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A New Website for Enhanced Library Services? The QCPL Agrees

By: The Library Extension Division

The QCPL, spearheaded by its OIC (City Librarian) Ms. Mariza G. Chico, officially launched its new and modernized website last September 9, 2024 during the employees' flag raising ceremony.

The key features of the new website are: 1.) automated borrowing and reservation where QCitizens can easily borrow or reserve their favorite books using their QCitizen ID; and 2.) book suggestions and donations where readers can suggest new titles and/or donate books to the library.

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Sa ika-tatlong quarter ng taon na ito, nais kong kunin ang pagkakataon upang maibahagi ang ilan sa mga tagumpay at mga kasalukuyang proyekto ng ating Publikong Aklatan.

Isa sa malugod naming ibinabalita ay ang opisyal na paglulunsad ng makabago at modernong website ng ating Publikong Aklatan. Ito ay naisakatuparan sa tulong at pakikipag-ugnayan na rin sa opisina ng ating mahusay na City Administrator, Mr. Michael Victor N. Alimurung.

Bilang bahagi ng aming malawakang inisyatiba na isulong at i-angat ang kalidad ng pagbabasa, ang layunin ng proyekto na ito ay mapahiram ang bawat QCitizen ng libro, print o non-print, sa eskwelahan man, sa trabaho, o sa bahay. Dagdag pa rito ay ang tuluyang mailapit sa ating mga QCitizens ang aming mga natatangi at makabagong programa at serbisyo.

Sa pag-access ng makabago at modernong integrated website na ito, maaari ng manghiram o mag-reserve ng kanilang paboritong fiction book, mag-suggest o mag-donate ng libro, malaman ang upcoming library events, at marami pang iba.

Gamit ang QC ID, ang lahat ng ito ay maaari ng ma-avail ng bawat QCitizens.

Nagkaroon tayo ng pagkakataon na ibahagi ito sa publiko kasama ang ating butihing Mayor Joy Belmonte at Vice Mayor Gian Sotto kasama ng ating mga Konsehal na pormal na ilunsad ang ating makabago at modernong QCPL website. Nagbahagi din tayo ng isang maikling video kung saan binigyan ang publiko ng unang sulyap sa bawat bahagi ng QCPL website, gayun din ang wastong pag-access nito. Sa huling bahagi naman ay nagbahagi tayo ng isang QR Code na siyang nagamit upang ma-direct at ma-access ang QCPL website.

Kaya naman ating inaanyayahan ang ating mga mambabasa na samantalahin ang pagkakataon na ito at tangkilikin ang makabagong QCPL website!

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Present on the official launching ceremony were Hon. Mayor Joy Belmonte and Hon. Vice Mayor Gian Sotto together with the city officials. Thanks to the support of City Administrator, Mr. Michael Victor N. Alimurung, the QCPL website project came to fruition.

In line with making Quezon City a "Reading City," the new QCPL website strives to make reading more accessible to all QCitizens. The QCPL hopes to encourage more QCitizens to discover the joy of reading and explore the vast resources available at the library by providing this convenient and user-friendly platform.

Stay informed about upcoming events, workshops, and other library activities by following our official social media accounts.

Pagdiriwang ng Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa at Pagpapakilala sa Proyektong Handog Dunong

NI: MARY GRACE C. SOBREVIÑAS



Mga Kawani ng Sentro ng Wikang Filipino-Unibersidad ng Pilipinas Diliman. Mula kaliwa: Lorna C. Balingit, Jayson D. Petras-Direktor SWF-UP Diliman, Katherine T. Jayme, Larry B. Sabangan at Allan E. Avena.



Paglilibot ng mga kawani ng SWF-UP Diliman sa Publikong Aklatan ng Lungsod Quezon.

