by themselves but cannot explore all its uses and benefits, thus requested Ms. Nerissa Roldan from the Emerald Headway Philippines, the supplier of Press Reader to demonstrate the full utilization of the product.

According to Ms. Roldan, the Press Reader has fine features that make accessing foreign and local newspapers and magazines a lot easier since it's user friendly. It is more than just browsing and searching. A user can download and share information and can even be archived that can be accessed ninety days behind. It has a feature that translates over eighteen (18) languages from all over the world.

Press Reader is very advantageous to the Periodical Section staff since they can now get away with the traditional news clippings...cutting, pasting, indexing and filing. Relevant subjects are already downloaded and are archived at the QC LIBROS for research purposes.

One thing good about this database is that it can be shared to other offices and departments within the Quezon City Hall compound with one requirement: they have to have an IP address. Thus, QCPL, sent letters to QC Hall offices for them to avail and use the said database. Two (2) offices have positively responded, the Office of Councilor Gian Sotto and Office of HCDRD (Housing, Community Development and Resettlement Department) formerly Urban Poor Affairs Office (UPAO). QCPL hope that more offices and departments will also avail of this library service.

Also, the orientation and actual demonstration on the use of the QC LIBROS were also presented by Mr. Paulo Dominik Daulat, Head of the Filipiniana and Local History Section, Ms. Manica M. Cortes of the Law Research Section and Ms. Fatima Ronz Manila, staff of the Periodical Section.

Furthermore, Mr. Manny Boy Fajilan, explained the use and advantages of the DSpace, a free software used in the QC LIBROS. He said that It is also being used by most academic, non-profit and commercial organizations building open digital repositories and is easy to install "out of the box" and completely customizable to fit any organization.

The City Librarian, Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva, after the orientation and demonstration talks, assured the branch librarians that eventually Press Reader will also be available in their respective branch libraries to better serve the clientele in the community, giving them privilege to read various newspapers and magazines in real time.

Overall, The PressReader and QC LIBROS Orientation and Demonstration was successfully done with the full support of the City Librarian and was attended by fifty QCPL staffs from main and branches combined. Also, Ms. Roldan gave away a pack of Readers Digest to each participants and hearty buffet lunch for all. What a nice treat to end the morning!

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Ms. Nerissa Roldan during her orientation and demonstration of the PressReader.

Ms. Nerissa Roldan (2nd from left), Ms. Manica Cortes (5th from left), Paulo Dominik P. Daulat (6th from left), Ms. Fatima Ronz Manila (7th from left) and Mr. Manny Boy F. Fajilan (last from left) received their Certificate of Appreciation as Resource Persons from the City Librarian Emelita L. Villanueva and Mariza G. Chico OIC Asst. City Librarian with Ms. Rowena G. Remiendo (1st from left).



The lunch buffet sponsored by the Emerald Headway Phils.

"Aklatang Gala" at Barangay San Isidro Galas

BY: JENIFFER R. ADAJO

The "Aklatang Gala" project of QCPL which uses a push cart loaded with children's books, magazines and other reading materials which was initially launched at Roxas Branch Library was also re-launched this time at San Isidro Galas Branch Library on April 26, 2019. This activity aims to reach out to people in the community particularly the children who cannot visit QCPL branch libraries, thus, encourage them to visit the libraries and avail of other services it offers for free.

FO2 Jade Delang Longino from Bureau of Fire (BFP) Protection told a story entitled "Ang Bahay ni Pepay Pagong together with Mr. Karl Aecis Endaya, SK Area Leader who also told a story entitled "Si Kokoy Kalabaw". After which, big books were distributed to the children for them to read in their homes.

This project was made possible in partnership with various government agencies like Barangay San Isidro Galas headed by Punong Barangay Hon. John M. Reyno with Sanguniang Kabataan Chairwoman Almira Mariño, Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Galas QCPD Station 11 and Tennis Club Association.



