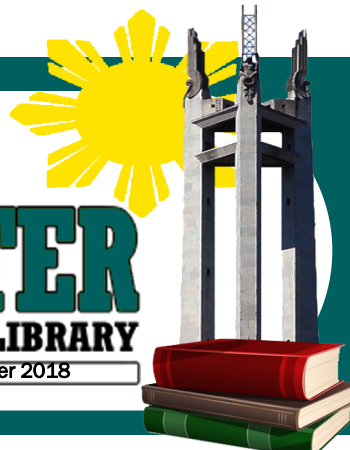


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Presentation of QC Documentary Film & Lessons and Legacies: Selected Privilege Speeches of Mayor Herbert M. Bautista, vol. 2

By: Lucila R. Raquiño



Left to right: OIC Asst. City Librarian Mariza G. Chico, City Mayor Hon. Herbert M. Bautista, City Librarian Emelita L. Villanueva & Publication Services Head Lucila R. Raquiño

The QCPL, through its Publication Services, has been continuously publishing various materials that will be used by the library clientele as their reference in their quest for knowledge and information. These two (2) materials, a Creative Documentary film entitled “The Making of Quezon City” and a book entitled “Lessons and Legacies: Selected Privilege Speeches of Mayor Herbert M. Bautista” Vol. 2, which

were presented to the City Mayor on September 3, 2018 at the Bulwagang Amoranto located at the 3rd floor of the high-rise building, were published as additional collections of the QCPL. These materials will provide information about Quezon City and all about the privilege speeches of Mayor Bautista that epitomizes good governance.

The “The Making of Quezon City” is the first

documentary film prepared by the QCPL. It is a train of historical scenes and data of significant personages, events, places and other relevant information in the creation of Quezon City such as Manuel L. Quezon, especially, his childhood, puberty and adolescence and his maturity as a leader in various stages of government locally, regionally and nationally;

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City Librarian's Corner

A Message

“Lesson and Legacies: Selected Privilege Speeches of Mayor Herbert M. Bautista, vol. 2”

Words are not merely lip service; they can shape the destiny of a person, a community or even a nation. Such is the power of words that sometimes we cannot recall how often they leave an impact on others. They can inspire, or even start a fire; they can be tool for conquest or defeat.

This volume of speeches by Quezon City Mayor Herbert M. Bautista, entitled **Lessons and Legacies, Volume Two**, is once again, an endeavor that we, in the Quezon City Public Library, feel is timely and also timeless.

Compiled in this volume are 25 of his privilege speeches and statements as a City Councilor and Presiding Officer of the Quezon City Council. Through these speeches, we discover the rationale and the motives of then Councilor and Vice Mayor Bautista as parliamentarian, in a voice often spontaneous and unfiltered. They reveal much not only about the growth of his personality not only has

political person, but also in terms of how he would push for personal advocacies that are important for his constituents – the youth, the poor, the environment, the city itself.

In the course of his career as a politician and public servant, Mayor Bautista was essentially a legislator: first; as a Councilor representing the youth and the 3rd district of the city, then as a Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer of the Quezon City Council. He stewarded the city’s lawmakers in crafting some of the city’s finest Ordinances. The process in which these pieces of legislation undergo can be complicated and tedious; however, they all begin, at one point, out of privilege speeches that Councilors deliver as they lobby for a Resolution or Ordinance to get the approval of the Council during their seasons.

As custodians to the repository of knowledge, we in the Quezon City Public Li-

brary feel that through the publication of **Lessons and Legacies, Volume Two** we also take on the role of historians. We have taken on the responsibility of documenting what has taken place in the city for many decades since our creation as an office in 1948. The role of being custodian of history, not many people realize, is huge but essential, as we contribute in the task of building and reinforcing our city’s roots and future.

We encourage our dear readers, as they flip through the pages of this volume to discover for themselves nuggets of wisdom from Mayor Bautista in his younger years as a Councilor and Vice Mayor. More than just lip service, his words have after all steered the city towards unprecedented heights and have shaped the city’s history and destiny.

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It includes Quezon’s state visit to Mexico in 1937 which had him witness the progress of the Latin American City which inspired him to conceive of the transformation of a district in Diliman to a city.

Interviewees are the personages who gravitated in Quezon’s private and professional life as a leader who rises from the ranks and dreams of creating a city in his beloved district.