Noong ika-6 ng Agosto 2024 sa ganap ng ika-10 ng umaga, malugod na tinanggap ng pangunahing sangay ng Publikong Aklatan ng Lungsod Quezon ang mga kawani mula sa Sentro ng Wikang Filipino-Unibersidad ng Pilipinas Diliman (SWF-UP Diliman) sa pangunguna ni Dr. Jayson D. Petras, Direktor ng SWF-UP Diliman. Ang kanilang pagbisita ay kaugnay ng Selebrasyon ng Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa 2024 at bahagi ng proyektong pinamagatang "Handog-Dunong: Donasyong Libro." Layunin ng nabanggit na proyekto na maitaguyod ang edukasyon at literasiya sa ating komunidad.

Sa pangunguna ng Dibisyon ng Serbisyong Mambabasa-Seksyon ng Filipiniana at Lokal na Kasaysayan, isang maikling programa ang isinagawa upang ipakita ang suporta at pagkilala sa layunin ng proyekto. Nagbigay ng mensahe ng pagtanggap si Bb. Jeniffer R. Adajo, Pansamantalang Pinuno ng Dibisyon ng Serbisyong Mambabasa. Ayon kay Bb. Adajo, ang mga donasyong libro ay tunay na mahalaga at nagbibigay ng lakas upang patuloy na magsikap sa pagsusulong ng edukasyon. Sa pamamagitan din nito, nakakapagsagawa ng mga makabuluhang hakbang tungo sa pagpapayaman ng kaisipan, pagpapalawak ng mga pananaw, at pagkatuto ng ating komunidad ang nasabing proyekto



Ilan sa mga donasyong libro ng Sentro ng Wikang Filipino-Unibersidad ng Pilipinas Diliman (SWF-UP Diliman).

Nagbigay din ng mensahe si G. Jayson D. Petras hinggil sa nasabing proyekto. Layunin nito na makapagbahagi ng publikasyong Aklatang Bayan sa mga Publikong Aklatan at iba't-ibang institusyon sa bansa. Dahil dito, mas marami ang mabibigyan ng pagkakataon na gumamit ng mga babasahin, suportahan ang mithiin na makamit ang wastong edukasyon, at kalaunan ay mapalakas ang mga publikong aklatan at maging isa sa mga sentro ng kaalaman.

Matapos nito, nagkaroon ng pagtatanghal ng mga donasyong libro (mula sa SWF-UP Diliman) at pagbibigay ng tanda ng pagpapahalaga (Token of Appreciation). Ito ay malugod na tinanggap nina Bb. Mariza G. Chico, Pansamantalang Tagapamalakad ng Publikong Aklatan ng Lungsod Quezon; Bb. Mary Ann L. Bernal, Pansamantalang Pangalawang Tagapamalakad; Bb. Jeniffer R. Adajo, Pansamantalang Pinuno ng Dibisyon ng Serbisyong Mambabasa; at Bb. Mary Grace C. Sobreviñas, Pansamantalang Pinuno ng Seksyon ng Filipiniana at Lokal na Kasaysayan.

Sa pagtatapos ng naturang programa, nagkaroon din ng pagkakataon na maglibot ang mga bisita sa pampublikong aklatan na ginabayan ng mga kawani ng Dibisyon ng Serbisyong Mambabasa.



Pagbibigay ng Tanda ng Pagpapahalaga (Token of Appreciation).
Mula sa kaliwa: Jeniffer R. Adajo-Pansamantalang Pinuno ng Dibisyon ng Serbisyong Mambabasa, Mariza G. Chico- Pansamantalang Tagapamalakad ng Publikong Aklatan ng Lungsod Quezon, Jayson D. Petras-Direktor, SWF-UP Diliman, Mary Ann L. Bernal- Pansamantalang Pangalawang Tagapamalakad ng Publikong Aklatan ng Lungsod Quezon, at Mary Grace C. Sobreviñas, Pansamantalang Pinuno ng Seksyon ng Filipiniana at Lokal na Kasaysayan.

