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The Quezon City Public Library Successfully Carved its Name in the 6th National Convention for Public Libraries

By: Dominique Alexinne V. Dizon

The Quezon City Public Library had carved its name in the history of winners in the recent 6th National Convention for Public Libraries after successfully bagging three major awards last May 22-24, 2024 in Baguio City. The awarding ceremony with the theme "Reinvigorating Public Libraries: A Road Map" was spearheaded by the Association of Librarians in Public Sector (ALPS), Inc., the national organization of public librarians in the Philippines.

Achieving 1st Place in Gawad Antonio Santos award category was none other than the Quezon City Public Library. This award is given to a public library that models creative, innovative, and visionary leadership in the field of librarianship. It is a proof that recognizes the excellence that QCPL brings in delivering quality library services to the community.

Winning the Gawad Antonio Santos award was only possible through the unwavering dedication and leadership of our very own QCPL-OIC (City Librarian) Ms. Mariza G. Chico, who also won 3rd place for the Outstanding Public Librarian of the Year award category. This award is an appreciation for her extensive effort in bringing out the excellence of QCPL.

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City Librarian's Corner



According to a study conducted by the Pew Research Center in 2013 and 2019, the Philippines scored high as one of the countries that believes homosexuality should be accepted. Contrary to this, the Philippines struggled for more than a decade in passing SOGIE (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity or Expression) Bill, a proposed bill intended to protect the lives and rights of LGBTQIA+ individuals. Looking at the brighter side, many of the local cities and municipalities in the country, including Quezon City, have passed SOGIE-oriented ordinances to provide proper protection against any form of violence and discrimination on the basis of gender and sexuality. Though this is considerably great news, violence and discrimination still persist and affect the lives of people in the LGBTQIA+ in unimaginable degree.

During the month of June, we were able to conduct a very timely seminar titled **QCPLib Talk Series: Usapang Pride**, a first in a series of talks on different issues concerning the LGBTQIA+ community. In this endeavor, we have invited experts in various fields to talk about social issues that matter for queer individuals in order for the general public to be more informed and develop a strong sense of empathy towards their rights and struggles as a marginalized community. This was a two-part seminar, which focused on **SOGIESC** and **Bullying on the Basis of Sex and Gender**, is needed more than ever.

Dahil naniniwala tayo na sa QC, lahat dapat ay ligtas at pantay sa isang lipunang may tunay na pagkalinga at pangunawa!

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OIC-City Librarian Ms. Mariza G. Chico receiving the 1st Place Gawad Antonio M. Santos award for Quezon City Public Library

Quezon City Mayor Ma. Josefina Belmonte had also bagged the 2nd Place for the Gawad Kampeon ng Silid Aklatan award category. This award is given to LGU/individuals/organizations or groups as movers and shakers in transforming public libraries into functional, service-oriented institutions, knowledge development, learning and resource centers, and agents of change in the community. The support the QCPL had received from our esteemed mayor had allowed QCPL to obtain this major feat.



OIC-City Librarian Ms. Mariza G. Chico awarded of Outstanding Public Librarian Award (3rd Place)



OIC-City Librarian Ms. Mariza G. Chico receiving the Gawad Kampeon ng Silid Aklatan (2nd Place) on behalf of Mayor Joy G. Belmonte

Congratulations to all awardees! This is a tribute to your hard work and dedication. May you continue to serve as a role model to the QC community.



SWEET SMELL OF SUCCESS FOR THE QUEZON CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BY: MARIA CARMEN C. CHUA



QC Exemplar Beyond the Workplace Award was given to QCPL during the April 8, 2024 Flag Ceremony.