There are also clips of the Japanese invasion in the country courtesy of the Philippine Information Agency (PIA).

The documentary film will run approximately thirty- eight (38) minutes.

While the “Lessons and Legacies: Legislative Speeches of Mayor Herbert M. Bautista” as member of the City Council volume 2 is another book published by the QC Public Library (QCPL) in coordination with the Office of the Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod, which is a compilation of Mayor Herbert M. Bautista’s privilege speeches and statements as a City Councilor and Presiding Officer of the Quezon City Council.

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As stated by Dean Villamejor in her Epilogue, “These speeches reveal much of how he would push for personal advocacies that are important for his constituents- the youth, the poor, the environment, the city itself.

Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva, City Librarian, said in her message, “as you flip through the pages of this volume, you will discover the nuggets of wisdom from then Councilor Bautista in his younger years and also as a Vice Mayor. More than just lip service, his “words” have, after all, steered the city towards unprecedented heights and have shaped this city’s history and destiny”.

The foreword was prepared by our Honorable Alberto M. Galarpe, Chairman, Liquor Licensing and Regulatory Board, who have known the City Mayor since his Kabataang Barangay days, while the Epilogue was prepared by Dean Maria Fe Villamejor-Mendoza, Dean and Professor of the University of the Philippines, National College of Public Administration and Governance (NCPAG). According to Mayor Herbert Bautista, she was one of his professors.



Lessons and Legacies: Selected Privilege Speeches of Mayor Herbert M. Bautista, vol. 2



CD on the documentary film, entitled “The Making of Quezon City”



Café @ Lib at Novaliches Branch: Venue of Business Opportunity Seminar

By: Emerlina R. Tan and Bienvenido P. Ongkiko, III



Former Pinoy Big Brother (PBB) 2005 Housemate, Mr. RICO BARRERA sharing his experience with Front row International

As a public library, it is also our thrust to help improve the lives of our community. We are not just a building, we are a library that provides not only library services but also as an instrument of social change.

The QCPL Novaliches Branch café @ lib, a one-room coffee shop that serves hot coffee, sandwiches and cookies, has been a venue of a seminar that will provide business opportunities to the constituents of the barangay.

The said seminar was conducted by Frontrow International, one of the dynamic and rapidly expanding direct selling company in health, beauty and wellness industry in the country today. It is a 100 percent Filipino-owned corporation spearheaded by two (2) of the most promising new breed of entrepreneurs, Mr. Raymund “RS” Francisco and

Mr. Samuel Verzosa.

This seminar was attended and participated by community residents, business clientele, students and the library staffs who were interested in venturing in some kind of profitable business.



A Front row International representative giving talk on business opportunity seminar.

The seminar was also attended by Mr. Rico Barrera, a former Pinoy big Brother housemate 2005, who shared his experiences with Frontrow International and explained further what it has to offer to everyone that may change their lives for the better.

The District Coordinator of District V and Head of the Novaliches Branch Ms. Emerlina R. Tan emphasized that this activity will soon be replicated, and even more activities and events will be conducted that will benefit and change the lives of the Novaliches constituents.

Puppetry at Escopa 3

By: *Reina Jane M. Velasco*



Day Care pupils waiting eagerly for their Smart books after the Orientation and Puppet show at Escopa 3 Branch of the Quezon City Public Library.

For years, the Escopa 3 Library, a branch of the Quezon City Public Library has been serving the educational and recreational needs of the children of the community.

A library orientation was done emphasizing that the library is a great venue for them to love books and develop good reading habits. The library has also conducted various activities that will mold the young minds of these children to be more creative. One of which is the conduct of Puppet shows.

According to research, Puppetry is an old, traditional art, which is still active in almost every culture, used in many different contexts for spiritual, cultural and educa-

tional teaching. It is a visual art and a form of theatre or performance which involves manipulation of puppets. Puppets are both entertaining and captivating. Young children can believe and relate to them; they can enter and explore the fascinating inventive world that puppets create like possibilities for creativity, collaboration and curiosity.

The Barangay Chairman of Escopa 3, Hon. Leolibeth Daluraya, was invited to visit the library and gave an inspirational message to the audience. She emphasized that her primary concern in her administration is the general welfare of her constituents, particularly the

sanitation and maintenance of the Day Care Center facilities, the library and the barangay as a whole. According to her, she fully supports all literacy campaigns that will improve the educational system of the country.