Children of the community happily waving their received big books



Ms. Almira Mariño, SK Chairwoman of Bgy. San Isidro Galas giving on her welcome remarks



FO2 Jade Delang Longino of BFP and SK area leader Karl Endaya as storytellers



Police officers during the motorcade with Aklatang Gala

Librarians Role on Preservation and Conservation of Paper Based Collection

BY: RONA D. CRUCILLO

The National Library of the Philippines (NLP) in partnership with Colegio de San Juan de Letran on its 400 years of giving an excellent education conducted a month long celebration of National Heritage by providing and sharing knowledge on how librarians should preserve and conserve information on May 9, 2019.

Librarians hold information through resources that can be found inside the library. They organize and make information accessible and reliable. Without it, users cannot appreciate the importance of rare books, manuscript, incunabula, records and old documents, it's old! dusty, stored in one place, technically archived.

Experts on preservation of this kind of materials are indeed few in number. However, today, librarians are challenged to preserve and conserve information to extend the life of these collections.

Ms. Farrah Lyn S. Gocoyo- Librarian, Filipiniana Division of the NLP provided guidelines in improving the condition of the collections as well as issues, challenges and best practices. Ms. Anne Rosette G. Crelencia, OIC, Filipiniana Division from the NLP discussed materials being use to preserve paper-based collections and the proper way of dry-cleaning by using special materials such as art brushes, document cleaning sponge, archival tissue, spatula and pencil in order to protect the pages specially the uncommon damages.

Archiving is a science where laboratory gowns, gloves and mask are worn to avoid chemical reactions in assessing the book conditions. Restoration of book damages from the collections is available to cure. Common paper damages are identified and best practices to maintain and cure books. Torn paper pages from the books can be fixed with mending tape or tissue and mending machine. Foxed, dirt, and stain paper pages is cleaned with a document cleaning sponge or the eraser grated into tiny pieces as improvised cleaning material. Rub it gently and in circular.

Preservation of these materials from fires, floods or water and termites such as silverfish is possible by utilizing a book enclosure. However, DIY or do it by yourself book enclosure is a good option. Book enclosure is a customized fitted box for the books that can protect from dust and other chemical or environmental reactants. Others such as book jacket can likewise be use.

The proper way of handling, cleaning, and fixing of information is important. Librarians have a new role of caring before fixing. Challenge to fix issues before it is too late for collections life average period.

"Information is a treasure that is written by the royal author.

Librarians serve as the chivalry that has courage and honor the treasures." -Rona D. Crucillo



Participants from QCPL- from left: Ms. Andria Teope, Ms. Jeniffer Adajo, Ms. Mary Grace Sobreviñas, Ms. Mary Teresa Salon, Ms. Emerlina Tan, Ms. Rona Crucillo and Ms. Analiza Puno.



Left photo: Workshop Facilitator from the NLP demonstrates proper way of handling and dry cleaning rare book. Right photo: Workshop Facilitator with Ms. Mary Grace, Ms. Emerlina and Ms. Andria prepares customized archival protection.

It's Summer Time, Let's Read and Learn Together

By: Analiza T. Puno

The Quezon City Public Library- Balingasa Branch on its 8th year conducted a "Summer Reading Tutorial" in coordination with Barangay Balingasa and Balingasa Elementary School. The activity was held from April 8, 2019 to May 3, 2019 participated by fifty (50) incoming elementary students in two (2) sessions from 8: 00 to 11:30 a.m. at the 2nd floor of the library in Balingasa Branch.

Ms. Grace Favia and Ms Madilyn Oclarino, teachers from Balingasa Elementary School shared their time and talent voluntarily to the children who actively participated during the tutorial session. The children were supported by their parents and guardians as well as the staff of Balingasa Branch headed by Ms. Maribel A. Alnas (LIC), Ms Rosel Esparrago, Mr. Chesar Paguio, Edielyn Besas, Mary Jane Besas (GIP) and Kagawad Naneth Magdaraog.