The QCPL, headed by its OIC (City Librarian) Ms. Mariza G. Chico, was awarded "QC Exemplar Beyond the Workplace Award" last April 8, 2024 during the Flag Raising Ceremony led by Mayor Joy Belmonte and Vice Mayor Gian Sotto alongside the City Councilors and Department Heads. The said recognition emanated from the awards given by the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) and The Asia Foundation (TAF) last March 22, 2024, hailing QCPL as the 2023 Public Library of the Year (City Category), and bestowing QCPL-OIC Ms. Mariza G. Chico with the Gawad Pampublikong Aklatan Leadership Award.

The same recognition was conferred to QCPL on May 24, 2024 by Mayor Joy Belmonte for acclaiming the 1st Place in the Gawad Antonio Santos Award for Public Libraries; 3rd Place for the Outstanding Public Librarian of the Year won by QCPL-OIC Ms. Mariza G. Chico; and QC Mayor Ma. Josefina Belmonte bagging the 2nd Place for the Gawad Kampeon ng Silid Aklatan award category. The three awards were presented by the Association of Librarians in Public Sector (ALPS) during the 6th National Convention for Public Libraries last May 22-24, 2024 held in Baguio City.



QC Exemplar Beyond the Workplace Award was given again to QCPL during the May 24, 2024 Flag Ceremony.

Imagination Station:
A Journey Through Children's Illustration Styles

BY: CARMI JOY E. DOMAUM

QCPL, in collaboration with the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) Philippines, celebrated the International Children's Book Day with a workshop that brought the magic of children's literature to life. Held on April 5, 2024, the event was a colorful gathering of 17 eager participants, each ready to dive into the world of children's book art.



The workshop attendees listening actively to the session.



The workshop participants eagerly presenting their artwork.

The Comic Book Artist Mr. Randy Valiente guided the attendees through a series of exercises designed to unleash their creativity and illustrate stories that resonate with young readers. The hands-on session provided valuable insights into the nuances of visual storytelling, emphasizing the importance of engaging a child's imagination through art.

As the workshop concluded, the participants left with a newfound appreciation for the craft of children's book illustration and a desire to contribute to the literary tapestry that delights and educates the youth. The "Imagination Station" was more than just a workshop; it was a gateway to endless possibilities where each stroke of the brush painted a bright future for children's literature.



The workshop attendees listening to the lecture of Mr. Valiente.



An attendee attempting to create her own artwork.

Uniting Pieces, Unleashing Brilliance

BY: MARIA ANTONETTE O. YABUT

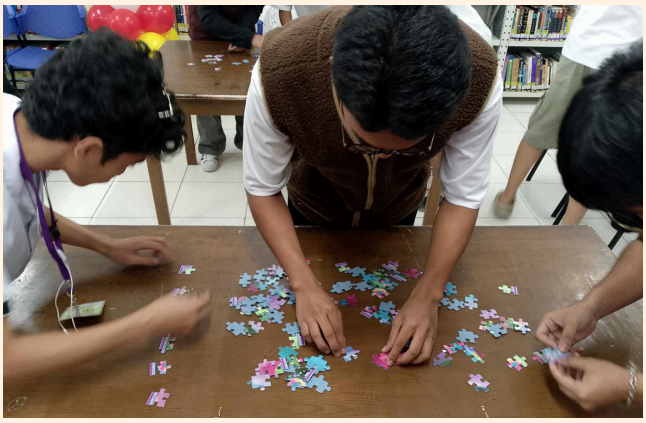
Jigsaw puzzles are games that require assembling irregular interlocking pieces to create a complete picture. They challenge your environmental awareness, patience, and problem-solving skills, offering a satisfying sense of accomplishment once finished.



The Jigsaw Puzzle Community Philippines receiving a certificate of appreciation followed by a group photo.

Last April 19, 2024, the QCPL - Cubao Branch, in collaboration with Jigsaw Puzzle Community PH, hosted an engaging event entitled "Jigsaw Challenge: Uniting Pieces, Unleashing Brilliance." This event aimed to foster camaraderie and teamwork and boost the cognitive skills of the participants while providing an enjoyable escape from the digital world.

