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Mayor Herbert Visits Proj. 7 Branch Library



Another blessed day for the Project 7 Branch library for the visit of Mayor Herbert Bautista. last March 16, 2014 together with Congressman Calalay, former Councilor Beth Delarmente, SSDD Head and Barangay Captain Sonny de Jesus. Mayor Herbert Bautista attended the Inauguration of Infrastructure in Barangay Veterans Village which includes the improvement of roads and the construction of Veterans Daycare Center which are located near the Project 7 Branch Library at Bansalangin Street. The good Mayor had an on the spot visit at the library, browsed the books and suggested to add more new books for fresh information and knowledge for the students who use the library. It was the right time for the Librarian-in-charge Ms. Tin Catalan to request for immediate repair and expansion of the branch library so as to accommodate more users. Mayor Bautsita was so pleased that the library is very much used by the community in spite its limited space.

/Cristine Catalan

QCPL SUPPORTS NCCA IN ARTS MONTH CELEBRATION

by MARIZA G. CHICO

The Philippines celebrates the National Arts Month (NAM) during February since the signing of Presidential Proclamation 683 in 1991 by President Corazon C. Aquino. The National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) is the country's main agency for the arts and culture .

For more than two decades now, both the private and public sectors along with the local governments have come together in this celebration.

In support of the National Arts Month, the local government of Quezon City, through the Quezon City Public Library conducted a Seminar-Workshop on Scrapbook Making and Letter Cutting on February 26, 2014 at the QCPL Main – Reference Area, with the aim of enhancing one's creativity and increase the artistic inclination of the participants that will eventually be imparted to the day care pupils and children that uses the library.

Invited Resource Speaker was Ms. Christine Tica, a teacher by profession and also known as "Scrapbook Idol" by those who know her because of her passion for scrapbooking.

The invited participants were Day Care Teachers from Social Services Development Department (SSDD) and QCPL Librarians and staff.



The Participants during the workshop proper.

It was really an informative, educational and entertaining seminar workshop enjoyed by the participants.

GP4 BRANCH LIBRARY REPORTS

BY MS. IRENE CAMUA

It was a very accomplished and busy quarter for GP4 Library. We had the Annual Spelling Bee Contest which was a month long preparation including invitations for seven (7) participating schools and solicitation letters to prospective donors who will in a way support this worthwhile endeavor. This is in cooperation of the Progresibong Edukasyon Tungo sa Kapayapaan at Kaunlaran (PEKK) through the able leadership of Ms. EuniceAnn Enriguez. It aims to foster camaraderie among students of different schools in Project 4 area and to promote literacy in the English Language. This activity proved that reading is the mother of the macro skills and from the students' wide range of vocabulary, this exposure made them more vigilant and responsible to read more books. Of course this activity will never be a success without the support of the City Government Mayor Herbert Bautista, Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte-Alimurung and Councilor Franz Pumaren.

We also had the "Read Aloud" Activity sponsored by the Adarna Publications coordinated by Mrs. Bernadette Aquino and a Library Tour by the St. Therese of the Child Jesus Montessori School. The Adarna Publishing House donated children's books as their token of appreciation.



American Shelves Road Show in QCPL

By JENIFFER ADAJO

Last March 6, 2014, the Quezon City Public Library conducted an American Shelves Road Show orientation, a Project of Thomas Jefferson Information Center, U.S. Embassy Manila to their 33 networks of American Shelf. For the past years, QCPL has been one of the beneficiaries of American Shelves through donation of books, journals and other library materials. American Shelves is a special collection placed in one corner of the library.

The Assistant City Librarian, Ms. Cynthia Tolado, represented by Ms. Mary Ann Bernal welcomed TJIC representatives and the participants. Ms. Jeniffer R. Adajo, Head of Periodicals Section gave a brief introduction on what American Shelf is all about while Mr. Randol Mariano, IRC Librarian discussed about the Wild Life Conservation and the importance of the eLibrary USA and online databases together with the TJIC Director Gianina Cabanilla, through a video presentation.



Turn over of donation to QCPL from TJIC

Participants were fifty eight (58) third year students from Flora A. Ylagan High School, their adviser Mr. Teody Canonoy and Librarians and staff of QCPL.