The Puppet show benefited eighty-two (82) Yakap Day Care Center kids during its conduct. These kids were accompanied by their parents or guardians, who also enjoyed and were equally entertained by the puppet show. Smart books were distributed to the kids to their delight.

Re-enacting History

By: *Bienvenido P. Ongkiko III*

The QCPL-
Novaliches Branch staffs are very proud to have one of their co-employees as part of a group of people that conducts re-enactments on various historical events in the Philippines. Mr. Jose Carlo S. Ibabao, or “JC” has passion and love for history and has shown it by participating in some historical plays and has played various roles as a platoon leader of the Philippine Republican Army



(3rd from the left) Mr. Jose Carlos S. Ibabao dressed in military uniform as a revolutionary platoon leader, re-enacting Philippine Independence 120th anniversary 2018.

during the Bacoor Assembly, a Philippine Republican Army General during the 120th Philippine Independence 2018, which settings are located in the different historical parts of the country.

Mr. Ibabao is a dedicated employee known at the Novaliches Library who loves to give historical trivia and stories to everyone in the library. He could be an inspiration to many and a source of information about history.

Responsible Parenthood Forum at Pasong Tamo Branch

By: *Maria Luisa P. Malonga*

Quezon City Public Library (QCPL), as a public library is an instrument of social change. It helps individuals become aware about the importance of unity, love, fraternity and other values. QCPL becomes an instrument for people to get awakened of being a part of society and how they can contribute to the world as society.

For almost 6 years, QCPL has been conducting Responsible Parenthood Fora down to the barangays of Quezon City.



The speaker Mr. Zaldy C. Sulvita during the Responsible Parenthood Forum at Pasong Tamo Branch

the family and children according to his or her capability.”

Recently, the Pasong Tamo Branch has embarked on this activity attended by forty-five (45) parents of Yakap Day Care Center in Barangay Pasong Tamo. The guest speaker was Pastor Zaldy C. Sulvita, an educator from Global Mission Disciplemakers Incorporated. His lecture focused on enlightening the parents on their duties and responsibilities to train their children

following God’s way. He also emphasized to make God the center of their family.

In addition, according to further research, Qualities of Responsible Parents are as follows:

A responsible parenthood is defined as the “responsibilities of parents to guide, protect and provide for the basic needs of their children. It is also defined as the will and ability of parents to respect and do the needs and aspirations of the family and children.” “It is the ability of a parent to meet and cater for the needs of

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- Ability to meet basic needs of the family
- They empower the children
- They are good role models
- They provide children with consistent schedules, routines, and relationships. They set healthy structures
- They provide good academic and moral supports to the children
- They encourage healthy eating habits in the children
- They are flexible parents, open-minded and easy-going
- Adoption of family bonding strategies: Responsible parents should adopt peaceful strategies that will ensure adequate bonding of the family, e.g. eating and praying together
- Adoption of family planning, sound knowledge of child bearing and rearing: Responsible parenthood requires the parents to consider their financial capability, and only give birth to the number of children they can take care of.

This activity of Pasong-Tamo Branch will not be possible without the help and support of Barangay Pasong Tamo Officials, like Hon. Chairman Emmanuel “Banjo” Pilar and District VI Councilor, Hon. Roger Juan.

Become a Library Friend

By: Elisa Blanca E. Yulai

The **Friends of the Library** is an independent group of local residents and library users that helps support and promote the Library and its mission. **How important are Friends groups?** They can literally make the difference between a budget increase and cut for their libraries. Friends groups have been formed by citizens using their collective powers to do everything from running a book sale to ensuring that our library legacy remains viable. By contributing as a library Friend, one can make a lasting difference for your library.

Thus, to make the library more viable, the QCPL-Payatatas Branch staff organized a group of youth to form part of the “Friends of the Library”. These are student volunteers from Lupang Pangako Elementary School and Justice Cecilia Muñoz Palma High School.

The newly formed “Friends of the Library” dedicated themselves to support various library activities and projects and also will be our partner in promoting library services.