The event featured two exciting segments. Twelve (12) enthusiastic participants from Quezon City High School and Ramon Magsaysay High School showcased their problem-solving prowess as they raced against the clock to assemble four (4) different puzzle in the first segment. The atmosphere was charged with excitement as teams like the "4 of Spades," "Voltaire," "Jen's Angel Malakas at Maganda," and "Fitztaire" displayed remarkable teamwork and determination. Each group cheered on their members, creating a sense of friendly competition and unity. The spotlight shifted to the dedicated librarians and library staff of QCPL led by Ms. Maryjoy Gonzales, Ms. Richell Campo, and Ms. Rosalie Teologo in the second segment. These passionate individuals demonstrated their puzzle-solving skills with accuracy and professionalism. The enthusiasm in the room was evident as each team met the challenge wholeheartedly, demonstrating the strength of perseverance and teamwork.



The participants arranging the puzzles according to their color and shape.



The participants are entirely focused on their given task to complete the puzzle.



The participants feeling thrilled and enthusiastic during the session.



A group photo taken after the jigsaw puzzle challenge.

Through this innovative activity, participants not only improve their problem-solving abilities and memory retention but also build lasting bonds and friendships. The event was an enjoyable escape from the technologically advanced world we live in by serving as a reminder of the happiness and fulfillment that come from social activities.

As participants celebrated their accomplishments and shared laughter, it was clear that the "Jigsaw Challenge" had succeeded in its mission to bring people together, one puzzle piece at a time.



A group photo taken during the puzzle turn over with the Quezon City Public Library and the Jigsaw Puzzle Community PH.

QCPL Book Mobile Now on the Run in Quezon Memorial Circle

By: Dominique Alexinne V. Dizon



Since May 11, 2024, the QCPL Book Mobile has enamored QCitizens during its stay on the Quezon City Memorial Circle. Whether it be children, youth, or adults, they keep coming back to enjoy the company of books and jigsaw puzzles while being surrounded by the cool shade of nature.

What does QCPL Book Mobile has to offer that keeps young readers returning for more?



Youth exercising the limits of their imagination.



Teens listing their names for visiting the book mobile.

The QCPL considers children returning to read books in QCPL Book Mobile an incredible feat due to the fact that it is difficult to peel off the eyes of children to the screen of their electronic gadgets. Children have finally caught the glimpse of the imaginary world offered by books as they find the available books in QCPL Book Mobile to be eye-catching and interesting enough to stir their curiosity, craving for more.

The books are not the only source of fascination of children while in the book mobile. Unveiling the mysteries of solving puzzles causes children to be absorbed in jigsaw puzzles that are also available in QCPL Book Mobile. Through these various jigsaw puzzles, children are given the opportunity to break free from the constraints brought by the internet, specifically by social media, by centering their focus through these puzzles. It also helps to alleviate children's thinning patience and to think critically while solving puzzles.

QCPL Book Mobile offers various books, especially children's books, and other learning materials like jigsaw puzzles, to satiate children's thirst for knowledge. It intends to reach the less fortunate QCitizens who have no easy access to books nor reach the libraries and eventually, to start developing their reading habit. True to its purpose, the QCPL Book Mobile spreads the love for learning wherever the children are as evident in their faces returning once more to travel inside the imaginary world of books.



A mother and her kids bonding happily through reading books inside QCPL Book Mobile.

Children are free to reach the limit of their imagination through books and jigsaw puzzles inside QCPL Book Mobile. Catch QCPL Book Mobile in Quezon Memorial Circle every Saturday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. See you around, QCitizens!

Blessing and Inauguration of QCPL - Matandang Balara Branch Library

BY: IMELDA L. ORCA

The QCPL launched its 29th branch library at Brgy. Matandang Balara last June 4, 2024. The library's mission has always been to provide quality resources and services to meet the changing needs of the community. With the opening of Matandang Balara branch library, this dream was achieved and fulfilled once again.



