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QCPL LIBRARIANS, STAFF JOIN 1ST FOI WORKSHOP

By: Analiza C. Martinez

Library staff from the Quezon City Public Library joined a long list of participants to the 1st Freedom of Information (FOI) Workshop for Librarians organized recently by the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO).

The seminar, held at the University of Sto. Tomas (UST), aimed to raise awareness as to the importance of the FOI Bill among registered librarians in the country. The move was described as necessary to guide teachers and students should there be questions raised over the FOI program in libraries.

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Cover photo: (top) Librarians from the different Associations; (bottom right) Ms. Mariza G. Chico representing her group in reporting their output during the round table discussion of librarians.



City Librarian's Corner

We are very much honored and humbled that the Quezon City Public Library for the past months has accomplished so many that uplift the status of the library as one of the most outstanding public libraries in the country

First, we are fortunate that the Knowledge Channel of ABS-CBN has partnered with us for their children's show entitled "Wikaharian", wherein our Puppeteers will be part of this educational show.

Second, we were invited by the American Librarian's Association (ALA) to talk on the library's best practices particularly on our outreach services on bookmobile, puppeteers and our super library hero, Heneral Basa, which was represented by one of our Librarians, Mr. Alistair Troy B. Lacsamana, Head of the Children's Section at the United States of America.

Third, we were the 1st public library in the country to have conducted a seminar both on Data Privacy and Freedom of Information (FOI) which are vital in public libraries being the gatekeepers of information.

Fourth, one of our Librarians, Ms. Lucila Raquiño was elected President of the Association of Librarians in the Public Sector (ALPS). She will be representing the library in various activities the association will undertake. Rest assured that I will be giving my full support to this association, for this is the association of librarians working in the public as well as government sectors, where our organization belongs.

And lastly, I congratulate the Librarians and staff of the QCPL for all the successful activities and programs they have conducted to better serve our constituents in Quezon City. I am so lucky to have these people that have supported me all the way in achieving our goals and accomplishing great tasks, and as one, we will do greater things ahead of us with the support of the our incumbent Mayor, Hon. Josefina Belmonte.

With all these, and with God's grace and mercy nothing will be impossible for the QCPL to achieve more in the service of our people. To God be the glory!

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QCPL's First ALA Experience

BY: ALISTAIR TROY B. LACSAMANA

The QCPL, represented by Mr. Alistair Troy B. Lacsamana attended the ALA (American Library Association) Annual Conference and Exhibition held in Washington DC last June 20-25, 2019. He co-presented a paper with Mr. John Hickok about Quezon City Public Library's best practices on outreach services entitled: Quezon City Public Library: Innovative Outreach Efforts to Multiple Community Stakeholders. Mr. Hickok is an international outreach librarian at California State University, Fullerton. He is passionate and enthusiastic about international librarianship and helped a lot of Asian libraries develop partnerships with foreign counterparts.



With Mr. John Hickok, my co-presentor at IRRT Reception at the Library of Congress

Mr. Lacsamana attended the plenary sessions of US Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, Mr. Jason Reynolds and Nigerian-American writer Tomi Adeyemi, both young adult writers.

Mr. Lacsamana's ALA experience was very exciting and fruitful. Exciting because he was able to share QCPL's outreach efforts to the international audience.

He was joined by representatives of libraries from Copenhagen, Singapore and the US. Comparing QCPL's activities were more innovative. That despite our limited resources, we are able to deliver quality services to our clients.

Mr. Lacsamana experienced how librarians all over the world developed their love for reading and public libraries. Together with them, he listened attentively to the speakers. He was also able to mingle with the general public, librarians and exhibitors in the exhibit area. It's like the Manila International Book Fair but ten times or even twenty times bigger in size. He was amazed by their zeal. No wonder, the public libraries in the US are strong and so alive. It has given him the motivation on how to make our public libraries more exciting so that Filipinos will have the same eagerness on libraries. According to him, he is now equipped and inspired from the learnings he had gained from the sessions he had attended.

He was also able to touch base with fellow Filipino librarians who are now teacher librarians in the US. They had assimilated the US culture of reading. Hopefully, soon we I will be able to establish book clubs in QC public schools with their help and guidance.

Mr. Lacsamana is thankful to our City Librarian, Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva who gave him the opportunity to attend the prestigious event. For without sending a representative to this ALA Conference QCPL will not be represented. Kudos to our City Librarian!

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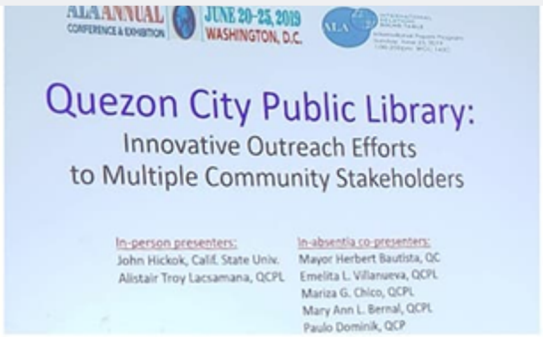