An orientation was conducted for them to know the rules and regulations, their duties and functions as a “Friend of the Library”, emphasizing to build trust and confidence to each other. They were also encouraged to practice the essence of volunteerism which is an effective means to let people from all walks of life promote the positive values of self-fulfillment, conduct educational and recreational activities that will benefit the children and the youth thus building a caring and supportive community.



Ms. Chona Masbate and Ms. Maria Joycelyn B. Benavente

Pinoy Reading Buddies and Design Thinking Seminar at QCPL

By: Alistair Troy B. Lacsamana

Pinoy Reading Buddies, Inc aims to get Filipino children to collaborate with their peers and to effectively communicate their ideas about their environment and community. Students should aspire to use their education to improve their communities and eventually, change their world! PRB, Inc. collaborates with teachers to develop teaching methodologies that turn students into change agents in their communities, using literacy and science as effective problem-solving tools.

PRB, Inc. in partnership with QCPL conducts seminars for the teachers and librarians for them to develop their teaching methodologies.

On July 31, 2018, around 47 teachers and librarians from 39 QC schools attended the Pinoy Reading Buddies and Design Thinking seminar, held at the Quezon City Public Library conference room.

The attendees were grouped into two and was taught PRB techniques and design thinking at the same time. The first group were taught the 4 basic components of the Pinoy Reading Buddies. Mr. Alistair Troy Lacsamana and Ms. Mary Rose Lagunsad facilitated this topic. On the other group, design thinking was tackled. Ms. Rowena Segil, PRB Executive Director facilitated this topic with Ms Hazel Domingo, PRB volunteer. The participants were asked hypothetical questions and they themselves proposed solutions. Some of the questions were the following: What if we have limited time in conducting PRB? What if we don't have picture books? How do we control misbehaving students while conducting the PRB? What if all the students are all non-readers? The benefits and disadvantages of were also reintroduced to the group.

In behalf of the QCPL and the PRB, Inc., we thank all the teacher librarians who attended and who have been implementing the PRB program. We thank Ms. Heidee Ferrer, SDO LRDMS Supervisor and Ms Liza Javier, SDO Librarian for co-organizing the seminar with Pinoy Reading Buddies and Quezon City Public Library.



Group participants during their sharing of experiences on PRB



Group photo during the PRB and Design Thinking Seminar inside the QCPL Conference Room



QCPL Branch Libraries Participates in Nutrition Month Campaign

By: Jeniffer R. Adajo & Andrew Caseda



Distribution of foods during the feeding program on Nutrition Month Campaign

July is National Nutrition Month, pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 491.

The Nutrition Month theme in 2018 is “Ugaliing magtanim, Sapat na nutrisyon aanihin!” This theme created by Ms. Julie Ann Q. Colipano, a contestant from Valencia City, Bukidnon was selected by the National Nutrition Council (NNC) of the Philippines out of the 142 contestants that submitted their entries. The Nutrition Month Theme 2018 aims to improve the healthy food consumption of Filipinos, food security or to be self-sufficient as possible with backyard gardening.

This theme focuses on food production at home through the family’s own garden. This is the food planted at home (inside or outside your home), in your little backyard or farm.

In support to Nutrition Month Campaign, the QCPL

Branch Libraries conducted activities to promote the celebration of the said event.

The Cubao District Library led by Ms. Jeniffer R. Adajo of District IV and the Bagong Pag-asa Branch Library led by Mr. Andrew Caseda of District I spearheaded the conduct of puppet show and storytelling respectively in relation to the theme.

Ms. Adajo conducted puppet shows entitled “Prutas at Gulay” performed by the QCPL Puppeteers at General Roxas Elementary School, Marcelo H. del Pilar Elementary School and Aurora Quezon Elementary School.

While the Pag-asa Branch Library conducted a “feeding program” entitled “Tayo’y Magsalo-salo, Kumain ng Wasto” to almost three hundred (300) Grade 2

pupils from the Bagong Pag-asa Elementary School held at the school’s covered court. Ms. Maribel Alnas of Balingasa Branch Library had story telling about “Ang Kamatis ni Peles” by Alberta Angeles. The story is about a last grasshopper who decided to plant tomatoes and waited each day for the seeds to grow into red plump tomatoes. Peles the grasshopper is tired of having to search for food, so he takes on farming and heeds advice from Hugo the Ant who says that all he needs is “industry, patience, and a little hard work.”

