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A SAFE SPACE FOR ALL: The Quezon City Public Library (QCPL) earns the QC Rainbow 2025 Accolade

By: Ms. Dominique Alexinne V. Dizon

The Quezon City Public Library (QCPL) was honored to be recognized as one of the 2025 QC Rainbow Awardee during the employees' flag raising ceremony on July 14, 2025. The award was formally received by QCPL OIC Mariza G. Chico and QCPL Gender and Development (GAD) Focal Person Ernani A. Agulto, who spearheaded LGBTQIA+ community programs and initiatives in the library.



The awarding ceremony was led by Hon. Mayor Joy Belmonte and Hon. Vice Mayor Gian Sotto, alongside GAD Council Office Head Janete Oviedo, HRMD Head Atty. Noel Del Prado, and city councilors.

The QC Rainbow Award was given in recognition of departments that actively championed gender inclusivity in the workplace and public service. This achievement served as a testament to QCPL's commitment to create a safe and inclusive space for the LGBTQIA+ community. Library patrons can look forward to QCPL's continuous innovative programs and dedicated initiatives for the betterment of Quezon City residents.



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City Librarian's Corner



According to IFLA-UNESCO Public Library Manifesto 2022, a public library is “the local centre of information, making all kinds of knowledge and information readily available to its users. It is an essential component of knowledge societies, continuously adapting to new means of communication to fulfil their mandate of providing universal access to and enabling meaningful use of information for all people.”

Aside from providing “publicly accessible space for the production of knowledge, sharing and exchange of information and culture, and promotion of civic engagement,” part of its essential thrust is to provide library services “on the basis of equality of access for all, regardless of age, ethnicity, gender, religion, nationality, language, social status, and any other characteristic.”

Public libraries are, therefore, a bastion of knowledge and a forger of equality. Public libraries are vital institutions that serve as social equalizers through their affirmative acts, as reflected from the Local Ordinance SP 2357 2014 or Comprehensive Anti-Discrimination Policy on the Basis of Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression (SOGIE).

And so, in this quarter, we would like to highlight one of QCPL’s inclusive initiatives: the official inauguration of the QCPL-Women and LGBTQ Collection, a first in the public library here in the country that specializes in print and non-print materials on women, LGBTQIA, gender, and sexuality. We are very enthused to share this initiative and make these materials accessible to the public.

Commencing this collection this month of June means more than just a celebration of Pride Month. As a public library, we believe that highlighting materials about and by women and the LGBTQIA+ means making their identities known and their voices heard from the margins of our daily lives. This for us is a powerful way of educating the minds of the public, especially the young ones, about their hopes and struggles in life, while creating a more humane, safe space that is created by and for women and the queer community.

As a librarian, I am very proud to share this collection to our City and beyond!

The QCPL Celebrates Nutrition Month during “Car-free, Carefree Sunday”

By: Ms. Cybil F. Castillo

The QCPL hosted the Car-free, Carefree Sunday program entitled “Books, Fruits, and Veggies on the Move” at Tomas Morato, Quezon City on July 13, 2025. This event was held in line with the city’s Nutrition Month celebration themed “Read, Nourish, and Play: Promoting Literacy and Healthy Living.”

QCPL employees and QCitizens gathered in front of the stage at 6:00 a.m. to join the craze as Ms. Promise from the Office of Councilor Irene Belmonte led a Zumba dance session with her zestful and exuberant dance routines. The activity was part of the city’s advocacy for active and healthy living among QCitizens.



By: Ms. Dominique Alexinne Dizon

Visitors were enticed with the shades of greens as QCPL Main and Branch Libraries prepared Nutrition Month-themed booths along every corner of Tomas Morato Ave. These booths featured fun and engaging educational games such as “Guess the Vegetable/Fruit games,” “Spin the Wheel,” “Ball Toss,” and “Clay Molding Activity,”

Intrigued visitors were invited to challenge their knowledge and skills in the games prepared by QCPL staff and were rewarded with motivational prizes, specifically fruits and vegetables, as a reward for their active participation.



Visitors also flocked to the QCPL pop-up library stationed nearby for a chance to read books, play strategic board games, and to participate in free face painting and coloring activities throughout the whole program.

By: Ms. Chelsea Denise S. Din

One of the highlights of the event, the “Books, Fruits, and Veggies Parade” allowed QCPL employees to showcase their colorful, creative, and fruit-and-vegetable-inspired costumes. The parade left attendees in awe as it made its way through various streets of Tomas Morato. A contest followed to recognize the employees with the “Best in Costume” award.



The QCPL Car-free, Carefree Sunday program entitled “Books, Fruits, and Veggies on the Move” at Tomas Morato was a simple health campaign transformed into a lively parade that aimed at promoting healthy nutrition especially among the residents of Quezon City. It served as a friendly reminder to make smart food choices through an interactive approach to learning how to live a long and healthy life.