QCPL – Libis' Fun and Learning Events at the Brgy. Libis Fiesta Celebration

BY: RIENA-JANE M. VELASCO

In celebration of the Barangay Libis Fiesta, the QCPL - Libis branch library hosted an exciting event last July 16, 2024 at the Libis Covered Court. Participants had a blast engaging in activities like the "Jigsaw Puzzle Contest," "Storytelling by the Superbook Duo," "DIY Bracelet Making," and "Toperia," all designed to be both fun and educational.



Fit the Fun: Jigsaw Puzzle Adventures Begin!



Unleash the Magic: Superbook Duo Chronicles Begin!

Led by Ms. Riena-Jane M. Velasco, with the help from Ms. Kyna Vanessa P. Lucena and the District 3 staff under the guidance of Ms. Analiza T. Puno, the event was a hit, gathering one hundred twenty-three (123) attendees from Barangay Libis. Hon. Chairwoman Florenda B. De Jesus of the Barangay Libis Council also played a key role in making the event a success as well as the group from Jigsaw Community Puzzle Philippines who donated jigsaw puzzles in the library.

The attendees worked together to solve the puzzles in the Jigsaw Puzzle Contest, while the storytelling session by the Superbook Duo sparked their imaginations. The DIY Bracelet Making activity allowed them to be creative, and Toperia added lots of fun and entertainment. These activities made the day memorable, encouraging kids to learn and engage while having a great time.



Express Yourself: DIY Bracelet Making - Your Style, Your Story!



Roll Up, Roll Up: Perya Thrills Unleashed!

The QCPL - Libis branch library is committed and dedicated to initiate activities that inspire, educate, and bring happiness to all children in the community, creating a lively and enriching environment for everyone.

The Quezon City Public Library Celebrated its 76th Anniversary with a Blast!

By: Dominique Alexinne V. Dizon

The QCPL greeted its 76th Founding Anniversary with an unforgettable vibrant fiesta-themed celebration last August 16, 2024, featuring a learning opportunity through a seminar and a number of engaging activities that would exhibit the bond of the QCPL family.



The QCPL librarians and library staff actively listening to the seminar discussion with the CCESD Education Division Chief Kristine Lea Ganon.



Awarding of Certificate of Appreciation
Starting from left: Ms. Mariza G. Chico, OIC-QCPL, Ms. Kristine Lea Ganon, Chief-CCESD Education Division, and Ms. Mary Ann L. Bernal, OIC-Assistant City Librarian

The morning kicked off with smiles from all QCPL librarians and library staff after queuing to the photo booth on standby nearby the registration station. The event proper began with the opening remarks from Ms. Mariza G. Chico, OIC-QCPL. It was followed by the morning main event, the seminar regarding climate change entitled, "Pagpapanatili ng Kaalaman: Isang Talakayan para sa Plastic-Free na Aklatan" with a speaker from CCESD (Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Department), Education Division Chief Kristine Lea Ganon. The seminar equipped all QCPL librarians and library staff on what they needed to know about the risks brought by plastics in the workplace and strengthened the campaign for a plastic-free environment, especially in the library. Said session ended with the reminders about the rules and regulations from the Human Resource Management Section.



QCPL employees cheering loudly amidst the heated friendly rivalry among game contestants.

The afternoon set off with an inspirational message from Ms. Jeniffer R. Adajo, OIC-Readers Services Division. The QCPL Division Heads also gave a short video message in part of the anniversary celebration. The festivities started with two intermission numbers, **first a duet** from Mr. Neptali Nicomedes Remoral and Ms. Baby Violeta Isip who managed to create butterflies in the stomach of their audience for performing a romantic ballad, followed by another intermission number from Mr. Richmond Cariño who serenaded the audience with a Kundiman song.









QCPL librarians and library staff were all high in energy as the games, Pinoy Henyo, Hep Hep Hooray, Pinoy Bingo, Patintero, and Karerang Sako began. QCPL-OIC Ms. Mariza G. Chico conducted a short storytelling session which warmed the heart of all QCPL employees. An awarding ceremony was held to announce the game winners, choose the QCPL pageant winners, and honor QCPL longtime employees. The anniversary closed off with a short closing remarks from OIC-Asst. City Librarian, Ms. Mary Ann L. Bernal.