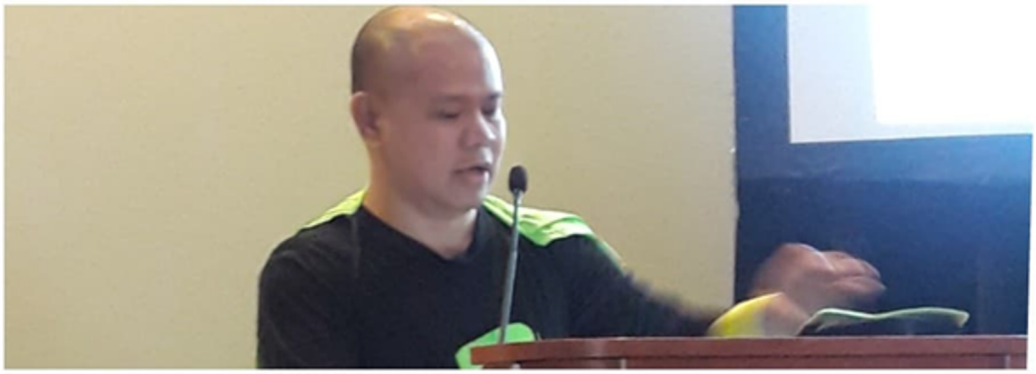



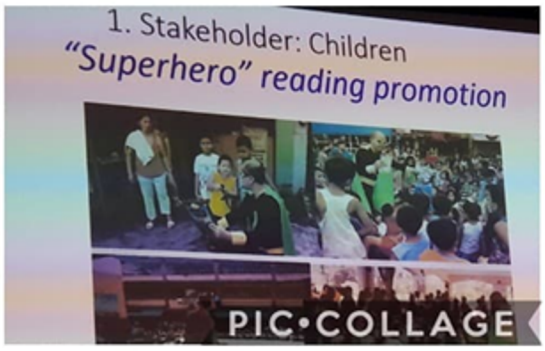

A picture collage of the session (picture courtesy of Ms. Micaela, a fellow librarian based in the US) Mr. Alistair Troy B. Lacsamana (2nd picture from above) presenting his paper on QCPL best practices





Left: **At the session, full house.** ***Right:*** **With Ms. Loida Garcia-Febo, ALA President 2018-2019 at IRRT Reception at the Library of Congress**

3rd Annual Convention conducted by the Association of Librarians in the Public Sector (ALPS)

BY: LUCILA R. RAQUIÑO



Left to right: (At the podium) Hon. Yolanda C. Granda, Lucila R. Raquiño, Merly Batalla Sepnio Zambrano, Rollingel Calilung, Soledad Ube Fabian, Alexander Lunar, Michael Pinto, Eleanor Sampiano, Vivian V. Salandanan, Mhariz Danio and Mary Jane Cortez-Salangad.

Last Sept. 18-20, 2019, the Association of Librarians in the Public Sector (ALPS) conducted its 3rd annual Convention at Eurotel Hotel, North Edsa, Quezon City, with the theme, "Dynamic Librarianship in the Global Perspective". The objectives of the Convention were to:

1. Discuss leadership and librarianship in Philippine and global context;

2. Present global innovations in library programs and services;

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3. Create dialogue on topics affecting the field such as but not limited to continuing professional development (CPD), media and information literacy (MIL) and other international aspects; and

4. Discuss libraries as learning spaces and centers for discourse and positive change.

The resource speakers invited were Mr. Jilven T. Amar from the Civil Service Commission, who talked on Leadership and Librarianship in the Philippine context; Mr. Michael A. Pinto, Provincial Librarian from the Cagayan Provincial Learning and Resource Center, who talked on Leadership and Librarianship in the Global Context; Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva, City Librarian, QCPL, who lectured on Innovations on the Library programs and services and presented the QCPL's experience on its Malasakit Programs; Mr. John Louie T. Zabala, Reference Librarian from De La Salle University, who talked on Global Innovations in Library Programs and Services; and Hon. Lourdes T. David, Professional Regulatory Board for Librarians, CPD Council for Librarians who lectured on Dynamic Librarianship in the Global Perspective.

On the last day of the convention, ALPS had its general assembly and election of new set of officers. The newly elected officers were: Lucila Raquino(QCPL) the new ALPS President, Ms. Merly Batalla Sepnio Zambrano(Villasis, Pangasinan), Vice President, Mr. Roilingel Calilung (San Fernando, Pampanga), Secretary, Ms. Soledad Ube Fabian (Antipolo City) Treasurer, Ms. Remia Quebrar (Bacolod), Auditor; Mr. Alexander Lunar(Batangas) PRO; and the Board of Directors: Mr. Michael Pinto (Tuguegarao City, Cagayan); Ms. Mhariz Danio (La Union), Ms. Eleanor Sampiano (QCPL), Ms. Mary Jane Cortez-Salangad (Pangasinan Provincial Library) and Vivian V. Salandanan (Manila).

The Oath taking of the New ALPS Officers 2019-2022 was led by Hon. Yolanda Granda, Chair of the Professional Regulatory Board for Librarians.

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During the round table discussion





Left to right: Jeniffer R. Adajo, Analiza C. Martinez, Mariza G. Chico, Lucila R. Raquiño and Manica M. Cortes received their Certificate of Participation.

PCOO has partnered with the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. and other library associations in the country, including the Philippine Association of Academic and Research Librarians (PAARL), Philippine Association of School Libraries, Inc. (PASLI), Association of Librarians in Public Sector (ALPS), Philippine Group of Law Librarians, Inc. (PGLL) and Philippine E-:ibrary, in hosting the activity.

PCOO plans to organize a similar activity in other key cities in the country, including Davao and Cebu.

Participants from QCPL were Mariza G. chico - OIC, City Library; Lucila R. Raquiñ0 - Publication Division head; Analiza C. Martinez, acting District Libraries Division head; Manica M. Cortez, Law Reserach Section head and Jeniffer R. Adajo, coordinator for District IV libraries.