Congratulations to all the winners of the “Best in Costume” Award!



*Dr. Victor Anthony Salvador
wearing his Petchay costume
2nd Place*



*Mr. William De Leon
wearing his Bahay Kubo costume
1st Place*



*Mrs. Rosario Malig
wearing her Taho costume
3rd Place*

Cultural Diversity through Language: QCPL Launches Hokkien Language Class

By: Mr. Jeremiah B. Garcia

The Hokkien Language Class was launched by QCPL on July 30, 2025, as part of its ongoing initiative to promote language learning and broaden the scope of public education through accessible, community-based programs.

OIC, Assistant City Librarian Mary Ann L. Bernal, commenced the program by emphasizing the value of language as a bridge to cultural understanding in her opening remarks. She also highlighted QCPL's role as both a reservoir of knowledge and a facilitator of everyday learning for the public. QCPL OIC Mariza G. Chico followed with an inspirational message, sharing the library's mission of providing residents with tools to comprehend and interact with diverse communities through educational programs such as the Hokkien class.



OIC-Assistant City Librarian Mary Ann L. Bernal commencing the program with a welcome remarks.



QCPL OIC Mariza G. Chico delivering an inspirational message to the participants.

The class was facilitated by Mr. Kendrick C. Chua, CEO and Chief Training Officer of In Love With Languages, Inc. and a language educator with nearly 16 years of experience teaching in academic and corporate settings. Mr. Chua brought a lively and learner-friendly approach to the session, using practical examples, cultural anecdotes, and guided repetition to engage participants. He highlighted the relevance of Hokkien in the Philippines, especially within the Chinese-Filipino community, and underscored how a language preserves identity and strengthens social connections.



Mr. Chua's lessons covered several foundational topics: an introduction to the Hokkien language and its origins, tracing its development from Southern China and its spread to Southeast Asia; a discussion on the impact of Hokkien and loan words, demonstrating how Hokkien has influenced local languages; and an exploration of the distinct characteristics of Hokkien, including its tonal features and grammar. The session also included a hands-on segment on common greetings and expressions, where participants practiced pronunciation and engaged in basic conversational exercises.

The class aimed to introduce the fundamentals of the Hokkien language, fostering cultural appreciation while supporting QCPL's mission to deliver inclusive and engaging learning experiences. The session welcomed both onsite participants at the QCPL Main Conference Room and online attendees via Google Meet.

The session concluded with closing remarks from Reference Section Head Rowena R. Garcia who thanked all participants and partners involved in the successful launch. She also encouraged attendees to look forward to future language offerings that continue to support lifelong learning and cultural enrichment.



The QCPL reaffirms its commitment to expanding free language programs and fostering intercultural understanding within Quezon City. With the positive response from participants, the library plans to organize follow-up sessions and additional language initiatives in the months ahead—proving once again that libraries are not only centers of knowledge, but also bridges between cultures.

Stories of Courage and Stories of Heroes: A Book Talk on “Dauntless”

By: Ms. Cybil F. Castillo



The QCPL, in coordination with the Technical Services Division, held a special book talk entitled “Stories of Courage and Stories of Heroes: A Book Talk on Dauntless” together with the book’s author, Ms. Marie Silva Vallejo, on August 20, 2025, at the QCPL Conference Room. This was in line with the National Heroes Day celebration.

Ms. Vallejo shared the story behind her book “Dauntless,” which highlights the heroism and patriotism of Filipino soldiers during World War II. The session was specifically designed to foster a deep appreciation of our cultural heritage, particularly among individuals engaged in cultural preservation and heritage management.

The central focus of the talk was the history of the 1st and 2nd Infantry Regiments, composed of Filipino soldiers in the United States who voluntarily served and offered their courage and sacrifice for the freedom of their homeland during World War II.



The event was attended by aspiring writers, QCPL employees, and students from various institutions. The talkback session emerged as the highlight, sparking engaging questions from participants eager to learn more from the author. By the end of the event, attendees went home with simple prizes and—minds enriched with historical insight and inspiration.

Meet the “Extraordinary 85 Women of Quezon City” Awardees

By: Ms. Dominique Alexinne V. Dizon

The QCPL continued awarding its latest publication, a book entitled “The Extraordinary 85 Women – Quezon City’s Women of Merit & Excellence in Nation-Building” to the selected 85 distinguished women who greatly contributed in the success of Quezon City since its founding day, as part of its 85th founding anniversary last year, this 3rd quarter.

The featured award-winning women who received the book in this quarter were the following:



ABS-CBN Foundation, Inc. on behalf of Ms. Gina Lopez,
former Secretary of DENR



Dr. Sandra Sanchez-Montano
Chief Executive Officer, CHEERS Global Nursing Homecare

- **Ms. Regina “Gina” Lopez** was a well-known environmentalist and philanthropist who served as the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) on an ad interim basis under former President Rodrigo Duterte’s administration. Prior to her appointment, she kickstarted programs such as Bantay Bata 163 and Bantay Kalikasan. She also founded projects such as Educational Television (ETV), La Mesa Watershed reforestation initiative, and the Pasig River clean-up. Ms. Gina Lopez passed away on August 19, 2019, at the age of 65 due to multiple organ failure.