The said “feeding program” was supported by various QC officials from District I: Hon. Elizabeth Delarmente, Hon. Lena Marie “Mayen” Juico, Hon. Alexis Herrera, Hon. Oliviere Belmonte, Kagawad Dino Fortuno and Kagawad Eduardo Madrigal both of Barangay Bagong Pag-asa.

“PML Benchmarked at the QCPL”

By: Paulo Dominik P. Daulat



From left to right: Pearl Necy D. Valdez, Shella Mariz P. Jimenez, Marichu G. Estopace, Grace Q. Banogon, Dir. Teresita P. Deliu with QCPL personnel Mariza G. Chico-OIC, Asst. City Librarian, Paulo Dominik P. Daulat-Reference librarian, Rowena G. Remiendo- Periodicals Head Librarian, Aristotle P. Cruz.

For years, the Quezon City Public Library has been a venue of benchmarking by various public and private libraries in the country.

Last August 15, 2018, QCPL was privileged to be visited by the Presidential Museum and Library (PML) officers and staff composed of Dir. Teresita P. Deliu, Ms. Ma. Evette Victoria S. Buban, Ms. Pearl Necy D. Valdez, Ms. Shella Mariz P. Jimenez, Mr. Aristotle P. Cruz, Ms. Grace Q. Banogon and MS. Marichu G. Estopace. Their purpose of visit was to observe and gather information regarding best practices on the maintenance of a general circulation library.

The PML group started their activity by watching a brief video presentation on the History of QCPL at the District Libraries' Room located at the 2nd floor of QCPL building. It was followed by an initial briefing and library orientation by Ms. Mariza G. Chico, the OIC - Asst. City Librarian, assisted

by Mr. Paulo Dominik P. Daulat (Asst. Head, Reference Section) and Ms. Rowena G. Remiendo (Periodicals Section Head). The visitors were toured to the different sections of the library.

They spent the longest time at the Technical Section where they asked questions about Cataloguing services particularly the KOHA Integrated Library System. Their queries were answered and explained by Ms. Ma. Victoria Manuel, the head of the Technical Section. They were also given complimentary copies of the two (2) published materials by the Publication Services headed by Ms. Lucila R. Raquino and assisted by Ms. Maria Cecilia Magnate, entitled “Timeline of Events that Shaped a Great City” and “Lessons and Legacies: 50 Selected Speeches of Mayor Herbert M. Bautista”, as added collection to their library.

Other sections they toured were the Multi-Media and Internet Section (MIS),

Children’s Section and Puppet Room, Reference Section, Law Research Section, Filipiniana and Local History Section, and lastly the Periodical Section.

Dir. Deliu and her group enjoyed the library tour and were amazed on the facilities and services offered by QCPL. In return, they also invited QCPL to visit the PML in the future and they said that QCPL staffs will be treated as VIP during the tour.



Left to right: Maria Cecilia R. Magnate, Grace Q. Banogon, Dir. Teresita P. Deliu, Lucila R. Raquino

National Convention of Public Librarians 2018

By: Lucila R. Raquiño



ALPS National Convention of Public Librarians 2018 group photo of participants with Hon. Lourdes David at the center sitting

The Association of Librarians in the Public Sector (ALPS) Inc. conducted its 2nd National Convention of Public Librarians with the theme “Looking Beyond the Horizon: The Future of Public Libraries in the Philippines” at the University of the Assumption, City of San Fernando, Pampanga on June 26-29, 2018. It covered topics relative to public librarianship with the view of improving practice, service and professional competence among public librarians working in various institutions.

The objectives were to create innovative services to

improve library image, level and service, professional practice and promote multiculturalism; 2) present trending topics affecting public librarianship such as but not limited to Continuing Professional Development (CPD), media and information literacy, project management, research and web technologies, among others; 3) identify new librarian competencies required in the workplace and relate new trends in LIS affecting the workplace; and 4) discuss how libraries as learning spaces and centers for entrepreneurship can impact change.