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NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK DAY AT QCPL

BY: ANA KATRINA HONRADE







The Quezon City Public Library – Children's Section conducted an activity a "Book Olympics" to highlight the celebration of the 36th National Children's Book Day at QCPL conference room last July 16, 2019.

City Librarian Emelita L. Villanueva said the activity, paticipated by eighteen children from families under the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Pantawid Pamilya Program of city's district 3 and 4, aimed to develop youth interest and imagination in reading and learning thru games such as book puzzle, book reading, word guessing and humm that book.

QCPL has partnered with Robinson's Land Corporation-Novaliches in an effort of encouraging more children to develop their love for reading by providing school supplies and prizes for participants and winners of each game activity during the "Book Olympics."

"We want to engage the public, especially our youth, our children to have interest in reading books. We will instill in them the importance of reading books and its benefits so as to divert them from online games and gadgets that are found to have bad effects to one's health.

Top to bottom: QCPL staff together with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) coordinators of Quezon City District 3 and 4; Representative from Robinsons Land Corporation distributing school supplies to the participants; Children Book Reading

QCPL Opens Bookshop

By: Mary Ann L. Bernal



The City Librarian Emelita L. Villanueva (middle in white blouse holding scissors) cuts the ribbon for the ceremonial opening of the QCPL bookshop together with the QCPL heads and staff.

The Quezon City Public Library continues to innovate with the launch of its own book shop.

The QCPL reportedly the first public library in the country to introduce such innovation, which showcases a wide array of valuable reference materials for researchers, historians and students as well.

For its initial offering, the QCPL Bookshop now sells a local history book entitled: "QC Milestone: Timeline of Events that Shaped the Great City," considered as QCPL's first published book.

Sold at a reasonable price, the book features a detailed chronology of momentous events that contributed to the development of Quezon City from a grassy wasteland into one of the country's most competitive cities today.

Located at the main lobby and second floor of the QCPL, the bookshop also offers for sale souvenirs from the QCPL Multi-Purpose Cooperative.

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Forum on

RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD AT ROXAS BRANCH

BY: JEFFREY FRANCISCO

Inspiring and equipping parents to raise healthy and balanced children who will make a positive impact in the world continues to remain as an advocacy of the Quezon City Public Library (QCPL).

That's why parenting seminar is a continuing activity of the city's library under the leadership of City Librarian Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva, who wanted to reach out to barangays to disseminate the value and importance of responsible parenthood.

QCPL-Roxas branch hosted a forum with the theme "Katungkulan ng Magulang Isaalang-alang" held at Barangay Roxas District, in an effort to raise awareness on responsible parenthood. Launched in coordination with Barangay Roxas District officials and the office of Councilor Hero Bautista on July 19, 2019, a total of fifty-five (55) parents participated in the event.

The seminar started with a warm message from Ms. Analiza Martinez, District Libraries Division Head and followed by Ms. Jeniffer R. Adajo, District IV Coordinator, who delivered inspirational message and introduced the resource speaker as well.

Pastor Zaldy Sulvita, a Christian educator and values formation facilitator of QCPL for six years served as resource speaker, who discussed on the role of parents, idea on how to be an effective parent and tip on parenting style that might fit each and every participant in the event.

Two parents, Jonard Halaog and Jinky Nob, also gave their inspirational insight and advice on how to be good parents.

The forum concluded with the presentation of certificate of appreciation and participation to the resource speaker and participants, who were also given packed food.

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Mr Zaldy Sulvita duscusising the role of parent to the participants



Mr. Sulvita receives a certificate of appreciation with (left to right) Maridel Joriza, Rosalie Teologo, Zaldy Sulvita, Jeniffer Adajo, Analiza Martinez & Edalyn De Guzman



Group photo with the Resource Speaker , library staff and participants

ISOMETRIC DRAWING

By: Arleene Roberta Lunasco

Greater Project 4 branch library initiated a lecture on geometry and its applications including isometric projection to children. Isometric projection, which is a method for visualizing three-dimensional plane in technical engineering, was being taught to children to help them enhance their spatial recognition and abstract reasoning. It also allows kids to have a glimpse into world of Math and Engineering especially to those kids who would like to pursue a career in engineering and architecture. The topic also exposes children to representation, measurement and dimensions.