Aside from the Summer Reading Tutorial, the staff also conducted livelihood program which is "Hand Sanitizer Making". This is to encourage the parents of the children from the tutorial class to be resourceful and skillful while patiently waiting for their children. This would also help them prepare to start a small business to meet their daily needs especially those who are single parents. Facilitators are Kagawad's Nenita C. Magdaraog, Teresa Herrera and Rolando Francisco.

The Moving Up Ceremony was held last May 8, 2019 to recognize that the learners or participants had acquired something and that they are all well-equipped, be it in the reading tutorial or the livelihood program.



1st and 2nd photo from top: Volunteer teachers from Balingasa Elem. School Ms. Grace Favia and Ms. Madilyn Oclarino.

Bottom photo from right: Maribel Alnas, Kagawad Rolando Francisco, Kag. Naneth C. Magdaraog with two participants.

Learn to Earn: Training on Basic Welding

BY: BIENVENIDO P. ONGKIKO, III



Participants holding the certificates with the instructor - Mr. Neptali Necomedez S. Remoral (sitting at the middle), Ms. Emerlina R. Tan - Coordinator, District 5 Libraries (standing 2nd from right), Ms. Eleanor Sampiano - Head, Filipiniana Section (1st row standing at left).



Mr. Neptali Necomedez demonstrating hands-on welding

The Quezon City Public Library – Novaliches Branch conducted a **LEARN TO EARN: Training on Basic Welding** held at Novaliches Branch library from May 21 – 24, 2019. It was organized and facilitated by Ms. Emerlina R. Tan, Coordinator, District V Libraries together with Mr. Neptali Necomedez S. Remoral (NCII Licensed Welder) and Mr. Eduardo Sabiniano as Instructor and Assistant Instructor, respectively. The activity was participated in by people from all walks of life.

On its first day, Mr. Remoral gave a lecture and introduction to welding, including safety gears, the do's and don'ts and materials needed.

For the remaining days, Mr. Remoral sees to it that every participants were given the chance to experience and handle the welding machine.

The graduation ceremony with distribution of certificates was held last May 24, 2019, its last day.

Overall, the activity was successful and all the participants were happy and satisfied. As public servants it is always an honor to share something to the public.

Cubao Branch proudly presents

STORYTELLING WITH A STAR

by: Edalyn F. De Guzman

The Quezon City Public Library- Cubao Branch conducted "Storytelling with a Star" with Ms. Angelu de Leon as the celebrity storyteller. It was participated in by thirty-nine (39) children from Barangay Kamuning last May 30, 2019. Ms. De Leon shared the story entitled "Ang Mainggiting Kuting" which teaches the importance of forgiveness and justice. This was made possible through the support of her manager, Mr. Angelito Alcala Estrada, Mr. Felbert Go and the staff of QCPL-Cubao branch. This activity aims to encourage the children to read more books through visiting our library and engaging them in the services we offer.

The activity did not end with Ms. De Leon's story alone. She also asked the children of what have they learned from the story and even shared her own learnings and inspired them to read. The children were also given their own big books which they excitedly shared to the rest of the crowd. This enhanced their confidence in reading and the value of sharing what they have.

This is our Library---where stars shine through sharing.



Left: Ms. Angelu De Leon during her storytelling session. Right: Ms. Angelu De Leon with the children participants after the activity.

Quezon City Public Library Summer Art Workshop 2019

BY: ANA KATRINA T. HONRADE



Participants of the Paper Engineering, cutting Pagong at Matsing character with the supervision of the facilitator Ms. Marivic Mendros (standing)

The QCPL- Children's Section conducted exciting activities during the Summer Art Workshops 2019. Lined up during the four-week activity in April 22, 2019 - May 17, 2019 were: Paper Engineering, Positive Discipline seminar for parents, Pinoy Reading Buddies (PRB), Digital Literacy, and Puppetry Workshop.

It was participated in by two hundred thirty-five (235) participants from Quezon City. Some participants were from the Social Service Development Department (SSDD) program together with their parents, who attended the Paper Engineering and Positive Discipline Seminar for parents.