QCPL OIC Mariza G. Chico, accompanied by the Publication team, visited the ABS-CBN Foundation, Inc., on July 2, 2025 represented by Chief Finance Officer Dea Marasigan and Program Head of the Programang Genio, Ms. Maricar Estole. The foundation was to personally handover the copy of the book to Ms. Gina Lopez’s family. The ABS-CBN Foundation, in return, donated two copies of the book entitled “I am Gina: A Life of Love and Service to the World” which features Ms. Gina Lopez’s biography, for the benefit of QCPL readers.

- **Dr. Sandra “Sandy” Sanchez-Montano** is the Chief Executive Officer of a social enterprise called Community Health Education Emergency Rescue Services (CHEERS) Global Nursing Healthcare, which she founded out of her passion for educating people to save lives. She was the first recipient of the ASEAN Woman Leadership Award at the 2014 ASEAN Business Investment Summit in Myanmar, and was also honored with the Outstanding ASEAN Woman Entrepreneur by the ASEAN Women Entrepreneurs Network in 2015. Dr. Sandy received her personal copy of the book on July 7, 2025, alongside representatives from the Department of Migrant Workers’ Foreign Stakeholders Relations and Engagement Bureau Director Jun Aguilar, his Chief of Staff, Mr. RD Santos, and Ms. Agnes Alimbog.

- **Ms. Connie Angeles** is the current Executive Director for Health and Medical Programs of the SM Foundation. She previously served Quezon City as a two-term councilor and vice mayor. In addition to her public service, she is also the host of GMA Network’s long running public affairs show “Kapwa Ko, Mahal Ko” which aims to assist the poor with their daily lives. She received the Ading Fernando Lifetime Achievement Award in 2023 in recognition of her contributions to the media industry and public service. Ms. Connie Angeles was presented with her personal copy of the book on July 14, 2025, at the SM Foundation Headquarters.



*Ms. Connie Angeles
Executive Director for Health and Medical Programs, SM Foundation*



*National Artist Fides Cuyugan-Asensio
The Grand Dame of the Philippine Stage*

- **National Artist Fides Cuyugan-Asensio** is a distinguished coloratura soprano recognized as the "Grand Dame of the Philippine Stage" for her pivotal role in the development of Philippine opera. She was conferred the title of National Artist for Music in 2022 by the Malacañang due to her exceptional achievements and exemplary service in the history of the Philippine theater. She is currently a Professor Emeritus on the University of the Philippines College of Music’s, under the Voice, Music Theater, and Dance Department. National Artist Fides Cuyugan-Asensio received her personal copy of the book on July 17, 2025, at her home in Marikina.



*Dr. Sofia Guillermo
on behalf of her mother, Dr. Alice Guillermo*



*DPWH Rizal 1st District Engineer Porfirio Cleofas
on behalf of his grandmother, Melchora "Tandang Sora" Aquino de Ramos*

- **Dr. Alice Guillermo** was a renowned art critic, writer, researcher and art professor who taught at the UP College of Arts and Letters under the Department of Art Studies from 1970s to 2004. She

eventually became the Department's Chairperson during her tenure and was later named Professor Emeritus. She received the Art Criticism Award from the Art Association of the Philippines in 1976 and was named Centennial Honoree for Arts in 1999 by the Cultural Center of the Philippines. Dr. Guillermo passed away on July 29, 2018, at the age of 80.

On August 8, 2025, QCPL OIC Mariza G. Chico, together with the Publication team, paid a visit to Asst. Prof. Sofia Guillermo—daughter of Dr. Alice Guillermo and the current Chairperson of the UP College of Arts and Letters—at the Department of Art Studies Office to personally turn over Dr. Guillermo's copy of the book. In return for her mother's recognition, Asst. Prof. Guillermo donated three (3) books containing Dr. Guillermo's writings.

- **Melchora Aquino de Ramos**, widely known as “Tandang Sora,” was a Filipina revolutionary during the Spanish colonial era, born in what is now Quezon City. She became involved in the secret revolutionary society, “Kataastaasang, Kagalanggalangang Katipunan ng mga Anak ng Bayan (KKK) or Katipunan in 1896 – which aims to achieve independence from the Spanish rule through revolution. She housed Katipuneros during secret meetings and supported them with food, clothes, and medical aids—thus earning the title “Mother of Philippine Revolution.” Tandang Sora passed away at the age of 107 in her daughter's house. To honor her legacy, Quezon City established the “Tandang Sora” Shrine where she once lived.