Happy 76th Anniversary, QCPL!

Celebration of the 41st National Children's Book Day with the Quezon City Public Library

BY: ANA KATRINA T. HONRADE

Last July 16, 2024, the QCPL, in collaboration with Hiyas — an imprint of OMF Literature, Inc., successfully celebrated National Children's Book Day with an event featuring an engaging storytelling session, an interactive art workshop, and an inspiring author meet-and-greet. A total of 75 participants attended, including 45 children and 30 parents or guardians.

The celebration began with Ms. Mariza G. Chico, QCPL - OIC, delivering the opening remarks, setting an enthusiastic tone for the day. Ms. Mary Ann L. Bernal, OIC (Assistant City Librarian), followed with an inspirational message, encouraging participants to embrace the joy of reading and creativity.



Ms. Mariza G. Chico (QCPL-OIC) delivering her welcome remarks.



Ms. Mary Ann L. Bernal (OIC, Assistant City Librarian) delivering her inspirational message for the participants.

Ms. Mars Mercado, a talented teacher and storyteller, captivated the young audience with her lively storytelling session, bringing the book "Alin? Alin? Ang Daming Damdamin!" to life. Following the storytelling, she led an art workshop where children were encouraged to express their emotions through creative crafts related to the story. The workshop fostered a fun and supportive environment, allowing children to explore their artistic talents.

The highlight of the event was the meet-and-greet session with Ms. Jacqueline V. Franquelli, the author of "Alin? Alin? Ang Daming Damdamin!" Ms. Franquelli shared her experiences and inspirations behind the book, answered questions from the children and their parents, and signed copies of her book. This provided a unique opportunity for participants to connect with the author and gain valuable insights into the world of storytelling.



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Left to right: Ms. Mary Ann L. Bernal (OIC, Assistant City Librarian), Ms. Jacqueline V. Franquelli (Author), and Ms. Mariza G. Chico (QCPL-OIC).

Thanks to the collaboration between QCPL and Hiyas, the 2024 National Children's Book Day celebration was a resounding success. The activities offered a meaningful platform for children to engage with literature, explore their creativity, and nurture their love for stories.

Math and Literacy Month: A Winning Combination!

BY: ESMERALDA D. CADELIÑA

September was a month of excitement and learning at the QCPL - District 1 Libraries. The "Pick a Math Question, Pick a Prize" activity was a resounding success, thanks to the enthusiastic participation of two hundred twenty-four (224) students and community children within the vicinity of District 1 Libraries. Throughout the month, children of all ages were challenged to tackle a variety of math problems, ranging from simple addition and subtraction to more complex equations. Each correct answer earned the participants a chance to pick a prize from our prize basket that were filled with exciting goodies.

The activity was more than just a fun game; it was an opportunity to foster a love of learning and build essential math skills. As children solved problems, they developed critical thinking, problem-solving, and perseverance. They also learned the importance of hard work and satisfaction of achieving their goals.

Beyond the academic benefits, the event also provided a valuable opportunity for community engagement. It brought together children of all ages and backgrounds, fostering a sense of camaraderie and belonging. By creating a fun and inclusive environment, we inspired a love of learning and encouraged the children to reach for their full potential.

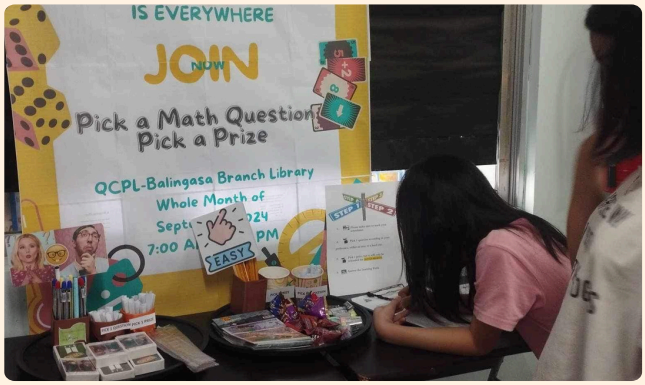
We would like to thank everyone who participated in this event. Your enthusiasm and support made it a memorable experience for us.