Children participants during the actual isometric drawing

LABINGPITONG KAWANI NG AKLATAN NG LUNGSOD QUEZON, PINARANGALAN

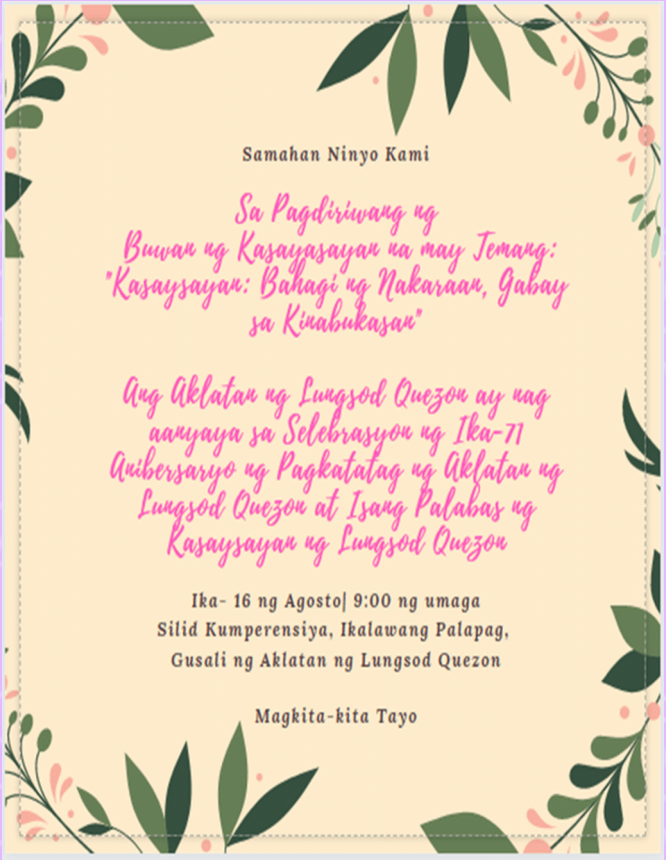
Ni: Maureen Quiñones

Ginawaran ng parangal ang labimpitong kawani ng Aklatan ng Lungsod Quezon dahil sa kanilang katangi-tanging pagsisilbi ng may dalawampung taon pataas sa isang simpleng palatuntunan sa ika-71 anibersaryo ng pagkatatag ng aklatan nitong Agosto 16, 2019.

Kinilala sa kanilang dedikasyon sa trabaho at pagiging pundasyon ng Aklatan ng Lungsod Quezon sina Jennifer R. Adajo (20 taon); Janet B. Alday (20 taon); Mariza G. Chico (20 taon); Analiza T. Puno (20 taon); Evelyn Francia C. Garcia (26 taon); Dolores L. Posadas (26 taon); Irene H. Camua (27 taon); Jennifer R. Leoncio (27 taon); Analiza C. Martinez (27 taon); Homer C. Pilar (27 taon); Emerlina R. Tan (28 taon); Manica M. Cortes (31 taon); Prima S. Alabata (33 taon); Mary Ann L. Bernal (33 taon); Lucila R. Raquiño (37 taon); Cynthia DJ. Tolado (39 taon); at Emelita L. Villanueva 25 taon), hepe ng aklatan.

Ayon kay Ginang Villanueva ang pagbibigay ng parangal sa mga kawani ay isang pasasalamat ng pamunuan ng aklatan dahil sa pagiging bahagi nila sa paglago at pag-unlad ng Aklatan ng Lungsod Quezon. “Dahil sa dedikasyon nila sa trabaho sa mahabang panahon naabot ng Aklatan ng Lungsod Quezon ang estado nito ngayon na maipagmamalaki sa buong mundo.” Ani Ginang Villanueva.

Bukod sa mga kawani na binigyan ng sertipiko, kinilala rin sa naturang okasyon ang iba’t ibang sangay ng aklatan na tumulong upang



Ang pabalat ng programa ng aktibidad

mapayabong ang layunin nito na makapagbigay ng kaalaman sa pamamagitan ng pagbabasa at pagsasaliksik. Kabilang sa pinarangalan ay ang sangay ng Project 8; Project 7; Balingasa; Masambong; Bagong Pag-Asa; Payatas Lupang Pangako; Greater Project 4; escopa 2; Escopa 3; Cubao; Roxas; San Isidro-Galas; Krus na Ligas; Novaliches; Lagro; Pasong Tamo; Talipapa at ang Papitirs.

Ang mga sangay ng Akalatan ng Lungsod Quezon ang nagsilbing tulay upang mas maraming mamamayan ng lungsod ang magpunta sa aklatan upang mag-aral, magbasa at magsaliksik,

‘“Ang mga sangay ng aklatan natin sa buong Lungsod Quezon ang naglapit sa tao at nagturo sa mga to lalo na sa estudyante na mapamahal at ugaliin ang pagbabasa at pagsasaliksik sa silid aklatan,” ani ni Ginang Villanueva.

Naniniwala si Ginang Villanueva na ang pagkilala sa mga tao at sangay ng Aklatan ng Lungsod Quezon ay magsisilbing inspirasyon upang mas lalong pagbutihin ng mga ito ang kanilang serbisyo na maaring tularan ng iba pang kawani sa aklatan.

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Left photo top to bottom: the awardees; the City Librarian Emelita L. Villanueva giving her inspirational speech; Publication Head, Lucila R. Raquiño giving her opening remarks; the activity audience and Analiza C. Martinez giving the activity introduction.

Right photos top to bottom: The City Librarian Emelita L. Villanueva received her Plaque of Appreciation (3rd from left) from the Division Heads from left to right Lucila Raquiño, Mariza G. Chico and Mary Ann L.Bernal; Lucila Raquiño giving introducing the special awardee with Ms. Mariza G. Chico at the right; Ms. Lucila Raquiño receiving her plaque of appreciation from Ms. Mariza G. Chico left and Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva at the right; Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva (2nd from right) received her Plaque of Appreciation (from left) Lucila R. Raquiño, Mariz G. Chico and Mary Ann L. Bernal.

QCPL'S PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR THE YOUTH: Creating Ripples of Sensitivity and Change

BY: ERNANI A. AGULTO



Mr. Ernani Agulto during his discussion on the topic Creating Ripples of Sensitivity Change

It was a fine day in the Quezon City Museum (QCX) at Quezon Memorial Circle (QMC) when youth leaders participated in a forum organized by the city's Scholarship and Youth Development Program (SYDP) to mark the celebration of National Youth Week. The SYDP has organized a week-long event composed of programs and activities dedicated to the youth of Quezon City.

A forum entitled Transforming Education Youth Week 2019: A Youth Forum, last August 15, 2019 was highlighted several departments and offices of the Quezon City. The main objective of the event was to bring awareness among the youth, emphasizing on programs and services that are available at their disposal. By bringing such consciousness, in an indirect way, has inevitably empowered them to achieve their unique and fullest potential.