On August 11, 2025, the Publication team, led by QCPL OIC Mariza G. Chico, visited her eldest great grandchild, District Engineer Porfirio “Perry” Cleofas of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Rizal 1st District at Binangonan, Rizal to personally hand over two personal copies of the book. The team was also honored to witness presentations of Tandang Sora's biography, during this year's Women's Month Celebration conducted by DPWH Rizal 1st District.



Mr. Tadeo M. Palma

on behalf of her mother, former Justice Cecilia Muñoz-Palma

Dr. Junice D. Melgar

Executive Director, Likhaan Center for Women's Health

- **Justice Cecilia Muñoz-Palma** was widely known as the first female appointed Associate Justice to the Supreme Court in 1973. She earned the distinction of being the only “man in the Supreme Court” during her time, a testament to her courage and integrity. In 1937, she topped the Philippine Bar Exam with a rating of 92.6%, becoming the first woman to achieve this feat. She passed away on January 2, 1992, at the age of 92.

On August 28, 2025, QCPL OIC Mariza G. Chico, together with the Publication team, visited the Justice Cecilia Muñoz Palma Foundation, Inc. – an organization dedicated to honoring and continuing her legacy—to deliver two copies of the book to her son, former Secretary to the Mayor of Quezon City, Mr. Tadeo M. Palma.

- **Dr. Junice Melgar** is the Executive Director of the Likhaan Center for Women’s Health—one of the country’s leading women’s health organization—which she co-founded with fellow health activists in 1995. She is an influential figure in the fight for reproductive health rights in the Philippines, earning a Dakila award in 2018 for her efforts in advancing gender equality and women’s empowerment. Dr. Melgar received her copy of the book on September 29, 2025, at her office at the Likhaan Center for Women’s Health.

Be empowered! Read QCPL’s “The Extraordinary 85 Women - Quezon City’s Women of Merit & Excellence in Nation-Building” book and discover the iconic women who contributed in flourishing Quezon City here at QCPL Main Library or any branch library near you!

Gawad Parangal sa mga Kawani ng QCPL

By: Ms. Dominique Alexinne V. Dizon

Maligayang Pagbati!

Isa-isang ginawaran ng parangal ang mga natatanging kawani ng QCPL sa isang programang inihanda bilang pagdiriwang sa ika-77 anibersaryo ng pagkakatag ng aklatan na may temang, “77 Taon ng Serbisyong Matibay: Pasasalamat at Gawad Parangal sa mga Kawani ng Quezon City Public Library.”

Kabilang sa mga naparangalan sina: G. Andrew J. Caseda, G. Anthony V. Corpuz, G. Paulo Dominik P. Daulat, G. Bienvenido P. Ongkiko III, Bb. Rowena G. Garcia, at Bb. Cherry M. Taruc na naglingkod ng sampung (10) taon sa serbisyo; Bb. Grace Ann Velez na may labinlimang (15) taong paglilingkod; at Bb. Manica M. Cortes, ang pinuno ng Dibisyon ng Serbisyong Teknikal, na nagserbisyo sa aklatan sa loob ng tatlumpu’t limang (35) taon.



Pagkilala kay Gng. Prima Alabata na nagsilbi ng 38 taon sa QCPL.



Pagkilala kay G. Homer Pilar na nagsilbi ng 34 taon sa QCPL.

Binigyang-pagkilala rin ang matagal na serbisyo publiko ni Gng. Prima Alabata (tatlumpu’t walong [38] taon) at si G. Homer Pilar (tatlumpu’t apat [34] taon), na malapit nang magretiro. Nagbahagi sila ng mensahe ng pasasalamat at payo sa kanilang kapwa kawani kung paano manatiling tapat at may pagmamahal sa paglilingkod sa aklatan.

Crunch into Health: Nutritious Foods Today

By: QCPL - Project 7 Branch

Matagumpay na idinaos ng QCPL - Project 7 Branch ang isang makabuluhang programa sa pakikipagtulungan ng Veterans Village Child Development Center na pinamagatang “Crunch into Health: Nutritious Foods Today” noong ika-29 ng Hulyo, 2025. Ito ay dinaluhan ng animnapu’t walong (68) batang mag-aaral sa daycare na nakasuot ng makukulay at kaaya-ayang kasuotan kaugnay ng pagdiriwang ng Nutrition Month.



Lubos ang pasasalamat ng QCPL sa lahat ng nagbigay ng kontribusyon na naging susi sa tagumpay ng aming selebrasyon. Ang inyong suporta at pakikiisa ay tunay na nagpapatibay sa adbokasiya ng wastong nutrisyon para sa mga kabataan.

Kids' Fair 2025!

By: District 5 Libraries

The QCPL - District 5 Libraries brought joy and learning to the community on August 30, 2025 at the Barangay Pasong Putik Feliciano Covered Court as they hosted a fun-filled day of storytelling, puppet shows, exciting games, and creative bead-making—featuring their Superbook Duo—for the kids and parents who joined the celebration. The event was filled with laughter and valuable lessons that aimed to strengthened family and community bonds.