The said convention was filled with continuous learning on innovative and creative ideas tackled by knowledgeable resource speakers. Hon. Lourdes T. David, Chair of the CPD Council for Librarians lectured on the Continuing Professional Development (CPD), John Louie T. Zabala, Reference Librarian of De La Salle University, Manila tackled Innovative Services: Libraries as Learning Spaces; Janice DC. Penaflor, Collection Development Librarian, Technical Services of De La Salle University

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Manila lectured about the Future of Technical Services in the Age of Technology; Michael A. Pinto, Head of Cagayan Provincial Learning Resource Center and currently the President of the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI) talked on Librarians for Change: New Librarians Competencies; Roilingel P. Calilung, OIC, University Libraries of the University of the Assumption, City of San Fernando discussed all about Project Development Formulation for Libraries and the last but not the least was all about Multiculturalism & Ethnography: Challenges of Building Communities which was discussed by Grace Ann M. Valondo, Head, Serials and Filipiniana Services, University of Assumption, City of San Fernando.

Socialization with a dinner was conducted on the third night, showing the creativeness of the participants in designing and making their out of this world gowns, using only newspapers and magazines. Thus, everybody enjoyed the night.

It was announced at the end of the convention that the venue of the 3rd National Convention of Public Librarians will be in Batangas.

Kudos to the Officers and Board of Directors: Priscila P. Robles (Manila), President; Joyce P. Deloso (Negros Occidental), Vice President; Mariza G. Chico (QCPL) Secretary, Roilinger P. Calilung, (University of Assumption, Pampanga), Treasurer; Maria Vida C. Aparicio (Bohol), Auditor; Vivian B. Salandanan (Sentro ng Karunungan Library, Manila), Public Relations Officer; Board of Directors: Soledad U Fabian (Antipolo); Michael A. Pinto (Cagayan); Remia A. Quebrar (Bacolod); Lucila R. Raquiño (QCPL); Analisa C. Telecio (Cuayan City).

This convention was different from other conventions conducted in the past. The organizers ensured to incorporate workshops at the end of each lecture, wherein everybody participated in the formulation of groups' proposals and innovations which could be replicated or implemented in their respective libraries.



QCPL participants with Hon. Lourdes T. David, Chair of the CPD Council.



QCPL Participants during the fellowship night (from left to right): Lucila R. Raquiño, Maria Cecilia R. Magnate, Mariza G. Chico, Jeniffer R. Adajo and Emerlina R. Tan.



Seminar-Workshop on Newsletter Writing

By: Maria Cecilia R. Magnate

Newsletter writing sometimes is intimidating especially when one is not really into this skill. While others are into writing, others are more comfortable in eloquent speaking. At any rate, writing posed a challenge when you're not into it. Agree?

Anyway, since QCPL releases newsletter quarterly wherein contents are contributed by QCPL personnel themselves, it is vital to learn the skill to make it more acceptable to readers. At this, the Publication Services facilitated a seminar entitled "Fake News and Newsletter Article Writing with the theme: "Libraries and Librarians: Advocates of Reliable and Accurate Information" on July 27, 2018, whoosh! what a nice title, indeed true to its mandate.

QCPL invited as speaker Mr. Raymund "Rhandee" Magno Garlitos, a multi-awarded writer, including four Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature. He talked on how to write feature stories and lectured on the pointers that should be given attention to when writing such. He showed different examples on how to do it to make an article more enticing to read.

Workshop time! Yes, though frightened to be criticized, still, all participants tried their best to submit their output on the feature writing workshop entitled, "My Unique Experience in the Library". Whether rendition was in English or Tagalog, these were all fine. What were the results? Oh, yes, results. Mr. Garlitos really took time to read one by one submitted articles. While reading, sometimes he sighs, sometimes he smirks, sometimes he smiles or just plain serious until glad that he found four (4) of the best featured writing. Though a little polishing were needed, contents of which were amusing and fun to read. Others rendered in Tagalog were almost perfect! Anyway, without so much ado, below are some examples of the best featured stories written during this seminar-workshop.

"A love in the Lib..."

By: Mary Ann L. Bernal

Love in the library, quiet and cool

Love in the library, there are no rules

Surrounded by stories surreal and sublime

I fell in love in the library once upon a time...

Excerpt from the song Love in the Library by Songwriters: Jimmy Buffett / M. McAnally



It was a typical Sunday duty when I first met my husband to be (name withheld) ... one Sunday morning in 1993 that was 25 years ago inside the library. But no typical Sunday after all...