The QCPL, as a public library, has been an active catalyst of Quezon City Government in building the community and empowering its people, especially the youth.

Ernani A. Agulto, a reference librarian from QCPL, discussed the library's history, administrative structure and its aspiration towards literacy and quality of

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public service that are reflected through its vision and mission. Such indelible history and aspirations fundamentally guide its programs and services.

Among QCPL's highlighted services are: basic reference section (involves answering reference queries (face-to-face interaction) and Ask-a-Librarian (virtual reference service), lending of fiction books, conducting library orientation and tour, computer tutorials (basic computer skills and basic Microsoft office application), E-Government services, photocopy services and café.

Meanwhile, the library also offers constant broad range of programs catering to all its library clients with varied demographics. These programs are Book Mobile Library, and conducting puppet shows, storytelling and film showing. On top of these are branch library-initiated programs such as Luntiang Aklatan of Novaliches branch, Estero-telling of Lagro District 4 branch libraries, and a lot more.



The presentation was concluded by posing a famous quotation by Ray Bradbury: "You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them."

From this given passage, the importance of books and reading are emphasized. Similar to Agulto's presentation illustrating QCPL's undying passion. Bradbury's beautiful passage underscored how books, as a source of knowledge and reading, coupled with conscious act towards it, can potentially serve as powerful tools. It can either cripple a person in achieving his/her full consciousness or can elevate him/her towards his/her fullest potential, creating ripples of sensitivity and change within a society.

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Pana Panahon

By: Evangeline Cruz

January 17 ,1985 noong magsimula akong magtrabaho sa Quezon City Hall.Ako ay na destino sa Administrative Division. Paglipas ng lang taon, naging Administrative Management Office (AMO) na kami. Sampung taon ang lumipas bago ako na permanent. Pagkatapos ng ilang taon ay na rationalized ang aming Division at kami napunta sa iba-ibang opisina dito sa cityhall.

Nalungkot kami sa nangyari sa amin dahil sa mahabang panahon ay magkakasama kami ngunit ganun talaga ang buhay kailangang tangapin ang mga pagbabago.

Napunta ako dito sa QCPL noong January 26, 2017. Mahirap mag-adjust kasi first time kong mailipat ng trabaho sa loob ng 32 years. Lumipas ang mga buwan at sa wakas ay naging panatag na rin ang loob ko sa library. Mababait sa akin ang mga staff. Sa Quezon City Public Library ko natutunan ang pag clippings ng newspaper kung saan na master ko ang paggupit at pagdikit. Natutunan ko dito na hindi lamang basta basta ang pagdidikit at paggugugpit. Nung ako ay nasa AMO ay lumang makinilya at lapis o ballpen ang hawak ko. Nagismula akong humawak ng gunting at pandikit dito sa pag clippings ko. Natutunan ko din dito ang mag index ng magazines. Lumawak ang aking kaalaman dahil kailangan mong magbasa kapag ikaw ay nag iindex. Feeling ko tumalino ako, naging sosyal at high-tech na ako kasi nag ta-tablet na rin ako sa pag iindex. Napakasaya ko ngayon sa aking pang araw-araw na trabaho at halos ayoko umabsent kasi masaya ako kapag nasa trabaho ako. Isa pa sa aking ginagawa ay ang mag route ng news articles sa iba't ibang opisina dito sa City Hall. Natutuwa din ako sa trabaho kong ito kasi nakaka exercise ako at nagkakaroon pa ako ng pagkakataon na makita ang mga dati kong ka opisina na nasa iba ibang opisina na. Tuwing Lunes ay excited din ako sa pag attend ng Values Formation. May mga napupulot akong aral sa bawat pag attend ko dito.

Tulad ng pamagat ng aking article, masasabi kong pana-panahon lang talaga ang lahat ng bagay. Iba-ibang gawain sa bawat henerasyon, kung noon ay tradisyunal ang mga pamamaraan ng trabaho, ngayon ay high-tech na. Akala ko dati ay hindi ko na papakialaman ang mga gadgets na iyan kasi may edad na ako pero hindi ko lubos maisip na ngayon ay isa na rin ako sa kanila dahil kailangang sumabay sa agos ng buhay lalo na sa trabaho.



Encoding subject index to tablet for easy retrieval

LIBRARY CELEBRATES NUTRITION MONTH

BY: ANALIZA PUNO

The Quezon City Public Library District 1 branches composed of Bagong Pag asa, Balingasa, Masambong, Project 7 and Project 8 joined in the nationwide celebration of Nutrition Month with the theme “Kumain ng Wasto at Maging Aktibo…. Push Natin To!” with a weeklong activity on the following dates July12-Bagong\ Pag-asa, July 16-Masambong, July 18-Project 7, July 19-Project 8 and July 24-Balingasa. This was made possible with the support and generosity of our beloved District 1 Councilors namely Hon. Victor “Jun” Ferrer, Jr., Hon. Tany Joe “TJ” Calalay, Hon. Lena Marie “Mayen” Juico, Hon. Bernard Herrera, Hon, Dorothy “Doray” Delarmente, and the Quezon City Public Library headed by our OIC, Cty Library Ms. Mariza G. Chico and DLD, Head Ms. Analiza Martinez.