As a continuing support to the QCPL, TJIC turned over a 32" LED Samsung Television, Pioneer DVD player, Canon digital Camera, Board games and other reading materials as additional donation to QCPL for the use of the American Shelves researchers and users.

The Local Government of Quezon City, thru the City Librarian Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva acknowledges with gratitude these donations that will surely be a great addition to QCPL collections to enhance library services.



QCPL staff, Mr. Randol Mariano and Ms. Gianina Cabanilla of TJIC and students and their adviser from Flora Ylagan High School

BOOKS FOR JOMALIG, QUEZON PROVINCE READING CENTERS

BY MARIZA G. CHICO



Turn over ceremony

Seven (7) QCPL staff went to Atimonan, Quezon last March 13, 2014 to witness the **turn over** of almost twenty thousand volumes of assorted books donated by the Children's International (CI) Philippines, Inc. for the municipal and barangay reading centers of Jomalig, Quezon Province. Since Municipality of Jomalig is four to six hours transportation by motor boat, the turn over ceremony was held at the covered court of Maligaya National High School in Atimonan, Quezon. It was attended by Honorable Rodelo T. Tena, Mayor of Municipality of Jomalig, the Sangguniang Bayan represented by Honorable Vice Mayor Rudy B. Tapar, Mr. Elmer A. Gariguez, Municipal Administrator and Budget Officer of Jomalig, Ms. Gertrudes S. Gauiran, Program Coordinator of CI Philippines and the reci-pients and beneficiaries of the said book donation and of course the QCPL group led by the Assistant City Librarian, Ms. Cynthia DJ. Tolado, Fe Gomez, Mariza G. Chico, Analiza C. Martinez, Leonardo Lapuz, Michelle R. Ferrer and Dexter Delos Reyes.

Jomalig Island is one of the smallest and remotest municipalities in the Province of Quezon. It is a former barrio of Polillo, Quezon which lies in the Eastern part of Polillo Group with a distance of 30 nautical miles from the mainland. Its boundaries are Patnanungan Island in the Northeast, mainland in the Southwest and eastern side faces the vast blue Pacific Ocean.

Thru the Adopt-a-library program of the QCPL, the Municipal Library of Jomalig was adopted way back in 2008. Reading Centers were organized and inaugurated, and books were provided serving the information and research needs of the students. QCPL was also an instrument in the donation of 40 feet container truckload of assorted books of the CI Philippines, Inc. for the said municipal reading centers.

The QCPL group had also the opportunity to have a "**Lakbay-Aral**" tour to the Provincial Capitol of Quezon in Lucena City like the Provincial Library of Quezon and its Museum and the Governor's Mansion, courtesy and in appreciation of Mayor Tena and the Sangguniang Bayan.



Truckload of books delivered at Atimonan, Quezon waiting to be transported at Jomalig,

QCPL - PAG-ASA BRANCH CELEBRATES 5TH YEAR ANNIVERSARTY by Jennifer M. Quilaquil

In celebration of Bgy. Pag-asa Branch Library 5th year anniversary, two worthwhile activities were conducted: 1) On the Spot Poster Making Contest-PWD" with the theme :"Kanunungan ay Kayamanan, Pagandahin at Palawigin ang Silid Aklatan" and 2) Forum on anti-bullying , which aims to inform, to address and to prevent the community on anti-bullying acts.. These were held on March 10, 2014 and March 12, 2014 respectively. These activities aim to encourage the PWD's of their talents, promote the library and create *camaraderie within the community. This also is in support to RA 7277 which is* an act providing for the rehabilitation, self-development and self– reliance of persons with disabilities and their integration into the mainstream of society.



The Ani-Bullying forum was participated by the Grade 6 section 1 of Bagong Pag-asa Elementary School, led by their Principal Mr. George Melegrito, together with the parents, teachers and representatives from different barangays of District 1, composed of Bgy. Kagawad, GAD Focal Person, Ex-Os, VAWC Persons and B.S..D.O. The Resource Speaker was Atty. Mary Ann R. Sagana, a Professor from Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila (PLM), St. Scholastica's College and UP, Manila.