The Summer Art Workshop started with the first activity, Paper Engineering, which targets participants to have fun learning arts through paper. The origin of paper engineering was discussed first then followed by the activity proper wherein the participants will create their own book characters based on different storytelling books.

The facilitators in this event were: Ms. Marivic A. Mendros, Ms. Ana Katrina T. Honrade, and Ms. Reny Rose B. Marvilla.

Opposite session from the Paper Engineering is the Positive Discipline seminar for the parents. Teacher Tin Linsangan, a volunteer, educated parents in their parenting style that focuses on the positive points of behavior. Positive discipline is based on the idea that there are no bad children, just good and bad behaviors.

PRB was conducted on the second week of the Summer Art Workshop. PRB is a different method to help teachers promote and redevelop the love of reading through the four components of PRB: picture walk, read out loud, word wall, and reading log.

In the third week, Coding was introduced to children's ages 10-12 years old. The facilitators used CS First Google as their medium for instruction. This activity aims to teach children how to make their own game or story board.

Finally, on the last week of the Summer Art Workshop, Puppetry Workshop was presented. It aims to impart basic knowledge on how to make different type of puppets and master the manipulation and techniques during live performances.

A month of fun-filled activity was done in this year's Summer Art Workshop 2019. In line with our mission to provide quality services to meet the changing needs of the community through the introduction of innovative techniques for the advancement of learning and literacy, the Summer Art Workshop 2019 was a success; with the assistance of the staff from the Children's section and the support of the City Librarian, Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva.

SUMMER TUGTUGAN SA AKLATAN

BY: ANGELI M. PASCUA



(Left photo) Angeli Pascua, Michael John Garcia, Analiza T. Puno. (Right photo) during the guitar training lessons

The Quezon City Public Library - Project 7 branch conducted its 3rd year "Summer Guitar Tutorial" with this year theme "Summer Tugtugan sa Aklatan" in cooperation with Barangay Veterans Village Council through the generosity of Barangay Captain Joy Landingin and Kagawad Raul Pascual, Chairman Education Committee. This was participated in by ten (10) children from the nearby community who attended the guitar tutorial lessons every afternoon from May 2 to May 29, 2019.

The trainer and facilitator was Mr. Michael John Garcia, a former library staff of Project 7 branch, who voluntarily taught the students to play acoustic guitar.

This activity aims to encourage the children to visit the library and introduce to them its various services and resources for their research needs. It also aims to inculcate not only the love of learning from reading books and materials but also through this kind of activity which can develop skills and talents in playing musical instruments.

Our heartfelt thanks to our ever-supportive City Librarian Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva, who supports all library activities, Barangay Captain Joy Landingin who supports all the branch activities, Kagawad Raul Pascual, Chairman, Education Committee, library in charge and staff of Project 7 branch.

A short graduation program took place on May 29, 2019 at 2: 00 pm. Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to the children who actively and persistently participated in the one (1) month coaching and training.

Peek- A-Book

BY: CARLA MARIE ARCETA



From top to bottom: Group photo of the participants and facilitators; Ms. Arceta teaching letter reading; picture reading.

The Quezon City Public Library - Project 8 Branch with the help of a former on-the-job trainee Ms. Ronalyn Catimon conducted "Peek-A-Book", an eight (8) - day summer learning program which was participated in by children of different ages of Barangay Bahay Toro. The activity was held last May 15-24, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. onwards.

Peek-a-Book is one of the services of the QCPL that offers summer learning opportunities to the children. It also exposes them to various learning methods where learning can be done through enjoyable activities. Also, Peek-a-Book aims to promote that learning should not stop at the end of the school year.

Staff of Project 8 Branch Library headed by Ms. Analiza T. Puno, Coordinator, District 1 Libraries and Ms. Carla Marie S. Arceta, Library-In-Charge facilitated the said activity. It starts with a simple prayer led by one of the students, a quick review of what the children have learned for the past days, and an introductory message from one of the staff.