A participant from the QCPL-Project 7 Branch showing off her picked math question.



The QCPL-Masambong Branch staff assisting the participants on choosing their prizes.



The QCPL-Balingasa Branch participants having a great time on doing the activity.



Eyes on the math question to get the hot prizes prepared by the QCPL-Project 8 Branch.



The QCPL-Nayong Kanluran Branch's "Pick a Math Question, Pick a Prize" activity.

RE-ORIENTATION: NLP, MONTHLY REPORT, & INTRODUCTION OF PLINGO: GAMIFIED APPLICATION

BY: MA. REGINA S. MALAZA





Last July 31, 2024, the QCPL – District Libraries Division (DLD), in collaboration with the Management Information System (MIS) Section, conducted an orientation entitled, "Re-Orientation: NLP, Monthly Report, & Introduction of PLINGO: Gaming Application" for the newly hired staff and library staff in-charge of preparing reports. Fifty (50) participants from the Main and Branch Libraries attended the event.

The attendees were warmly welcomed by Ms. Analiza C. Martinez, Head of the District Libraries Division, while Ms. Mariza G. Chico, OIC – QCPL, and Atty. Stephanie Siason-Contreras, Head, Administrative Services Section, delivered their inspirational messages. Mr. Edward Bayani concluded the orientation by delivering his Closing Remarks.

The first speaker, Mr. Jan Angelo Jasareno, discussed the monthly report submitted to the National Library of the Philippines (NLP). He provided an in-depth overview of the recent developments and insights related to NLP, highlighting its relevance and applications within the library system.

Following this, the second speaker, Mr. Edgel Cedrick Esteban explained the in-house Monthly Report. Meanwhile, Ms. Dez Noelle Macasaet and Mr. Percival Mendoza presented the PLINGO: Gaming Application.





The orientation provided essential updates and training to newly hired staff, librarians, and library personnel responsible for preparing reports, and engaged the QCPL community with new tools and strategies to better serve the QCitizens.

Tech Time: Basic Computer Tutorial

BY: MARIA ANTONETTE YABUT

In today's society, computers are essential tools that simplify and enhance our daily lives. Recognizing this importance, the QCPL - Cubao Branch conducted a computer tutorial titled "Tech Time: Basic Computer Tutorial" last July 19, 2024, which was attended by eight (8) residents of Barangay Kamuning. The event began with an invocation and the national anthem, followed by opening remarks from Ms. Jeniffer R. Adajo, Supervisor of District 4 Libraries, who highlighted the significance of digital literacy and the library's commitment to community education. Hon. Chairperson Armida F. Castel of Barangay Kamuning then delivered an inspirational message to emphasize the importance of embracing technology and lifelong learning.



A photo opportunity together with the awarding of Certificate of Appreciation to Honorable Chairperson Armida F. Castel.



Ms. Jeniffer R. Adajo, Supervisor of District 4 Libraries, delivering the opening remarks.

The tutorial session, led by Mr. Rommel R. Arceta and Ms. Ma. Victoria A. Capistrano, covered key topics such as understanding computer components, the computer data processing cycle, and using MS Word 2016. Participants engaged enthusiastically, asking questions and taking part in hands-on activities to apply what they had learned. The session was designed to be interactive, ensuring that attendees could follow along and gain practical experience.

During the hands-on activity, participants had the opportunity to practice creating and editing documents in MS Word, enhancing their confidence and competence in using the software. This practical application reinforced the theoretical knowledge shared during the lecture, making the learning experience more effective and memorable.



Mr. Rommel Arceta discussing MS Word 2016 and its component.



Ms. Ma. Victoria Capistrano explaining the computer and its component.