I was the OIC of that Sunday service (QCPL was open based on the QC Ordinance wherein every weekend library should be opened to accommodate more students researching, sponsored by then Vice Mayor, Charito Planas). There were no readers yet that time, that I noticed him at the Baggage Counter when he deposited his things. He was wearing a green t-shirt with an archer design that I mistook him a La Sallite. But I was wrong, he was an FEU Law pre-bar reviewee.

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Before the day ended, he already got my name and address. I recalled that when I got home I excitedly told my older sister about it. And she told me that I'm so presumptuous when I told her "I think he has a crush on me!"

The next Sunday, and all the weekends thereafter ... Saturdays and Sundays, he began to be a permanent fixture in our home that irritated my father because I am his favorite daughter, and it seemed he was dead serious in his intention. I believe every father thinks that way for their daughter.

To make the story short, after three years of girlfriend-boyfriend relationship, he proposed marriage to me and I answered him in affirmative.



"My family"

Today, by God's grace, we now have three kids, all boys... one is already a college graduate with a degree in AB-CDA at De La Salle-College of St. Benilde, the second is incoming freshman at Dela Salle University, and our youngest son is enrolled as Grade V at Holy Child Academy.

As I reminisce the past, I imagined him with our sons... just being happy looking back!

"Karanasan sa Sangay ng Aklatan"

By: Jemalyn D. Cabanatan

Ang aklatan ay isang lugar na matahimik at kaaya-aya kung saan tayo maayos na makakapagbasa. Pero sa aking karanasan, masasabi kong may mga sangay ng aklatan na dapat bigyan pansin upang mas maging kaaya-aya sa mga kabataan lalo na sa mga kapos palad.

Nakita ko ang kaawa-awang sitwasyon ng mga kabataan sa QCPL- Payatas Landfill Branch. Mga batang walang magulang, mga batang nangangalakal, mga batang hindi marunong magbasa sa edad na 10, mga batang minsan lang maligo sa isang lingo. Sila yung mga batang naging hamon sa akin. Paano ba ako maging "effective servant" sa kanila? Isang tanong at isang hamon sa akin.

Unti-unti, inobserbahan ko ang mga bata, Nakipagkwentuhan para maabot ang kakayanan nila. Tinuruan kung paano maglinis ng katawan. Hinabaan ang pasensya at pang-amoy sa kanila. Hindi ako sumuko hanggang sa pagbilang ng ilang buwan nalaman ko na ang isa sa mga naturuan ko ay naging "First Honor". Naging masaya ako sa balitang iyon at mas naging hamon pa sa akin na mas pagbutihin ang aking trabaho sa library.

May mga karanasan na hindi rin maganda. Naranasan kong mag swimming sa loob ng library. Oo swimming dahil bumaha sa loob ng aklatan. Habang nakaporma ka maglilimas ka ng tubig at magpapatuyo ng mga aklat. Karanasang hindi ko malilimutan.

Naranasan ko din mabisita ng mga adik sa library. Yung akala mo magbabasa sila pero pagtingin mo sa mata nila namumula, may mga hawak pa. Aabangan kang umuwi at kung minsan mambabato pa. Naisip ko nalang na hindi naman talaga sila ang salot at latak ng lipunan. Sila ang nangangailangan ng atensyon ng Pamahalaan. Hindi dapat katakutan, kundi dapat ay tulungan. Masasabi kong kakaiba ang aking karanasan pero marami akong natutunan. Hanapan ng solusyon ang bawat problema. Matutong tumulong at mag-aruga.

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"Si lib at Rary" (Ang Lihim na Istorya ng Dalawang Magkapatid)

By: Jeffrey P. Francisco



Lib and Rary

Nakakatuwa para sa isang magulang ang nakikita ang kanilang anak na nagkakasundo sa isang bagay, at ito ay ang madalas na pagpunta sa isang aklatan, ang Quezon City Public Library. Ang magkapatid na si Lib at Rary ay masipag na pumupunta sa pampublikong silid aklatan ng lungsod Quezon upang madagdagan ang kaalaman at lumahok sa libreng serbisyo o programa ng silid aklatan.