The seven (7) participants were from Bagong Pag-asa Elementary School– S.P.E.D. Declared winners were Mary Bea Dhenyse Bartolome, a hearing impaired, won the 1st prize; Perseus L. Nonato, a hearing impaired, too, won the 2nd prize, and the 3rd prize winner was Daryl Gene Miguel a. Garcia, who is mentally challenged.

The judges were Mr. Adrian Carlo A. Calabano, a UST SPED Education Student, Kagawad Ricky Bajarias, a PWD from Bgy. Bagong Pag-asa, Ms. Analiza Puno, District I Coordinator and Head Librarian of Project 8 Branch, and Ms. Juanito E. Ogao, Psychology Graduate from F.E.U, a representative from the office of Councilor Rogelio "Roger" Juan of Dsitrict 6, a Chairperson of People with Special Challenge. The winners got certificates and cash prizes. All the poster entries became official property of QCPL– Pag-Asa Branch and Bgy. Bagong Pag-asa.

Over all, this was made possible through the untiring efforts of Bgy. Chairman Rodolfo S. Palma and his Council, in coordination with the QCPL Pag-asa Branch.



Ms. Mary Ann Bernal of QCPL Main and Bgy. Chairman Rodolfo S. Palma graced the forum as they gave short inspirational messages, Cristine Catalan of Proj. 7 Branch and Susan Tamayo of Bgy. Bagong Pag-asa stand as Master of Ceremonies, Ms. Jennifer Quilaquil addressed the welcome Remarks, and Ms. Analiza Puno introduced the Resource Speaker. Registration was managed by Susan Santiago and Jonalyn Bunzo, of Main Library, documentation by Mr. Roy Gomez & William De Leon of QCPL MIS, and all those who participated and supported the activity were properly acknowledged.

The Forum was timely and significant, and turned out to be successful.

THE WORDS OF GOD

"GREAT TRIUMPHS ARE BORN OUT OF GREAT TROUBLES"

FEAR AND LOVE

The Lord desires that His people both fear and love Him . Deutoronomy 10. says that keeping God's guidelines involves both. In verse 12, we are told "to fear the Lord your God" and "to love Him."

To "fear" the Lord God is to give Him the highest respect. Out of Love, we serve Him with all our heart and with all our soul. "We love Him because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19)

TROUBLE

Trouble is a part of life. Bad health, grief, loss of job, loss of love ones, financial problems, broken relationships, the list goes on.. God permits and added trials of being ridiculed and hated because we follow Christ (1 Peter 4:12).But trouble, whether it is common to man or unique to Christians, can reveal to us the moral fiber of our soul. Meet trouble as a friend, for you'll see a lot of it and you had better be on speaking terms with it." Let's not think it strange when trouble comes, for God is using it to test the stamina of our souls. According to Dennis De Haan, the best way to handle trouble is to commit our "souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator"

The troubles that we face each day
Reveal how much we need the Lord;
They test our faith and strength of will
And help us then to trust God's Word—D. De Haan.

Source :Our Daily Bread 2013

SERVICES FOR THE PWD'S

LIBRARIANS VISIT QCPL

By Mariza G. Chico

Last March 17, 2014, Ms. Lily Echiverri of UP College of Law visited the QCPL together with Ms. Nancy M. Bolts of Colorado, USA, one of the speakers in the International Conference of Public Librarians to be conducted in Cebu City on March 19-21, 2014. They were entertained by Ms. Mariza G. Chico and Ms. Cecil Magnate.

Ms. Bolts inquired how QCPL serves the People with Disabilities or PWDs. Ms. Chico said that QCPL usually reaches out to these kinds of clienteles. QCPL goes to places wherein there are PWDs and conducts Puppet shows and Storytelling . Recently, QCPL had conducted activity for the National Orthopedic Hospital School for the Crippled Children.



From left: Ms. Cecil Magnate, Ms. Lily Echiverri, Mariza Chico, (seated) Ms. Nancy Bolts.

DISTRICT I OUTREACH FOR THE PWD's

by Analiza Puno

One of the advocacies of the Quezon City Public Library is to provide services and enjoyment for the children, especially to those physically and mentally challenged.