Ms. Maria Antonette O. Yabut, LIC of the Cubao Branch, discussed the first part of the tutorial, which covered the history of computer

The event concluded with closing remarks from Ms. Maria Antonette O.Yabut, the Librarian-in-Charge, who encouraged participants to continue utilizing the library's resources and offered additional support for their digital learning journey. She expressed the library's dedication to provide ongoing educational opportunities to empower the community.

The tutorial was a resounding success, providing valuable knowledge and fostering a sense of community among the attendees. Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing gratitude for the practical skills they acquired. This event not only enhanced digital literacy but also strengthened the bond between the library and the community it serves.

Public High Schools Joined the 16th Annual Spelling Bee

BY: BERNARD OBCIANA

The QCPL – District 3 Libraries conducted its 16th Annual Spelling Bee Contest last September 19 - 20, 2024. All the six (6) invited public high schools within District 3 namely: Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo High School, Jose P. Laurel High School, Don Quintin Paredes High School, Carlos P. Garcia High School, Quirino High School, and Juan Sumulong High School joined the said event by sending a total of forty-eight (48) students as participants who were accompanied by their coaches and teachers.

The aim of this activity was to foster camaraderie among students from different public high schools in District 3 as well as to promote English literacy by helping students improve their spelling and vocabulary, enhance comprehension, and develop study skills. The goal of this activity was also to go beyond obtaining language skills. Through their participation, children were expected to develop self-confidence, communication, the ability to thrive under pressure, and cultivate sportsmanship.



Day 1 Judges



Day 2 Judges

The contestants who topped the 16th Annual Spelling Bee 2024 after ranking 1st in their respective year levels were the following: Samantha Avegail SB. Legaspi (Grade 7) from Juan Sumulong High School; Michael Reijon P. Sta Romana (Grade 8) from Don Quintin Paredes High School; Rafael Tuazon (Grade 9) from Quirino High School; and Jude Angelo B. Moret (Grade 10) from Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo High School.



Grade 7 contestants



Grade 8 contestants

2nd placers were the following contestants: Chrixia Nicole M. Cruz (Grade 7) from Jose P. Laurel Sr. High School; Leica Mamhut (Grade 8) from Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo High School; Farrah Bato (Grade 9) from Quirino High School; and lastly, Ernest Dwayne V. Malsin (Grade 10) from Don Quintin Paredes High School.

Winning 3rd place were the following contestants: Sophia Ysabel D. Dalcodao (Grade 7) from Quirino High School; Ram Aldrick Narag (Grade 8) also from Quirino High School; Pauline R. Ross (Grade 9) from Jose P. Laurel Sr. High School; and John Marie P. Sta Romana (Grade 10) from Don Quintin Paredes High School.



Grade 10 contestants



Grade 9 contestants

We would like to give our heartfelt gratitude to the school principals for allowing their students' participation; to the teachers and coaches for mentoring their students; to the Friends of the Library, Progresibong Edukasyon Tungo sa Kapayapaan at Kaunlaran (PEKK); to the judges Ms. Eunice Anne Enriquez, Ms. Rosalinda Espiritu, Ms. Rona Crucillo, Ms. Rowena Garcia, Mr. John Leibert Interino and Mr. Alistair Troy Lacsamana; to Ms. Mariza G. Chico, OIC-QCPL; and most especially, to our donors for their financial assistance. This project would not be possible without their support.

Wika Hulaan sa Silid Aklatan

BY: NOR-ASHIYAH M. ONTONG

In celebration of Buwan ng Wika 2024, the QCPL District 2 Libraries hosted a series of vibrant and engaging events titled "Wika Hulaan sa Silid Aklatan." This program — a lively tribute to the Filipino language and culture, brought together participants from Elementary to High School for an afternoon filled with fun, learning, and community spirit. The event was designed to highlight the richness of the Filipino language while providing an enjoyable and interactive experience for everyone.