Ribbon Cutting with Hon. Vice Mayor Gian Sotto, Atty. Thomas John De Castro (District 3 Action Officer), Hon. Allan Franza (Barangay Chairman), Ms. Mariza G. Chico (OIC-QCPL)

Present in the inauguration ceremony were Vice Mayor Gian Sotto, District 3 Action Officer Atty. Thomas John Thaddeaus De Castro, Councilor Atty. Anton Reyes, Barangay Chairman Allan Franza, the Barangay Council with Kagawad Manny Esteban, and benefactors, the Ayala Heights/Hillside Villages Volunteers headed by Ms. Marivic E. Anonuevo. Also in attendance were QCPL-OIC Ms. Mariza G. Chico, OIC-Assistant Librarian Ms. Mary Ann L. Bernal, Division Heads, District Supervisors, Assistant District Supervisors, and Community Leaders.



QCPL - Matandang Balara Branch Library Blessing and Inauguration



The registration and arrival of guests



Hon. Vice Mayor Gian Sotto giving an inspirational message.

The program was preceded by the welcome remarks of Barangay Chairman Allan Franza who expressed a warm reception to everyone who joined the celebration. Atty. De Castro, Councilor Atty. Reyes, and Ms. Anonuevo also offered their words of encouragement, emphasizing the importance of fostering the culture of reading, creating more learning spaces, and helping the young generation overcome mobile addiction by building a reading culture in libraries.

One of the highlights of the inauguration was the presence of Hon. Vice Mayor Gian Sotto. He affirmed the importance of libraries, access to resources and spaces conducive to learning as well as the city's commitment to promoting literacy for learning development. This transcends to the QCPL's mission of providing quality resources and services to meet the changing needs of the community.



A group photo with Vice Mayor Gian Sotto, District 3 Action Officer Atty. Tommy De Castro, Councilor Anton Reyes and Barangay Chairman Allan Franza

Additionally, an awarding of the certificate of appreciation was done in recognition of the collaborative efforts that made the new branch library possible. The event concluded with the closing remarks delivered by QCPL-OIC Ms. Mariza G. Chico who conveyed her utmost gratitude to the project's success.

Disability Awareness and Sensitivity with Basic Filipino Sign Language Training

BY: FATIMA RONZ MARGARET M. AMADOR



Trainees interpreting the song "Let it go" through gestures and sign language.



A photo opportunity with the trainees together with the deaf buddy, Ms. Patricia.

The QC HRMD, in partnership with QC PDAO, conducted a training on Disability Awareness and Sensitivity Training with Basic Filipino Sign Language which aimed to create an inclusive environment with the awareness and sensitivity towards individuals with disabilities. The training was held on June 3-6, 2024 at the 10th Floor High Rise Building.

On its first day, June 3, 2024, the training was focused on the definition of disability, the barriers faced by at-risk groups, and the types of disabilities as discussed by Mr. Jeffrey H. Alipio, the emcee of the training. On the second day, June 4, 2024, the training was centered on the Filipino Sign Language (FSL) facilitated by Ms. Krizza S. Cuyugan and Ms. Marissa A. Sales, the Sign Language Trainer Staff. On its last day, June 6, 2024, participants were given a task to interpret a song through sign language and gesture.

This kind of training is aligned with the QCPL's Vision and Mission of promoting diversity and inclusivity, providing an opportunity to know more about PWDs or differently abled persons. Through this, QCPL assures that its librarians and library staff are capable of understanding PWDs, thus, accepting and valuing them as members of our community.



Mr. Jeffrey H. Alipio demonstrating the proper way of opening and closing a regular wheelchair.

"A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles."

– Christopher Reeve

Hand Painting Contest at QCPL-Libis Branch

BY: RIENA-JANE M. VELASCO

Watch the magic unfold! Get inspired by the creativity, artistic talent, and passionate spirit of the amazing participants who joined the “Hand Painting Contest” in celebration of Pride Month last June 10, 2024 at the QCPL - Libis Branch.