The KIDS' FAIR proved that libraries have evolved beyond just books, transforming into vibrant spaces of inspiration, learning, and community connection.

Ang Pait, Naging Pag-ibig sa QCPL: Mga Bata, Natutong Mahalin ang Gulay?

By: Ms. Juvi D. Flestado

It was a morning of stories, lessons, and healthy fun at QCPL - UP Campus Pook Amorsolo Branch on July 30, 2025. In partnership with Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC) of Barangay UP Campus, the library hosted a vibrant and meaningful celebration of National Nutrition Month, through an unforgettable storytelling session for the 23 eager participants from Pook Amorsolo Day Care Center.



The program commenced with a warm and inspiring message from Kagawad Warren S. Gloria, who emphasized the importance of community activities that nurture both the mind and body. Following his remarks, librarian and storyteller Rheale A. Llarena expertly energized the group with an icebreaker activity that encouraged children to embrace their individuality, respect others, and recognize that true beauty comes from within—a theme that would resonate deeply with the story to follow.

The program concluded with a motivational message from Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Chairperson Angelica Anne Cayabyab, who encouraged both parents and their children to apply the story's lessons by incorporating fruits and vegetables into their daily meals.



The event aimed to creatively introduce the importance of healthy eating to the community's youngest members, featuring a lively narration of the classic Filipino tale, "Ang Alamat ng Ampalaya," to help children see vegetables—even the infamous ampalaya—in a whole new light. This collaboration was designed to serve as an enjoyable and educational experience that supports the goals of the national nutrition campaign.

Celebration of *Buwan ng Wika* through Stories and Performances with QCPL Puppeteers

By: Ms. Chelsea Denise S. Din

The QCPL Puppeteers continued visiting various schools and communities to share new stories and learnings. This third quarter, the celebration of *Buwan ng Wika* took center stage in their shows, emphasizing the importance of the Filipino language and culture to young audiences.



On August 8, 2025, the QCPL Puppeteers went to Xavier School to stage a cultural puppet show for Grade 1 students with the theme “Agos, Kultura’y Buhayin, Wika’y Paunlarin.” The program featured “Ang Kwento ni Lala” and “Sampung Karapatan ng Kabataan,” both of which highlighted the significance of education and the everyday use of the Filipino language.

The QCPL Puppeteers also visited Brgy. Immaculate Conception, Cubao on August 28, 2025 to present a puppet show with the theme “Paglinang sa Filipino at Katutubong Wika, Makasaysayan sa Pagkakaisa ng Bansa.” The children were delighted as they watched the puppets come to life—singing, dancing, and imparting Filipino values.



In appreciation of their hard work and dedication, Xavier School awarded the QCPL Puppeteers a Certificate of Recognition. This inspired the team to give their best and share even more meaningful and creative stories that children can watch and learn from on their future shows.

Malikhaing Sining: Mukha ng Wika

By: Ms. Sonia E. Bautista



The QCPL – Bagong Silangan Branch, in collaboration with Brgy. Bagong Silangan, celebrated Buwan ng Wika with a vibrant painting and coloring contest titled "Malikhaing Sining: Mukha ng Wika" on August 30, 2025. The event brought together twenty-four (24) participants who expressed the importance of cultural language through art.

Prior to the main activity, participants enjoyed a lively ice breaker called "Hulaan ang Larong Pinoy," which challenged them to identify Filipino games by combining two images. The game was a hit, with participants enthusiastically requesting more rounds and winners receiving books as prizes.

The program was hosted by Mr. Zildjan Martinez, President of the EDUKASAN Youth Organization. Hon. Wilfredo L. Cara, Brgy. Chairman, along with other council members, including Hon. Winsell B. Cordora, delivered inspirational messages, reaffirming their commitment to supporting the library's future activities and commending its efforts in organizing the event.

Participants were given two hours to create their masterpieces after receiving masks and art supplies. Judging proved to be a difficult task, as the panel was impressed by the beauty of every artwork. After careful deliberation, three winners were selected based on the established criteria.



The announcement of winners was met with a wave of cheers and a round of applause. They received their cash prizes, certificates of recognition and medals while the remaining participants were awarded certificates of participation. Congratulations to all winners!

1st place – Lherie Jhill B. Anagaran

2nd place – Kylie Mae Rico

3rd place – Kimberly Somera

The event concluded with a heartfelt message from QCPL MRB Commonwealth Branch Library-in-Charge Mari Toni Diwata, who praised the successful partnership between the library and the barangay. She congratulated all participants for their sportsmanship and highlighted the shared dedication to supporting cultural activities.