Each event featured a variety of language-based games and challenges that tested participants' knowledge of Filipino vocabulary, idioms, and cultural references. The friendly competitions brought excitement and energy, as each participant tried to solve language riddles by interpreting images shown to them as clues. Participants eagerly deciphered these visual hints, adding an extra layer of entertainment and engagement to the activity while showcasing their fluency and proficiency in Filipino. These activities were more than just entertainment; they served as opportunities to deepen participants' understanding of Filipino linguistic heritage.



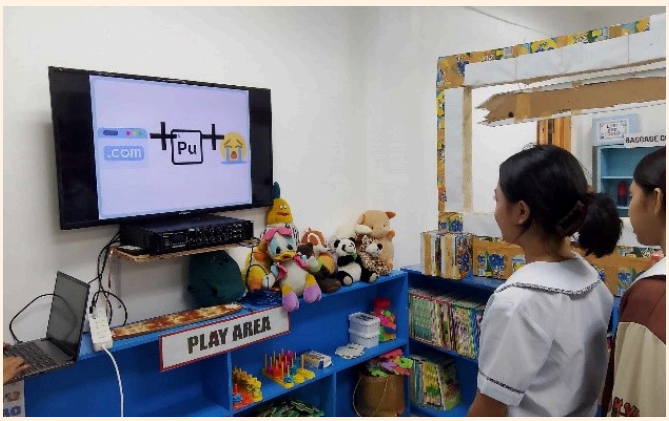


The QCPL – Lupang Pangako Branch

The celebration was initiated by the QCPL - Payatas Lupang Pangako Branch last August 13, 2024. Following its success, the QCPL - MRB Commonwealth Branch held the same activity last August 21, 2024 and lastly, with the QCPL - Bagong Silangan Branch joining in with their own event last August 22, 2024.

The activity at QCPL - Payatas Lupang Pangako Branch in particular, attracted a lively crowd. They actively participated in the games and enjoyed every riddle, testing the extent of their knowledge on Filipino words. The QCPL - MRB Commonwealth Branch and QCP - Bagong Silangan Branch saw similar success, with regular library patrons joining the festivities and contributing to the cheerful atmosphere.





The QCPL – Bagong Silangan Branch





The QCPL – MRB Commonwealth Branch

Beyond the fun and games, "Wika Hulaan sa Silid Aklatan" managed to play an important role in fostering community bonds and instilling a deeper appreciation for the Filipino language to children. By celebrating our linguistic heritage, the event encouraged the continued usage and preservation of the Filipino language while also creating a sense of unity and shared cultural pride among the attendees.

We would like to thank everyone who participated and contributed to the success of this event. Your enthusiasm and support are vital in keeping our cultural traditions alive. Stay tuned for more exciting events and activities as we continue to celebrate and promote our rich heritage.

Literacy Camp 2024 with the QCPL District 4 Libraries

BY: RICHELL L. CAMPO



Literacy Camp at Barangay Kamuning last September 14, 2024

In a collective effort to nurture the love for learning and empower local communities, the QCPL - District 4 Libraries successfully conducted a series of literacy camps across three (3) barangays in Quezon City. Held last September 14, 21, and 28, 2024, the literacy camps took place in Barangay Kamuning, Barangay Old Capitol Site, and Barangay San Vicente. The objective of these camps was to promote literacy, numeracy, and digital skills among residents.



Participants are engaging in a math game designed to enhance their mathematical skills.

Each camp featured a diverse range of activities designed to cater children's various learning styles: storytelling sessions which sparked creativity and imagination, interactive math games which sharpened their problem-solving skills, and computer literacy workshops which provided hands-on experiences aimed at improving participants' digital skills and confidence in using technology. The camps also fostered a sense of community and collaboration; participants worked together in activities that highlighted the importance of learning in everyday life.



Mr. Joshua Ebalobo leading the Basic Computer Literacy training.



A photo opportunity with the participants and library staff after the activity.