They were grouped according to their ages and each group had facilitators from the library staff Ms. Ana Marie E. Teope, Mr. Ignacio A. Beltran, Mr. Enrico Pantaleon and Ms. Arceta. Different subject areas were tackled like reading, spelling, mathematics, and more. Snacks were provided after every session which was sponsored by Ms. Puno, Ms. Catimon and Ms. Arceta. Also, big books were distributed afterwards.

A special thanks to the City Librarian, Emelita L. Villanueva, who untirelessly supports these activities.

DATA PRIVACY AND PROTECTION IN THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

BY: MA. VICTORIA S. MANUEL

Data Privacy Act was passed in the Philippines in 2012, this is a strict and comprehensive legislation “to protect the fundamental human right of privacy, of communication while ensuring free flow of information to promote innovation and growth.” (Republic Act. No. 10173, Ch. 1, Sec. 2). The National Privacy Commission was established to enforce and oversee the law and in September 9, 2016, the final implementing rules and regulations came into effect.

The Quezon City Public Library (QCPL) initiated an awareness of the said legislation to its staff by conducting a seminar entitled “Data Privacy and Protection in the Public Library” held on June 19, 2019 at the QCPL Main building. It was attended by both librarians and support staff from different QCPL branches.

Ms. Dianne Lane B. Lopez, a privacy advocate and the current Executive Assistant II to the Deputy Privacy Commissioner Leandro Angelo Y. Aguirre facilitated the seminar. She started by differentiating the meaning of “privacy” then and now, and what it is all about. The structure of RA 10173 was presented in a clear and easy to understand manner that includes the rights of the data subjects, obligations of the information controllers and processors, provisions and penalties. Ms. Lopez shared her insights regarding the current data collection mechanism the library is practicing and gave alternative solutions to avoid breaching the data privacy rights of its clientele. She commended the department for commencing an activity that will increase consciousness about data privacy and encourage them to comply with the continuous help from the National Privacy Commission. At the end, she left the audience with the data privacy golden rule, “If you can’t protect it, don’t collect it.”

The QCPL respects the data privacy rights of all its clientele and protecting them is a vital responsibility of the library. The management will continuously provide activities to empower the staff that gears toward complying with the Data Privacy Act of 2012.

Ms. Dianne Lane B. Lopez (middle) received the Certificate of Appreciation from Ms. Mariza G. Chico (left) and Ms. Lucila R. Raquiño (right)



Ms. Dianne Lane B. Lopez presenting the steps to comply with data Privacy Act 2012



The seminar speaker and attendees

QUEZON CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY WELCOMES

Municipality of Bacnotan, La Union

By: Maria Cecilia R. Magnate

The Mayor and Vice-Mayor elect Hon. Francisco Angelito “Francis” L. Fontanilla and Divina Fontanilla respectively, its LGU’s department heads, Local School Board together with School Heads/Principals visited the Quezon City Public Library (QCPL) as part of their benchmarking activity to learn from this City’s best practices, particularly on the aspect of education/literacy programs and projects and facilities such as those on special education and reading/library resources among others on June 14, 2019.

Early birds they are. They arrived at the QCPL grounds around 7:30 prior to the QCPL opening. They patiently waited and wandered in the meantime in the complex of Quezon City Hall. Notable was that they were all in white polo shirts painted with the phrase “Hataw Bacnotan” signifying heightened commitment of quality management and delivery of public services.

As the tour commenced, they were brought to the QCPL 2nd floor Conference room. The OIC of the City Library, Ms. Mariza G. Chico, gave the warm welcoming remarks. Present also was Ms. Lucila R. Raquiño to welcome these delegates. Video presentations were showed as orientation on what to expect on the tour and another one showing how the QCPL extended its services to help/assists far flung places who desire to have libraries for their community like the “Malasakit” project.

The group was divided into two. Ms. Maria Cecilia R. Magnate from the publication services led the 1st group and who also served as the Master of Ceremony during the welcoming part. With her group was the Mayor himself, Hon. Francisco Angelito “Francis” L. Fontanilla and the Vice-Mayor elect Divina Fontanilla. They were showed the different divisions and sections of the QCPL. Each division/section personnel explained to them the tasks in each are doing.