Exploring the Senses: An Inclusive Experience

By: QCPL - UP Campus Pook Dagohoy Branch

Bilang bahagi ng National Disability Rights Week na may temang “Innovation for Inclusion: Building Inclusive Communities Together,” nagsagawa ang QCPL - UP Campus Pook Dagohoy ng isang aktibidad na pinamagatang “Exploring the Senses: An Inclusive Experience” noong Hulyo 29, 2025.



Lumahok ang labing-isa (11) batang mula sa komunidad sa isang talakayan at mga simulation games kung saan naranasan nila kung paano mabuhay na may kapansanan—tulad ng pagiging bulag, pipi at bingi. Sa huling bahagi ng programa, ibinahagi nila ang kanilang mga natutunan at mga paraan kung paano maipapakita ang paggalang at pakikiisa sa mga taong may kapansanan.

Camp Aguinaldo Branch Library Celebrates National Disabilities Month with an Inspiring Storytelling

By: Ms. Riena-Jane M. Velasco

The QCPL - Camp Aguinaldo Branch celebrated the National Disabilities Month with a heartwarming storytelling session of “Nando Determinado” on the afternoon of July 11, 2025. The storytelling activity brought together twenty-five (25) children and supportive barangay officials from the Camp Aguinaldo community.



The event featured the inspiring story of Nando—a testament to resilience and determination. It was facilitated by Kagawad Hon. Jonathan Domingo, a person with a disability (PWD), and aimed to foster inclusivity and empower the community. Through Nando's story, participants were reminded of the importance of embracing diversity and celebrating individual strengths.



"Nando Determinado" was more than just a storytelling activity—it was an experience that touched hearts and sparked conversations. The children were actively engaged, their faces reflecting the impact of Nando's journey. The presence of barangay officials underscored the community's commitment to inclusivity and support for individuals with disabilities.

This successful event stands as a testament to QCPL's dedication to creating inclusive and enriching programs for all members of the community. The Camp Aguinaldo Branch Library plans to continue offering similar activities that inspire, educate, and bring joy to children of all abilities.

The QCPL's 77th Founding Anniversary Celebration @ QMC

By: Ms. Dominique Alexinne V. Dizon

The QCPL, spearheaded by the Library Extension Division (LED), celebrated its 77th Founding Anniversary at the Quezon Memorial Circle (QMC) on August 16, 2025. The celebration featured an entertaining puppet show and storytelling session accompanied by coloring and reading activities for attendees—kids joined by their parents, who were present at the community park that day.



The 77th Founding Anniversary Celebration of QCPL at QMC embodies the library's commitment to providing quality resources and services—no matter the occasion—to meet the changing needs of every QCitizen across Quezon City, truly becoming a library for all.

Isang Araw para sa Kabataan, Kalikasan, at Kinabukasan!

By: QCPL - San Isidro Galas Branch

Masayang ipinagdiwang sa QCPL - San Isidro Galas Branch ang Pandaigdigang Araw ng Kabataan!



Labing-isang (11) masisigasig na mag-aaral mula sa ika-11 na baitang ng Carlos L. Albert High School ang nagpakita ng kanilang malikhaing proyekto at mga ideya na nagpapatunay sa kahalagahan ng 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) at pagmamahal sa kalikasan.

Sama-sama tayong kumilos para sa mas maliwanag na bukas!

Books, Bytes, and Math Delights: QCPL Roxas Reaches Out to Grade 6 Learners

By: Ms. Dez Noelle V. Macasaet-Orpiana

The QCPL - Roxas Branch conducted a Library Orientation for selected Grade 6 learners of General Roxas Elementary School on July 17, 2025. Facilitated by Ms. Dez Noelle Macasaet-Orpiana - librarian of QCPL Roxas Branch, the session guided students in exploring QCPL's digital and physical services—including the use of the QCPL website, Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC), and online resources such as Buribooks and World Book Online. These platforms aim to enrich students' access to quality learning materials and promote independent, tech-supported study habits.



As part of the outreach effort, fifteen (15) A3 Learning Kits were distributed to selected students. This initiative was made possible through a partnership with CIIT College of Arts and Technology's NSTP Program - Appreciation, Application, & Achievement (A3) in Math, coordinated by Ms. Anna Requilme. In addition, Buribooks accounts were provided for future school use and extended learning opportunities.

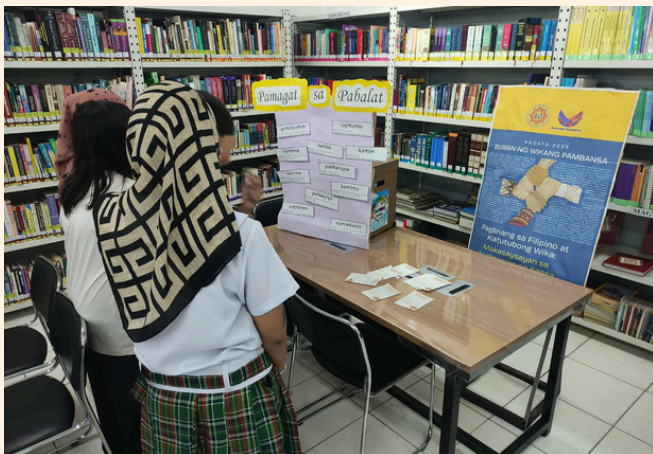


Through this joint effort, QCPL-Roxas Branch continues to bring library services closer to students and the school community, further strengthening its mission to provide inclusive, accessible, and innovative support for public education.