QCPL District I Libraries conducted outreach activity with the theme entitled "Handog Kalinga Sa Araw Ng Mga Puso" on February 19, 2014 for the students of the National Orthopedic Hospital School for the Crippled Children located at D. Tuazon, Bgy. Lourdes, QC.

The children enjoyed the Storytelling session with the Storytellers Ms. Susan Tamayo of the Pag-asa Branch and Ms. Christine Catalan of the Project 7 Branch. And on March 18, 2014 the QCPL Puppeteers with the Mascots Melai and Brainy also performed at the same school led by the Outreach Head Ms. Fe Gomez.

In return the students performed an entertaining dance number called "the Dancers on Wheels".

After the program, snacks were served courtesy of the QCPL and distributed loft bags, children's books, textbooks and pocket dictionaries.

The District I activities will not be possible without the untiring support of the Barangay Council of Balingasa, Project 7 and Project 8. We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Arliana A. Arboleda, principal of National orthopedic Hospital School for the Crippled Children for giving us the opportunity to conduct our outreach activity and for inspiring us. To all the District I Librarians and Staff, and to the QCPL Management, the QC local government for being a part of this endeavor and made these activities possible and successful, and to our Almighty God for all the blessing and guidance . TO GOD BE THE GLORY!



REACH THE UNREACHABLE PEOPLE

By Lucila Raquiño





Serving the non-library users, the underserved, people with special needs, people with disabilities, people in the remote communities, people in jail, those people having difficulty getting to our libraries, is a unique privilege of the QC Public Library, and strive to train the outreach personnel in best meeting the information and recreational needs of our diverse public.

Personally, I give a salute to the outreach personnel of QCPL, specifically the Puppeteers. They are the soldiers in combat if I may say, for they go out of their way reaching the unreachable, armed with the puppets and books and their skills of doing puppet shows, storytelling, writing scripts for national celebrations like Fire Prevention Month, Dental consciousness Month, Nutrition Month, National Disability Month, etc.

Outreach services ideas just flow out from their minds and put them into a visible and relevant activities. Who would think of going to a bus terminal just to promote books and libraries? Or a library hub to the heart of a park, at the Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife? The truth is, their hearts, minds and bodies are congruent to their activities.

How about going to remote barangays in the provinces to reach out to those who have no access to a public library, may it be mountainous or at the heart of a forest or in a river bank. Well, all of these have been experienced by our outreach people. But these will not be possible without the leadership and guidance of our City Librarian, Ms. Emelita Villanueva, for she goes out of her way too, to be with the group, particularly at far-flung areas. And of course without the able mind and soul of the Outreach Head, Ms. Fe Gomez. Rain or shine, in sickness and in health, the show must go on. But then, the people behind all these are the outreach group, Ms. Marlyn Bautista, Ms. Zenaida Baltazar, Chona Masbate, Ms. Marivic Ocumen, Mr. James Rommel Maborrang, Ms. Janet Villanueva, Mr. Jenel Fuentes, Mr. Jerwin Candido and Mr. Dexter de los Reyes and of course branch library personnel from District I to IV.

This team have gone a long way. They have also been invited to perform in different cities and provinces and had special training on puppetry by Mr. WANLU, a renowned ventriloquist and Talentadong Pinoy Hall of Famer. Recently, they were also invited by Mr. WANLU in one of his Puppetry Exhibit at the Resorts World, Manila to do a short act.

KUDOS PUPPETEERS!

VALUES FORMATION: RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD



For the first quarter of 2014, QCPL was able to conduct two values formation seminars. One at Barangay Damayan last February 17, 2014 and another in Greater Lagro last February 28, 2014.

This project started in 2012 with the objectives: to provide values formation seminar to parents that will guide them on how to become effective parents to their children and to help Quezon City in the transformation of its people to become better citizens and responsible parents contributing to the promotion of their quality of life..

Values formation seminars are in coordination with the Barangay Operations Center (BOC) down to the different barangays in Quezon City through the Barangay Captains with invited Speakers from the CCF.