A group picture that captured all the participants of the painting contest.



Congratulations to the winners!

This special event was organized to spread color and joy throughout the community and also to provide a platform for the young ones to express their passion for art and culture.

The festivity commenced with a heartfelt message from Hon. Florenda B. De Jesus, Chairwoman of Barangay Libis, underlining the importance of art in embracing diversity and respecting individuals for who they are. This highlighted QCPL's steadfast support for the LGBTQIA+ community and its dedication to foster a safe and inclusive space for everyone.

Thirteen (13) talented participants from Libis Elementary School had enthusiastically joined the contest. Their remarkable creations not only displayed their expressive capabilities but also served as an inspiration to everyone who witnessed this special event.



An artistic adventure where children began to enjoy the painting session.



Special message from Hon. Florenda B. De Jesus, Chairwoman of Barangay Libis Quezon City.

Let us continue to celebrate diversity and inclusivity. Let the power of love conquer all its beautiful forms!

HATAG: Pampublikong Lektura at Talakayang Pampanitikan ng KATAGA

Ni: Carmi Joy E. Domaum

Noong ika-20 ng Abril 2024, idinaos ang "HATAG: Pampublikong Lektura at Talakayang Pampanitikan ng KATAGA" sa Pampublikong Aklatan ng Quezon City. Layunin nito na magkaroon ng maikling lektura at talakayan ukol sa malikhaing pagsulat at produksyong pampanitikan. Ang programa ay bukas para sa lahat, partikular na sa mga manunulat at sa mga interesado sa pagpapayaman ng panitikan sa ating bansa.



Sa nasabing pagtitipon, ibinahagi ni Dr. Reuel Molina Aguila, ang nagtatag at kasalukuyang tagapayo ng KATAGA, ang kanyang kaalaman ukol sa lektura na naglalaman ng mga impormasyon hinggil sa pag-aaral ng mga akdang pampanitikan. Inilahad din niya ang kasaysayan ng Quezon City Hall, ang unang lokasyon ng KATAGA. Kasama sa mga nagbahagi ay sina Dr. Jonathan Geronimo (dating Tagapag-ugnay ng Kataga-Manila), Dr. Evelyn P. Antonio (Tagapag-ugnay ng Kataga-Manila), at si Bb. Elaine Michaela Azores (Pangalawang Pangulo sa Publisidad ng Kataga). Binigyang-diin din ang mga aklat na inilimbag ng KATAGA. Mahalaga ang pagsusulat dahil ito ang daan upang maipasa ang kaalaman sa mga susunod na henerasyon. Maraming estudyante ang dumalo upang makinig at bumili ng mga aklat na inilathala ng KATAGA.





Library Collection Management and Organization and Technical Services for Non-Librarians

By: Technical Services Division



The QCPL – Technical Services Division conducted an orientation on "Library Collection Management and Organization" and "Technical Services for Non-Librarians" last May 17, 2024 at QCPL – Conference Room. It was facilitated by Ms. Cherry Taruc, Head of Collection Development Section and Ms. Ma. Victoria Manuel, Head of Cataloging Section. The activity was participated by eighty-six (86) QCPL Main and Branch librarians and library staff.

The objectives of the orientation were:

1.) to learn the basic steps/procedures of QCPL Collection Management and Organization;

2.) to help non-librarians become familiar with the QCPL's collection;

3.) to develop a systematic and well-maintained library collection.







Heroic Heritage: Bayani Biographies Lecture Series

By: Carmi Joy E. Domaum

The QCPL conducted a pop-up library activities with a book fair in partnership with Kahel Press and NHCP Presidential Car Museum. They conducted a lecture series entitled "Heroic Heritage: Bayani Biographies" at Presidential Car Museum on May 11, 2024 and May 19, 2024 as part of the National Heritage Month celebration.