Both groups experienced the chance to watch the Children’s Corner with its puppets performing a brief wonderful ventriloquism handled by Mr. Jairo Valencia. Appreciation and joy were seen from their faces. Others even tried to hold a puppet and try to manipulate.

The 2nd group was led by Ms. Rowena G. Remiendo, the Head of the Periodicals Section. The group also experienced the same and enjoyed the tour.

The tour was worth the exhaustive activity being done according to their purpose. They learned a lot of the QCPL’s best practices that hopefully would help immensely towards its continuous development for a better Municipality of Bacnotan.



Top: The group from Municipality of Bacnotan with some QCPL personnel; Middle left: Ms. Mariza G. Chico giving her welcoming remarks; Middle right: One of the delegates trying to manipulate the puppet (middle right); Bottom left: Hon. Francisco Angelito "Francis" L. Fontanilla (middle) and the Vice-Mayor elect Divina Fontanilla (right) receiving books as token and Certificate of Appreciation from OIC of the City Library Mariza G. Chico (left).

85TH NATIONAL BOOK WEEK PRESS CONFERENCE

By: *Lucila R. Raquiño*



Top to bottom: Group photo of the attendees; Ms. Jeniffer R. Adajo (member of the NBW Committee); Ms. Melanie Ramirez (Vice Chairperson) and Mr. Alistair Troy B. Lacsamana (Chairman) entertaining questions from the audience.

The Quezon City Public Library was the venue for the press conference to the 85th National Book Week activities spearheaded by the Philippine Librarians Associations, Inc. (PLAI) in partnership with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), the National Book Week (NBW) Committee 2019 and the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) on June 14, 2019, at the QCPL's conference room. This year's theme is "Inclusive, Innovative, Interconnected".

This press conference was attended by Librarians, School Administrators and Teachers, Professors and other stakeholders. The Public Affairs and Information Services Department (PAISD) of the Qc Government was also invited to witness the said press conference. Activities to be conducted were presented like poster making contest, essay writing contest, "readers" theatre contest, quiz bee, write, illustrate, tell, storytelling seminar, Pinoy book character parade and storytelling contest. Winners of the various activities will be awarded during the opening ceremonies of the National Book Week in November 2019.

12th National Capital Region
**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT LIBRARIANS,
 CITY LIBRARIANS & LIBRARY-IN-CHARGE
 SEMINAR-WORKSHOP**

BY: ANALIZA C. MARTINEZ



The Quezon City Public Library headed by Ms. Mariza G. Chico-OIC City Library, Ms. Analiza C. Martinez-Head, District Libraries Division and Mr. Charles A. Pasicolan-Head, Multi-Media and Internet Services attended the 12th National Capital Region (NCR) Congressional District Librarians, City Librarians and Library-in-Charge Meeting and Training-Workshop on Problem Solving Tools and Techniques last June 21, 2019. The said seminar was conducted by the National Library of the Philippines- Public Libraries Division hosted by Paranaque City Public Library headed by Mr. Cissette Ricardo, OIC.

The major aim of this activity is to present the status of libraries in the National Capital Region, specifically 1) identify issues and concerns that beset our congressional district and city libraries/librarians-in-charge; 2) consolidate these issues and concerns to strengthen the country's public library system; 3) discuss and come up with solutions and alternatives on the issues and concerns identified for future plans, programs and perspective for public libraries, and 4) conduct a short meeting.

After the said activity, all the librarians gave their expectations for the next meeting for future reference.



Top: Group photo of participants.

Bottom: The participants during the workshop



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VISION : The QCPL envisions 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 commit to:

1. Provide quality resources 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 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 on the value of accuracy and efficiency in providing information to its clients, 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 on the importance of commitment in doing its role wholeheartedly as a public library through the honest, trusted, loyal and motivated employees to achieve personal and professional integrity.
3. **PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY** - QCPL team believes on 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.