This project is very important and timely considering that family is the foundation of a society. For children, the family represents a certain type of environment where they could find support, safety and security – it is the basic background for them. A child is a product of a family and it is reflected in his/her features, behaviour and values. The values that a child receives in a family will probably determine his/her behaviour in the future. Family values among the members of a family are based on the relationship of affinity and touch mostly feelings, emotions and interests established on mutual respect of people living in a family.

WOMEN IN THE DIPLOMATIC WORLD by Troy Lacsamana





In celebration of the International Women's Day, staff of the Quezon City Public Library participated in a digital video conference/ webchat session entitled "Women in the Diplomatic World" last March 21, 2014. Through the invitation of Mr. Randolf D. Mariano, Information Resource Center Assistant of Thomas Jefferson Information Center, we are able to join the session via Google Hangouts Webchat together with participants from De La Salle University Manila and Mapua Institute of Technology Makati. The speakers are American women diplomats from the different sections in the US Embassy such as Political, Economic and Public Affairs Section.

Ms. Angie Cabahug of Public Affairs Section described the nature of her work. She enjoys her work very much because she is able to meet interesting people and experience part of history. She ended her talk with this thought: "If you have good idea, don't be afraid to speak up and do it."

Ms. Katy Bondy of the Political and Economic Section discussed their amazing experiences in visiting war torn countries and helping entrepreneurs. She wants to see more dynamic women who have families and working in the middle level. She said that everyone should create awareness in promoting women empowerment. She shared that it is important building up your skills, expanding your knowledge by reading newspapers and taking a class to be successful in your chosen field.

Ms. Yasmin Thomason of USAID shared her development work: investing in women can elevate health, family and community wellbeing. She added that working at USAID is a challenge and labor of love. Great strides have been made in women rights, women can now freely choose their own career path.

Even after the lecture, participants were given the chance to ask questions. It was the first time that this activity was done and fortunately, it turned out well. We are hoping that there will be more of this in the future.

MR. WANLU'S "PAPET BISIG" by LUCILA RAQUIÑO

Last February 11, 2014, QCPL had another activity worth remembering. Mr. Wanlu, one of the popular ventriloquist and a Hall of Famer of Talentadong Pinoy showed his unique talent using his puppet and conducted a workshop with the participants using socks for the hand puppet.

The QCPL Puppeteers also had their moment to show their learned talent thru a Puppet show. Mr. Wanlu said that the Puppeteers are good and asked if they can be invited in one his shows. The Puppeteers were so excited and very much proud to be part of Mr. Wanlu's shows. True enough, Mr.. Wanlu invited the group on March 22, 2014 for a short act to his 3-day puppetry exhibit in celebration of World Puppetry Day and in a tribute to Prof. Amelia Bonifacio, Mother of Philippine Puppetry, at the Plaza Newport Mall, Resorts World, Manila.







MS. ROSE ANNE BELMONTE: A WOMAN OF DISTINCTION

by Lucila Raquiño

Ms. Rose Anne Belmonte, fondly called Mam Rose, is a friend of the QC Public Library. A simple lady with a very sweet and warm smile, a woman with a kind and soft heart.

Friendship with Mam Rose started as she became a member of the QCPL's Friends of the Library in 2008. Friends of the Library (FOL) is a non-stock, non-profit organization with the aim to help and support the activities and needs of the Library. She frequently visits the library then, with light conversations with the City Librarian Ms. Emelita Villanueva and also to attend meetings of the FOL.

She is a caring and thoughtful person, that when some QCPL staff were affected by typhoon "Ondoy", she rushed to the library and distributed packs of relief goods. She did this not only because she is a "Belmonte" being the wife of the son of former Mayor and now a Speaker of the House of Representative Sonny Belmonte, but because she is a good Christian inside and out.

She was instrumental in introducing to the QCPL employees the life of spirituality, of a Christian life. She believed then that it is important to live with the words of God and believe in Jesus. She asked Ms. Emelita Villanueva, the City Librarian if it's okay for us employees to have a Bible Study. It was so timely because during those times, some QCPL employees were seeking for the right path to salvation, and truly through Jesus. Ms. Rose Anne contacted her Pastor Friends and introduced them to the QCPL. That started the Thursday Bible Study. During the first months, Ms . Rose Anne tried to attend the Bible study sessions in spite of her busy schedules being the Chief Operating Officer and author of the Phil. Star Daily, Inc. She hosted the morning snacks of those who attended the Bible study, a nutritious pandesal with scrambled egg and "Tanglad juice".