The literacy camps are a testament of QCPL's dedication to community empowerment. By providing access to valuable educational experiences, the library ensures that every individual has the opportunity to thrive in an increasingly knowledge-based society.

With the success of these literacy camps, the QCPL-District 4 Libraries will continue its mission of promoting literacy through future initiatives. The camps serve as a powerful reminder of the transformative power of education and the vital role it plays in securing a brighter future for our communities.



Participants and Barangay Staff at Barangay Old Capitol Site last September 21, 2024



Participants and library staff at Barangay Kamuning.

Culminating Activity of the Reading Tutorial Program at QCPL - San Isidro Galas Branch

BY: ROSARIO J. MALIG

The QCPL – San Isidro Galas Branch hosted a culminating activity of the Reading Tutorial Program last August 3, 2024. The event was a collaborative effort between the branch staff, the retired teacher volunteer Ms. Nimfa Teotico, the San Isidro Galas Barangay Council, and the BCPC – San Isidro Galas.

The program, which ran from June 7 to July 13, 2024, consisted of seven sessions held every Friday and Saturday. Fourteen (14) learners, aged 6-8 years old, participated in the program which utilized modules provided by the Teach for the Philippines of the Quezon City Government through Education Affairs Unit (EAU).



Kgd. Leonor Reyno Alfonso, Head of BCPC – San Isidro Galas, delivering her welcome remarks to the learners and parents.



A video presentation showcasing the learner's journey throughout the reading tutorial.

The goal of the program was to improve reading fluency, expand vocabulary, enhance comprehension skills, and cultivate a love for reading among young children. Participants' progress was closely monitored through assessments and observations, allowing adjustments to the instruction as needed.

To recognize the achievements of the learners and the contributions of the volunteers and partners, certificates were awarded to all participants, as well as to Ms. Teotico and the BCPC. Additionally, the program included a "pabaon" series, sponsored by BCPC of San Isidro Galas and the office of Congressman Marvin Rillo, to provide participants with additional resources and support.



A group picture of the learners and QCPL staff with Kap. John M. Reyno, Kgd. Leonor Reyno Alfonso, and OIC – Supervisor Ms. Maryjoy P. Gonzales.

By providing targeted support to struggling readers, this program helped to address achievement gaps and promote educational equity. The success of the Reading Tutorial Program demonstrates the importance of collaborative efforts between libraries, schools, and community organizations in fostering literacy and academic achievement.

BOOK-san 2.0: A Literacy Adventure

BY: ROSARIO J. MALIG

In celebration of the Literacy Month, the QCPL - San Isidro Galas Branch hosted a fun and educational activity called "BOOK-san 2.0" last September 20, 2024. The event, which took place inside the library, was attended by twenty-three (23) passionate community children.

The activity involved a unique approach to reading comprehension. Participants were given a jar filled with folded papers, each containing a book number, a page number, and a word. After selecting a paper, they would locate the corresponding book, turn to the specified page, and read the story aloud. The challenge then began: they were tasked with providing the word's meaning or synonym, identifying its root word, and looking up its definition in the dictionary.



Ms. Rosario Malig assisting a participant in reading while explaining the words that need to be looked up in the dictionary.



Participants immersing themselves in the game.

To encourage participation and reward their effort, players received a token upon successfully completing these tasks. The objective of the activity was to create a supportive and engaging environment where children could develop essential reading, language, and vocabulary skills.

Surprisingly, children were incredibly excited about the prospect of searching for words in the dictionary. They demonstrated remarkable patience as they carefully located the words, even singing the alphabet to help them determine how close they were to the correct page. This experience not only enhanced their literacy skills but also taught them how to effectively use library resources like dictionaries.



Ms. Cathy Guanlao assisting the participants in using the dictionary.



The participants helping each other to find the words in the dictionary.

Overall, "BOOK-san 2.0" successfully concluded its run, achieving its aim to provide children with a fun and engaging way to learn. By fostering their love for reading and encouraging the development of essential language skills, this activity managed to help them lay a strong foundation for academic success.

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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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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.

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