This activity aims to increase awareness among Filipinos on pressing nutrition concerns. This is also a call for Filipinos to practice healthy diet and engage in regular physical activity and reduce reduce sedentary behaviors which go hand in hand The participants are pupils from the different Daycare Centers of Bagong Pag asa, Masambong, Veterans Village, San Jose, and Tibagan. Activities conducted are Library orientation, storytelling, and lecture on basic nutrition by the District 1 library staff headed by their Coordinator Ms. Analiza T. Puno. Some of the highlights of the program are FREE Pneumonia Vaccine, FBS, Uric Acid & Cholesterol Exam for Senior Citizens. Feeding program was also extended to them after their vaccine and laboratory examination by the Barangay Health Worker of Bagong Pag-Asa.

They also lectured on Proper Nutrition and Healthy Diet for the children conducted by Ms. Desiree Gille, Nurse at Bahay Toro Health Center assisted by one of the Midwife of the said health center.

After the program, feeding the kids with healthy foods such as Lugaw, eggs and bananas and big books distribution took place after.

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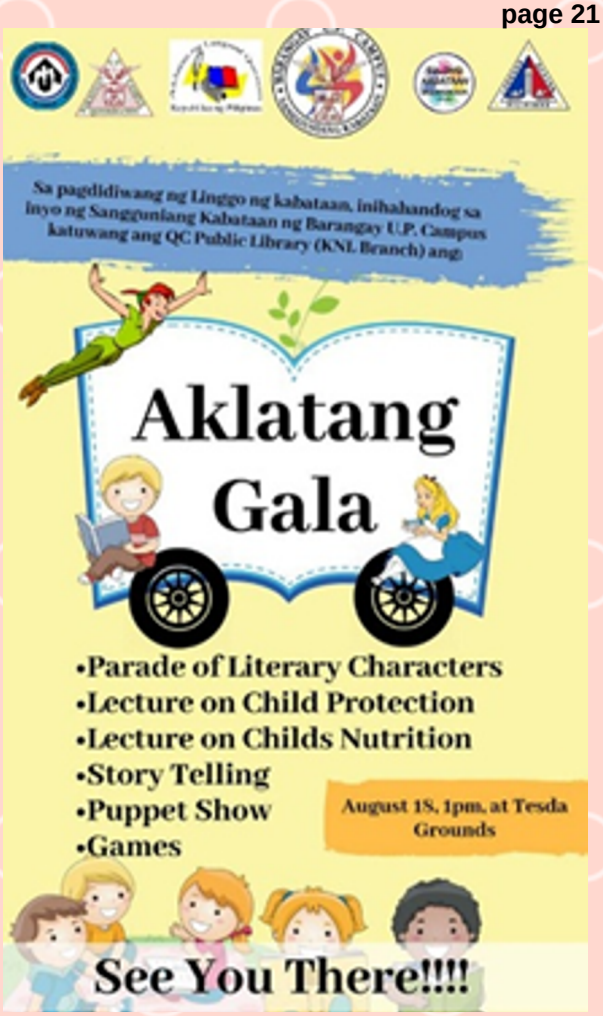
Left photo top to bottom: Project 8 nurse Desiree Gille of Bahay Toro Health Center asks the children what are the nutritious food they like to eat; Project 7 Ms. Angeli M. Pascua library-in-charge distributes boiled eggs and banana after the activity.

Right photo top to bottom: Masambong branch Mr. Andrew Caseda, library-in-charge from Bagong Pagasa assists day care pupils; Bagong-Pagasa feeding progrm after vaccination and laboratory examination. Coordiantor Analiza t. Puno distributes lugaw to the participants.

IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL BOOK WEEK

AKLATANG GALA

BY: JEFFREY FRANCISCO



"National Youth Week" was celebrated to commemorate young Filipino heroes who made significant contribution to the development of our country while the Quezon City Public Library opens opportunity to be part of educating Filipino youth through free information services provided and embracing the community in responsive growth as our commitment. Aklatang Gala is part of the library educational and recreational activity that will serve children especially those in the depressed areas that cannot be served by the book mobile and without established public library.

Last August 18,2019 the QCPL Krus na Ligas Branch and Barangay UP Campus in collaboration with the Sangguniang Kabataaan Council headed by Chairwoman Maria Lea Malinao celebrated National Youth Week with a parade of our Aklatang Gala, a book cart that roams around the community.

The children of Barangay UP Campus participated in Aklatang Gala Parade as they were encouraged to be part of the different activities prepared for them. Seminars about the children's right, education and their proper nutrition, which was initiated by the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC) and Barangay Nutrition Scholar (BNS). The children lend their ears as the youth volunteers of BCPC narrated the story of "Sa Palengke" and few questions were asked and prizes were given. Library Orientation in a form of a puppet show was conducted by the library staff. This will help promote the free library services provided and the different activities conducted. The recreational activities conducted for the participants develop them to socialize and hopefully gain more friends. Book distribution and gifts were also given to the participants.

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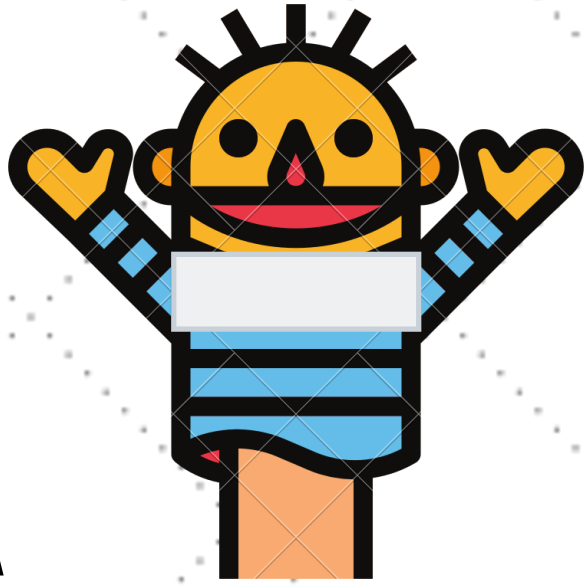
Top right photo: Aklatang Gala parade with Mr. Carlito Dumlao and the participants;

Right photo: Lib and Rary conducted library orientation to the participants; Ms. Regine Asido, BCPC representative discussed the rights of the children.