Ms. Rose Anne Belmonte distributed relief goods to QCPL employees affected by typhoon "Ondoy" in 2009. From left: Ms. Cynthia Tolado, Asst. City Librarian, Ms. Rose Anne Belmonte, Cecil Magnate, Carlito Dumlao and Ms. Emelita Villanueva, City Librarian

For more than five years now, the Bible study held every Thursday at the QCPL continues, still hosted by Ms. Rose Anne. She does not regularly attend the Bible study but her heart is still with us. She does not forget to call and say hello.

Today, we are very thankful to Ms. Rose Anne for her good deed, for bringing us closer to Jesus, our Savior. The Bible Study led QCPL staff to know more about the words of God, others were transformed; others are still on the process of transformation. But most of all, there was a change of heart, forgiving, loving and understanding heart.

Looking back, the perseverance of the pastors led by Pastor Saturnino Balajadia to spread the words of God was not in vain. They, too did not give up nor quit, but rather continue their mission to the QCPL employees. We thank God for giving us this group of people that continuously lead us to spiritual salvation.

AUTISM AWARENESS

April is Autism Acceptance Month -- when "we promote acceptance of autistic people as family members, sons, daughters, spouses, friends, classmates, co-workers, community members, and fellow-citizens making valuable contributions to our world and communities." April reminds everyone that beyond awareness, there should be acceptance and inclusion of individuals with autism in society. - Autism society Philippines.

WHAT IS AUTISM

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and autism are both general terms for a group of complex disorders of brain development. These disorders are characterized, in varying degrees, by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication and repetitive behaviors. With the May 2013 publication of the DSM-5 diagnostic manual, all autism disorders were merged into one umbrella diagnosis of ASD. Previously, they were recognized as distinct subtypes, including autistic disorder, childhood disintegrative disorder, pervasive developmental disorder-not otherwise specified (PDD-NOS) and Asperger syndrome.

ASD can be associated with intellectual disability, difficulties in motor coordination and attention and physical health issues such as sleep and gastrointestinal disturbances. Some persons with ASD excel in visual skills, music, math and art.

Autism appears to have its roots in very early brain development. However, the most obvious signs of autism and symptoms of autism tend to emerge between 2 and 3 years of age. Autism Speaks continues to fund research on effective methods for earlier diagnosis, as early intervention with proven behavioral therapies can improve outcomes. Increasing autism awareness is a key aspect of this work and one in which our families and volunteers play an invaluable role.

WHAT CAUSES AUTISM

Not long ago, the answer to this question would have been "we have no idea." Research is now delivering the answers. First and foremost, we now know that there is no one cause of autism just as there is no one type of autism. Over the last five years, scientists have identified a number of rare gene changes, or mutations, associated with autism. A small number of these are sufficient to cause autism by themselves. Most cases of autism, however, appear to be caused by a combination of autism risk genes and environmental factors influencing early brain development.

In the presence of a genetic predisposition to autism, a number of nongenetic, or "environmental," stresses appear to further increase a child's risk. The clearest evidence of these autism risk factors involves events before and during birth. They include advanced parental age at time of conception (both mom and dad), maternal illness during pregnancy and certain difficulties during birth, particularly those involving periods of oxygen deprivation to the baby's brain. It is important to keep in mind that these factors, by themselves, do not cause autism. Rather, in combination with genetic risk factors, they appear to modestly increase risk.

A growing body of research suggests that a woman can reduce her risk of having a child with autism by taking prenatal vitamins containing folic acid and/or eating a diet rich in folic acid (at least 600 mcg a day) during the months before and after conception.

Increasingly, researchers are looking at the role of the immune system in autism. Autism Speaks is working to increase awareness and investigation of these and other issues, where further research has the potential to improve the lives of those who struggle with autism.