Diwa ng Pagkakaisa, Wikang Humuhubog

By: Ms. Maria Antonette O. Yabut

Tuwing buwan ng Agosto, ipinagdiriwang ang Buwan ng Wika bilang pagpapahalaga sa kahalagahan ng ating pambansang wika, ang Filipino, at sa mga katutubong wika ng Pilipinas. Bilang bahagi ng pagdiriwang na ito na may temang “Paglinang sa Filipino at Katutubong Wika: Makasaysayan sa Pagkakaisa ng Bansa,” nagsagawa ang QCPL - Cubao Branch ng isang masiglang aktibidad noong ika-27 ng Agosto, 2025 na pinamagatang “Pamagat sa Pabalat.” Ito ay dinaluhan ng dalawampu't dalawang (22) mag-aaral mula sa iba't ibang paaralan sa lungsod.



Sa aktibidad na ito, binigyan ang mga kalahok ng pagkakataong lumikha ng orihinal na pamagat ng aklat gamit ang iba't ibang katutubong wika mula sa iba't ibang bahagi ng bansa. Sa pamamagitan ng malikhaing pagsasanay na ito, naipapakita hindi lamang ang kahalagahan ng wika, kundi pati na rin ang makulay na kultura at kasaysayan na kaakibat nito.

Ang ganitong uri ng aktibidad ay naglalayong mapalawak ang kaalaman ng kabataan tungkol sa mga wika at itaas ang kanilang kamalayan sa kahalagahan ng pangangalaga sa mga katutubong wika bilang mahalagang bahagi ng ating pambansang pagkakakilanlan.

Bakit nga ba Mapait ang Ampalaya?

By: District 4 Libraries

Sa pagdiriwang ng Buwan ng Nutrisyon na may temang “Sa PPAN: Sama-sama sa Nutrisyong Sapat Para sa Lahat,” nagsagawa ang QCPL – UP Campus Pook Dagohoy ng masayang pagkukuwento at pagkukulay para sa labingpitong (17) bata noong ika-31 ng Hulyo 2025. Natutunan ng mga bata sa kuwentong “Ang Alamat ng Ampalaya” na matatagpuan sa Buribooks ang kahalagahan ng masustansyang pagkain habang sila ay nagsasaya sa pakikinig ng kuwento at paglikha ng makukulay na artworks.



From Stories to Puzzles: QCPL Bookmobile and Pop-up Library Bring Fun and Learning to QCitizens!

By: Ms. Chelsea Denise S. Din

From new books to puzzles, the QCPL Bookmobile and Pop-up Library continues to be on a roll—delighting citizens with exciting activities that combine both fun and learning.

On July 5 and 13, 2025, the QCPL Pop-up Library welcomed the third quarter with a “healthy” start in celebration of Nutrition Month. Kids enjoyed reading books featuring stories about healthy foods, while others had fun molding play-dough into different designs and characters. Through these activities, children were able to explore their creativity and imagination—skills essential to their growth and development.

The fun did not stop there. On August 9, 2025, kids and their parents visited the Pop-up Library at QMC, where they stepped inside the bookmobile to explore its wide collection of books.

On September 6 and 13, 2025, families patiently pieced together colorful jigsaw puzzles donated by Jigsaw Puzzlers Philippines, forming vibrant images of dinosaurs, pirate ships, superheroes, and more.



The QCPL Bookmobile and Pop-up Library is stationed every Saturday at Quezon Memorial Circle from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, consistently bringing QCitizens a vibrant selection of books, educational board games, puzzles, and colorful activity materials.

MAY HALAGA KA, KAYA MO 'TO!

By: the District 4 Libraries

Bilang bahagi ng pagdiriwang ng National Disability Rights Week, nagsagawa ang QCPL – San Isidro Galas Branch ng isang espesyal na pagkukuwento bilang paggalang at pagtatangi sa mga taong may kapansanan. Sa okasyong ito, nagbahagi ng isang masaya at makulay na kuwento si Gng. Dez Macasaet-Orpiana sa labinwalong (18) bata mula sa komunidad ng San Isidro Galas.



Ang kuwento, na pinamagatang “Ang Madyik Silya ni Titoy,” ay ginamit mula sa Buribooks upang gawing mas nakakaengganyo at interaktibo ang sesyon.