Bottom photo: all participants holding big books. given by the QCPL and the facilitators of the Aklatang Gala.



PUPPET SHOW



BY: ANGELI PASCUA

Puppetry has been considered as one of the most effective means of entertaining students. It tells of stories that expand creativity and imaginations in a bid to motivate learnings.

Underscoring its importance, puppet shows were organized in different branch libraries in District 1.

At the Quezon City Public Library (QCPL) branch in Balingasa, puppeteers did a presentation on the life story of former president Manuel L, Quezon during the celebration of the National Language Month on August 7, to the delight of some 241 Grade 1 pupils, parents and teachers.

QCPL-Balingasa branch closely coordinated with the Barangay Council in mounting the program, which underscored President's Quezon contribution in the propagation of the Filipino language.

Through the use of puppets, the schoolchildren became more attentive as they listened intently.

Meanwhile, QCPL puppeteers joined the Masambong Branch asit marked the 10th anniversary celebration of "Smile Kid Project," with the launch of a hand washing activity.

Launched in partnership with Kagawad Nog Aguilar, the activity aimed to raise awareness as to the importance of instilling proper hygiene at the early age, including dental hygiene.

Schoolchildren from Masambong Elementary School spent a memorable time with the puppeteers singing, dancing and learning, at the same time.

Books, gifts and personal hygiene kits were distributed during the occasion.

In a related development, QCPL puppeteers, together with mascots, Lib and Rary, performed ventriloquism to entertain school children from Esteban Abada Elemetary School as QCPL-Project 7 branch celebrated "Buwan ng Wika" on August 23.

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Photos top to bottom:

PROJECT 7 participants dance together with the mascot.

Masambong- Participants enjoyed the puppet show.

Balingasa- Participants as they performed with the QCPL-Puppeteers on their dance number.

Seminar-Workshop on Different Updates on Library Services: Readers, Technical and Storytelling

BY: RONA D. CRUCILLO

Libraries are not just the typical book place. Nowadays, libraries evolved into a more innovative space to serve library clientele. Branch libraries are ready to provide the best services.

Staff development is one of the projects of the District Libraries Division initiated by Ms. Analiza C. Martinez, Head -DLD, to develop staff skills and as part of the continuing learning process. Thus, Library-in-charge from the different branch libraries and main library's paraprofessional staff attended the seminar-workshop on library updates on September 16, 2019.

The first resource speaker, Ms. Rowena Remiendo, Head of Periodical Section, discussed basic reference information and reference sources including how to handle different reference queries and selective tools to provide a correct answer to clientele.

During the seminar-workshop participants were divided into five (5) groups to associate with the query that library users asked and re-enacted their answers in a proper way of conveying the message to library clientele.

On the technical aspect of the library, a back to basic program was tackled by Ms. Ma. Victoria Manuel, Officer-In-Charge Technical Division. She introduced the four types of library, law of librarianship and the technical aspect in the library that help them locate the books or information for easy access.

Meanwhile, Mr. Alistair Troy Lacsamana, Head Children's Section lectured on techniques on effective storytelling and puppeteering.

The seminar-workshop also served as venue to educate newly-hired employees as to the library services offered by the QCPL. It also gives the library staff the opportunity to introduce the art of librarianship.

"The development of the library staff can contribute to the over-all commitment if the library's role to continuing education."

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Left photos from top to bottom: Participants on arranging the set of call number; Workshop on making stories out of the scenes they picked; participants.

Right photos from top to bottom: Mr. Alistair Troy Lacsama – resource speaker on effective storytelling; Group presentation on handling reference queries; Ms. Rowena Remiendo, (Resource Speaker) on basic reference information; awarding of Certificate to the Resource speaker L-R- Ms. Analiza Martinez, Head, District Libraries Division, Ms. Mariza Chico, OIC-Assistant City Library, Mr. Alistair Troy Lacsamana, Head, Children Section, Ms. Rowena Remiendo, Head,Periodical Section, Ms. Emelita Villanueva, City Librarian.

Quezon City Public Library Attends Knowledge Channel 20th Anniversary

BY: ALISTAIR TROY B. LACSAMANA

City Librarian, Ms. Emelita Villanueva and OIC Assistant City Librarian, Ms. Mariza Chico attended the 20th anniversary of Knowledge Channel at Le Reve Pool Party Venue and Events Place in Quezon City last September 5, 2019.

The Quezon City Public Library's Puppeteers is part of the Knowledge Channel Foundation, Inc (KCFI) new show Wikaharian – a show hosted by Ate Michelle Agas and cast puppets from QCPL – Buboy, Billy, Chichay and Chito. The Wikaharian, which will be aired every Monday and Sunday 11:30 AM and 2:30 PM at Knowledge Channel, teaches children basic reading, writing and comprehension skills using different approaches such as music, dance, illustration, live actions, animations ad fun games.