HOW AUTISM IS DIAGNOSED

Though autism cannot be definitively diagnosed until around 18 to 24 months, research shows that children as young as 8 to 12 months may exhibit early signs. Parents should look for symptoms such as no back-and-forth sharing of sounds, smiles or other facial expressions by 9 months; no babbling or back-and-forth gestures (e.g. pointing) by 12 months; or any loss of babbling, speech or social skills at any age.

Relative to Autism Awareness, the Quezon City Public Library conducted a National Forum on Disability Rights Perspectives of Persons with Disabilities. This was in coordination with the National Council on Disability Affairs last January 29, 2014. Guest of Honor was Vice Mayor Josefina Alimurung-



From left: Ms. Fe Gomez,, Head of Outreach Services, Ms. Emelita Villanueva, City Librarian, Ms. Josefina Belmonte, Bgy. Captain Asuncion Visaya of Novaliches Proper, Ms. Cynthia Tolado, Asst. City Librarian and Ms. Mary Ann Bernal, Head of Reference Services.



"LINKING GENDER & CLIMATE CHANGE BY MS. JANET ALDAY AND MS. GRACE VELEZ



Above: Coun. Ranulfo Ludovica with Asst. City Librarian Cynthia Tolado and QCPL Staff (below left) with the guest speaker Ms. Dolores Wanasen. (below right) with the participants.

Last March 27, 2014, the QCPL celebrated Women's Month with another half-day forum on "Linking Gender and Climate Change". Ms. Cynthia Tolado, Assistant City Librarian delivered the Inspirational Message. The Guest of Honor was Councilor Ranulfo Ludovica of District II, Quezon City. He is the Chairman on committee on Climate Change. In his speech, he associated gender and climate change by comparing women to weather. "They easily change their minds and decisions. " "Ang mga babae parang weather, pabago-bago", he said.

The Resource Speaker was Ms. Dolores D. Wanasen, Forest Management Specialist at Forest Management bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (FMB-DENR).

Her topic on Gender is the difference between a Man and a Woman. She discussed the Maps of Neutral Circuitry, It is how the brains of a man and a woman are wired differently.

According to Ms. Wanasen, Woman is more on social skills and memory, better equipped for multitasking, better at intuitive thinking and better at remembering things., more emotionally involved, listen more, talk more and when things go wrong in a woman's relationship, work is affected. While Man, are better at learning and performing single task, better at spatial tasks and motor skills, better in navigation, better in math, more competitive, achievers, and when things go wrong in a man's work, relationship is affected.

On the other hand, she stressed that the contributory factors in Climate Change are pollution, wastes, cutting of trees in the forests, etc.

The Forum was hosted by the Filipiniana and Local History Section and Law Research led by Ms. Lucila Raquiño, who also delivered the Welcome Remarks, Ms. Janet Alday, Head of Law Research introduced the Guest Speaker, Mr. Bernardo Holgado introduced the Resource Speaker, Ms. Grace Velez facilitated the forum and the Master of Ceremony was Mr. Troy Lacsamana. Ms. Joyce Benavente and Ms. Rose Tupaz were incharge of the registration, and Ms. Estrellita Perez assisted the Food committee..

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QC Trivia QC'S FIRST PEDRISTA FESTIVAL

Source: QC website

Quezon City holds the 1st Pedrista Festival in honor of Patron Saint San Pedro Bautista from Jan. 31-Feb. 9.

The festival was highlighted by the visit of the image of San Pedro Bautista to Quezon City Hall, including conduct of various activities like choral competition for schools, drama play and fire works display.

A *Triduum masses was held on Feb. 5-7., sponsored by QC Mayor Herbert Bautista, Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte together with the members of the City Council and the local government department heads.

Pedro Bautista y Belasquez who arrived in the Philippines in 1584 with the fourth group of Franciscan Missionaries was not an inexperienced man. He was 42 years old, had acquired fame as a preacher in the cathedral of Toledo in Spain, had taught philosophy for three years in Merida and was an excellent musician. He arrived as the head of the Chapter of the Custody. In a word, he was a mature, educated, experienced and placed in a position of authority. Because of his deep concern for the spiritual welfare of his friars, Pedro Bautista saw the need for a secluded place where the missionaries, could revive their spiritual vigor by prayer, reflection and prayer. In 1950, Pedro Bautista ordered the construction of a small bamboo and nipa convent and church in a 250 hectares estate donated by Gov. Santiago de Vera. The church was named "Nuestra Señora de Monteceli" which was popularly known as San Francisco del Monte. It was opened as a house of retreat for missionaries and as a novitiate house.