Last May 11, 2024, Ms. Natasha Kintanar, the author of the children's book entitled "Bayani Biographies," discussed the lives and heroism of Gregoria De Jesus and Teresa Magbanua. A pop-up library and book fair were also organized by Kahel Press, in partnership with several publishers and authors, on the day of the lecture.

Professors Xiao Chua and John Rey Ramos also delivered their insightful lectures on the lives of heroes Jose Rizal, Andres Bonifacio, and Apolinario Mabini last May 19, 2024. They explored the question of "what makes a hero?," emphasizing exceptional contributions, unwavering love for one's country, the embodiment of nationhood, and the fight for freedom. This event was attended by 70 participants.

In the afternoon of the same day, Pinoy Indie Authors launched their book series entitled "Romancing The Tamawo." They also generously donated copy of the books to the QCPL.





Partners and Collaborators:

This successful event was made possible through the collaboration of:

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The Inauguration of "HAGOD: Ang Sining ng Pagdidibuho" Exhibit + Zine Making Workshop at the QCPL

BY: FATIMA RONZ MARGARET M. AMADOR

In celebration of the International Children's Book Day, an exhibit entitled "HAGOD: Ang Sining ng Pagdidibuho" was inaugurated at the lobby of QCPL last April 22, 2024. The exhibit, which featured the artworks of Filipino children's book illustrators of Chikiting Books, was made possible through the joint efforts of the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) Philippines and Chikiting Books in collaboration with QCPL.



Mr. Paul David Arcos explaining the concept of "HAGOD" as an artist's means of representation.



Mr. Randy Valiente delivering an inspirational message as the first guest speaker of the exhibit "HAGOD."

In the afternoon of April 22, 2024, Mr. Paul David Dayap Arcos from Vibal Publishing Group, together with his illustrator team, inspired young artists, participated mostly by students and young children, in a a zine-making workshop. During the workshop, he challenged the participants to create their own zine — an informal publication of small books made from cutouts and drawings that tells a short story, by illustrating the places they had visited during the summer season. In the same week, April 26, 2024, Mr. Randy Valiente also held a workshop about the traditional techniques of brush inking which was also participated by students.

The exhibit and workshops was aimed to encourage children to appreciate literature and develop their love for reading books. It was also aimed to give emphasis on the importance of books to young people and its impact and benefits to them.



Young artists admiring the featured artworks made by Filipino children's book illustrator.



A photo opportunity with the illustrators, OIC-Assistant City Librarian, Ms. Mary Ann L. Bernal and Head of Law Research Section, Ms. Janet B. Alday

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VISION: The QCPL envision itself to be a premier and world-class public library, responsive to the information and research needs of the community.

MISSION: Imbued with its Vision, the QCPL commits to:

1. Provide quality resources and services to meet the changing needs of the community through the introduction of innovative techniques for the advancement of learning and literacy.

2. Train and develop the staff to be equipped with the needed skills and competencies and strive to be an innovator in public library services.

3. Foster strong linkage and partnership among government and non-government agencies both local and international.

QCPL CORE VALUES:

1. **QUALITY RESOURCES AND SERVICES** – QCPL believes in the value of accuracy and efficiency in providing information to its clientele, through the available relevant resources in different format facilitated by the flexible, responsible, service-oriented, skilled and resourceful QCPL team that helps in the formation of responsible citizens of the city and the country.

2. **COMMITMENT** - QCPL team believes in the importance of commitment in doing its role wholeheartedly as a public library through honest, trusted, loyal and motivated employees to achieve personal and professional integrity.

3. **PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY** – QCPL team believes in the value of developing its human resources to become fully aware of their duties as professionals, accountable in everything they do and respectful in dealing with their clients, co-employees, and duly constituted authorities.

4. **LEADERSHIP** - As a prime public library in the country, QCPL team continues to be an influence to other public libraries in the country being the leader in public library service through its innovative strategies and initiatives.