Top: (from left to right) Alistair Troy B. Lacsamana - QCPL Children's Corner Head, (unknown), Mariza G. Chico - OIC Asst. City Librarian, Tonisio Umali - DepEd Undersecretary, Emelita L. Villanueva - City Librarian, Tonisio Umali - DepED Undersecretary and Cherry Ann Taruc QCPL staff

Bottom: (from left to right) Paulo Timban, KCFI Christian Gaite, Jairo Valencia, KCFI President Elvira Rina M.Lopez-Bautista, KCFI Jaypee Zuniga, Alistair Troy B. Lacsamana, Jemalyn DJ. Cabanatan and Gilbert Gallaza

"SpEd Hearts": Spreading Love for the Special Ones

BY: EDALYN F. DE GUZMAN

Two branches of Quezon City Public Library (QCPL) has successfully participated in promoting the welfare of children with special needs during the celebration of the 41st National Disability Prevention & Rehabilitation Week last July.

A film showing and a forum dubbed as "Lokal na Pamahalaan: Kabalikat sa Pagtupad ng Karapatan ng mga Taong May Kapansaan" was conducted in the city's library Cubao branch, while a puppet show held at Krus na Ligas Elementary School last July 23, 2019 in Krus na Ligas branch, both for the celebration of the occasion.

The activities were aimed at promoting the awareness on the problem on belonginess of children with disabilities in their communities. Through the activities, it helped improve and educate people around children with special needs to better understand their situation and love them more.

The inspirational film showing, which is a story of SpEd teachers who wanted to give up life due to personal problem but by seeing their SpEd students happy and contented despite disabilities changed their mind, was an eye opener to everyone who watched the show.

The open forum facilitated by Ms. Amelia Bartolome, a SpEd teacher with AB Psychology background and Director Felbert Go, a production accountant and managing director of Hikbi Ko Film Productions, Inc, also helped awaken the participants to show appreciation and love to special children.







Top to bottom: Awarding of Certificates of Appreciation to the resource speakers with Ms. Marlyn BautistaCubao branch library-in-charge (1st from left) and Ms. Jeniffer R. Adajo District IV libraries coordinator (5th from left); the participants with the library personnel staff and speakers; film showing entitled "SPED Hearts" directed by Mr. Felbert P. Go

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

PROMOTING RIGHT TO INFORMATION AND TRANSPARENCY IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE

BY ERNANI A. AGULTO

Last September 13, 2019, the seminar entitled Freedom of Information: Promoting Right to Information and Transparency in the Public Service was attended by the Quezon City Public Library's (QCPL) administrators, District Coordinators, Library-in-charge, librarians and representatives from Public Affairs and Information Services Department (PAISD). The said event was in partnership with the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) and was initiated by the Reference Section of the QCPL- Main Library.

The main objectives of the seminar were to highlight the value of FOI as an executive order and to link it to the context of public service particularly in public libraries.

Ms. Michelle Manza, Freedom of Information- EngagementLead and Ms. Rheanne L. Pascua, Freedom of Information- Engagement Officer, both from the PCOO, delivered their respective presentation. The former explained FOI's main core and functions while the latter discussed FOI's virtual platform. Speakers were able to discuss its unique principles, at the same time comparing it with the principles of Data Privacy Act. oppositional to one another but rather complimentary. Interestingly, it was also mentioned that the purpose of FOI is to encourage, support and strengthen the academic research in the Philippines by building a virtual platform.

During the question and answer, some of the attendees forwarded their questions and were addressed accordingly by the speakers.

Reflecting on the presented lectures, one can say that the commonality between these resentations was its emphasis on FOI's importance as a tool for empowering Filipino citizens. Though being predisposed with plethora of nformation and having a command over it, a person is also given a esponsibility in using these data mindfully regardless of her/his purpose.

Taking a wholistic view, the seminar opened a certain discourse about information that is central to public libraries. Simply by conducting this kind of event, in a way, sparked consciousness among the attendees, that is, librarians and library staff who are the indispensable vanguards of knowledge in a place we call library.

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Ms. Michelle Manza of PCOO an introduction on Freedom of Information



A Certificate of Appreciation was received by Ms. Rheanne Pascua (3rd from left) and Ms. Michelle Manza (fourth from left) by the City Librarian Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva (2nd from left), OIC Asst. City Librarian Ms. Mariza G. Chico and Head of MIS Mr. Charles A. Pasicolan.

LEARNING NIHONGO: ELEVATING QCPL LIBRARIANS AND LIBRARY STAFF'S SKILL THROUGH A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

BY: ERNANI G. AGULTO



The class during the Japanese language session

There was excitement in the air as the participants from the Quezon City Public Library (QCPL) gathered and waited for their Nihingo class to start. Thirteen (13) participants from QCPL's Main library attended the second cycle of Nihongo class- a first of 2-day free Japanese language class. The activity was in partnership with JellyFish Education, Philippines, a language center catering to those who wants to pursue learning foreign languages.

The first cycle was successfully held last May 20 and 27, 2019 and were attended by seventeen (17) participants, librarians and library staff, from Main library and other branch libraries. Kitae Sensei (sensei which means "teacher") also handled the class with enthusiasm and humor, which made her class fun and engaging at the same time.

This undertaking was conceived to equip librarians and library staff of the QCPL with a foreign language that can help them communicate well towards foreign clients, especially those who speaks/prefers Nihongo. In essence, this will help them improve and lead them to be more effective and efficient as librarians and library staff while elevating the QCPL as a public library that is culturally responsive. Such a forward thinking enables QCPL to maneuver itself in a globalized environment that it is currently in.

Learning a foreign language may be considered as an exhilarating personal venture. Through learning a particular tongue, a person does not merely mimic correct pronunciation and diction but also learns the very core of a certain place. It makes one more understanding and emphatic towards other people's culture and identity.

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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.