Layunin ng aktibidad na magbigay ng kamalayan sa mga bata tungkol sa mga karapatan at alituntunin sa tamang pakikisalamuha at paggalang sa mga indibidwal na may kapansanan. Nais din nitong ituro ang kahalagahan ng pagrespeto at pagmamahal sa bawat isa, anuman ang kanilang kondisyon.

Salita't Saya: Celebrating Language through Stories and Games

By: Ms. Dez Noelle V. Macasaet-Orpiana

In celebration of Buwan ng Wika 2025, the QCPL – San Isidro Galas Branch held a storytelling and interactive activity titled “Salita't Saya sa Kwento at Laro” on August 27, 2025 with fifteen (15) community children as its participants.



The activity began with a warm welcome and a storytelling session by Ms. Dez Noelle Macasaet-Orpiana, who narrated the children’s story “Ang Pambihirang Sombrero” by Jose Miguel Tejido using Buribooks, a creative digital storytelling tool. Children actively participated by pasting cut-out illustrations that matched scenes from the story—bringing the narrative to life through hands-on engagement. Library-in-Charge Rosario J. Malig of QCPL - San Isidro Galas Branch introduced the richness of Filipino culture through bugtong, sawikain, and salawikain to children following the storytelling. This was complemented by fun games such as Bulong Pari (Pass the Message) and a bugtong pairing activity, where participants joyfully applied what they had learned.

The activity highlighted the importance of celebrating and preserving the Filipino language and cultural traditions, while creating an engaging learning environment for children. It fostered appreciation of heritage amidst the challenges of globalization and digital transformation. Through this initiative, the youth were reminded of the significance of language as a powerful tool for unity, culture, and identity.

New Books, New Beginnings for QCPL

By: Ms. Dominique Alexinne V. Dizon

QCPL extends its heartfelt gratitude to the following institutions and organizations for their generous book donations to the library this 3rd quarter of 2025.



QCPL OIC Mariza G. Chico, together with Library Extension Division Head Analiza Martinez, had gratefully received a heartfelt donation of thirty-four (34) copies of the book “The Mirror of my Soul: Selected Decisions, Opinions, Speeches and Writing” from the Justice Cecilia Muñoz Palma Foundation (JCMFP) Inc. on August 28, 2025. The book features the life and legacy of the late Associate Justice Cecilia Muñoz Palma—an Extraordinary 85 women book awardee—who made great contributions to the field of law as a woman of many firsts.

The SM Foundation, Inc. wholeheartedly donated 2,069 textbooks to QCPL on September 10, 2025, on behalf of their Executive Director for Health and Medical Programs, Ms. Connie Angeles—an Extraordinary 85 Women of Quezon City awardee who also served as Quezon City’s two-termed councilor and vice mayor. The generous donation will be an enormous help to elementary and high school students who often visit the library during their leisure time.



Chalkboard, a partner of Quezon City Government in the Zero Illiteracy Sa QC Tutoring Program, visited QCPL on September 17, 2025 to donate books to the library's shelves. 280 children's storybooks were graciously received by QCPL OIC Mariza G. Chico, together with QCPL Division Heads, in an effort to encourage children to return and visit the library and rekindle their love for reading.

Meanwhile, the Likhaan Center for Women's Health, through the Extraordinary 85 Women of Quezon City awardee—Dr. Junice Melgar, shared twenty-four (24) learning resources on women's health and rights—including books, magazines, and flyers, to QCPL's women's collection on September 29, 2025 during the turnover ceremony of QCPL's published book. The donation aims to raise awareness of the often-overlooked issues affecting women and to promote informed advocacy.

Explore the newest additions to QCPL's book collection at QCPL - Main or any branch library near you.

New Collection of Jigsaw Puzzles for QCPL!

By: Ms. Cybil F. Castillo

In September of last year, the Jigsaw Puzzlers Philippines (JPP) hosted their first puzzling get-together at QCPL — a fun and memorable event that brought puzzle lovers of all ages together under one roof.

On September 8, 2025, the group returned to the humble library, this time carrying boxes filled with vibrant, eye-catching jigsaw puzzles generously donated for QCPL's Bookmobile and Pop-up Library activities held every Saturday at QMC.



Now, QCPL's puzzle collection shelves are brimming with countless pieces—big and small, simple and tricky, but all incredibly fun. On September 13, 2025, QCPL excitedly introduced these puzzles to QCitizens through its bookmobile and pop-up library activities at QMC.



With this expanded collection, QCPL is now able to offer even more engaging, hands-on, and brain-teasing activities to its puzzling community—especially as an interactive experience held every Saturday for kids, teens, and parents alike.

If you've ever found joy in putting together a jigsaw puzzle—or are curious to give it a try—QCPL would love to welcome you! You can drop by any QCPL branch library to explore the puzzle collection, or swing by at the Bookmobile and Pop-up Library at QMC every Saturday.

The puzzles are ready and waiting—all that's missing is you!



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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.

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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.
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