*A Triduum is a three-day period of prayer, usually in preparation for an important feast or in celebration of that feast.

ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN THE NCR OFFICIALLY ORGANIZED

by MS. FE B. GOMEZ

The Chief Librarians of the NCR officially organized themselves into an association named The Association of the Public Libraries of the National Capital Region (APL-NCR) during the 10th NCR Congressional District and City Librarians Meeting at Max's Restaurant, Forbes Town, 26th St. corner Rizal Drive, Global City on September 20, 2013. Election of officers was conducted and was facilitated by Director of the National Library of the Philippines, Atty. Antonio M. Santos. It was witnessed by the following: NLP staff, Ms. Yolanda E. Jacinto-Assistant Director, Ms. Nonila J. Yauder-Division Chief-Public Libraries Division, Ms. Blesila P. Velasco, Mr. Jilven T. Amar and the different NCR Chief Librarians and their staff. The elected officers were as follows:

President :

Mr. Vic Jayson C. Cruz ,
Marikina Library

Vice President:

Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva,
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-To work closely with National Library of the Philippines and support its mission in providing the full intellectual and cultural development of the Filipino people leading to intellectual growth, citizenship building, lifelong learning and enlightenment.

-To build networks and encourage collaborative discussion of issues, trends and opportunities to strengthen the public library system.

-To assist and advice members in their professional role as cultural heritage workers, knowledge managers and nation builders.



The New set of officers of the Association of Public Libraries in the NCR, from left: Atty. Antonio Santos, Jayson C. Cruz, Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva, Ms. Fe Gomez, Ms. Nonet M. Angeles, Mr. Joselito P. Carpena, Jr.,, Ms. Lorna B. Bulos and Mr. Renan C. Santos



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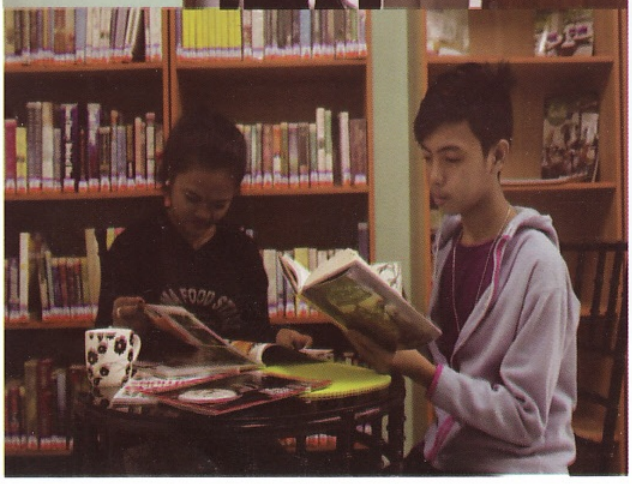

Last January 23, 2014, a new coffee shop at QC Hall named ***"Cafe @ Lib"*** was opened and inaugurated at the Quezon City Public Library . **Pastor Saturnino Balajadia and Pastor Tica, led by the City Librarian Ms. Emelita Villanueva and Asst. City Librarian Cynthia Tolado, cut the ceremonial ribbon and the coffee shop was also blessed by the two pastors.** It is a new business venture by the QCPL Multi-purpose Cooperative owned and managed by QCPL employees. The coffee shop was conceptualized and made into a reality so as to cater to our readers who wanted a more secluded and cozy area where they can drink a cup of coffee and eat some cookies while reading pocketbooks or magazines which are just an arm's length away.

The coffee shop offers affordable brewed coffee or tea, cookies, brownies, muffins and chocolates. Customers can also enjoy the free WIFI services.

Why not come to the library and experience reading while drinking coffee at Cafe @ Lib. It is open from Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4 p.m. at QCPL, Quezon City Hall.