Isa rin sa layunin ng dalawang magkapatid na si Lib at Rary ay tulungan ang pampublikong silid-aklatan na makilala ng ibang mga bata upang magamit sa kanilang pag-aaral at makasali sa mga libreng programa na binibigay ng silid-aklatan. Pumupunta ang dalawang magkapatid kasama ang kanilang iba't-ibang klase ng kaibigan sa mga lugar sa lungsod Quezon tulad ng paaralan upang magbigay aliw sa mga bata at tangkilikin ang madalas ng pagbabasa at imbitahan sa pampublikong silid-aklatan ng lungsod Quezon.

Ito ay kakaibang karanasan na naibibigay ng dalawang magkapatid na sina Lib at Rary. Isa sila sa nagbigay impluwensiya sa mga bata upang mahikayat sa pagbabasa at pagpunta sa silid-aklatan upang mabawasan ang bilang ng mga batang walang kakayahan magbasa sa ating lipunan.



Oh! libro! libro!

By: Julie G. Domingono



Julie Domingono

Libro! Libro! Libro! Hay nakakahi-lo!
Pag pasok pa lamang sa bahay aklatan,
Ika'y mahihilo sa dami ng libro.
Tahimik na lugar, masusungit na laybraryan at di maintindihang marka ng bawat libro,
Yan ang aking pagkakilala sa nilalaman ng bahay aklatan.

Mula ng ako'y tumuntong sa aking pag-aaral; di ko nakagiliwan ang

bahay aklatan.

Marahil...siguro dahil bata pa nga ako noon.

Di pinansin kahalagahan nito, hanggang sa dumating ang panahon na hinanap-hanap ko na ito.

Dito ko napagtanto, napag-isip isip ko;

Ano kaya 't pasukin ko ito?

Sa aking paglalakad-lakad, paa'y Inihahakbang sa di mawaring dahilan ako'y Ipinadpad sa tapat ng pinto na siya kong inaayawan.

Aba! Aking laking gulat, pagkat sumalubong sa akin magandang babae, kay ganda ng ngiti, siya pala ang laybraryan!

Ako'y namangha pagkat, kanya akong iginalala sa buong bahay aklatan,

Wow! tangi kong nasabi,

pagkat ang dating aklatan noon, ibang-iba na ngayon.

Tunay ngang kaalaman ay nalinang dito sa bahay aklatan dahil sa nakakahilong dami ng Libro.

Di lamang mga libro ang tanging nandito, pagkat marami pang mahahalagang bagay at collections na ako ay naakit at nabighani nito.

Kaya't ang bahay aklatan na noo'y di ko mapuntahan, ngayon, di lang linangan, kundi itoy kaibigan kong tunay.

Sa ngayon, ang aklatan na dating hate na hate ko...

Love! Love! Love! ko na ito.



“Libraries and Librarians: Advocates of Reliable and Accurate Information”

By: Rowena G. Remiendo

WITH the spread of fake news and fraud websites, the Quezon City Public Library held a journalism workshop seminar entitled "Libraries and Librarians: Advocates of Reliable and Accurate Information."

The activity was held at the new Quezon City Public Library within the city hall compound on Elliptical Road, Diliman, Barangay Central last July 27, 2018. Publication Services Head, Lucila Raquiño, and Publication Services staff Maria Cecilia R. Magnate and Zestli M. Buenaventura organized the one-day workshop seminar.

Veteran journalist Rio N. Araja from the Manila Standard of over 23 years, Quezon City Press Club Inc. president, was invited to speak about fake news from a real one.

Fake news is a fabricated news. It is created to deliberately misinform, disinform or deceive readers, listeners or viewers.

It is no longer new, but it has become a hot topic in 2017. The speaker discussed the types of fake news: clickbait/website, or online stories deliberately fabricated to gain more website visitors to attract advertisers to place website ads; propaganda, mostly product of a public relations (PR) job intended to promote or influence public opinion, particularly for a political cause or for a product endorsement; satire/parody/spoof, websites and social media accounts, and television programs, mostly gag shows, publishing or airing fake news stories or information to entertain people; sloppy/careless journalism, news gathering and writing with unreliable source

and information without checking the facts; misleading headings, headlines and small snippets, teasers, kickers or crawlers of a full story that may not be completely false or fake but could contain distortion using misleading and sensationalized headlines, and biased/slanted news, news or stories that are based on one's beliefs, biases and personalized searches.



Ms. Rio N. Araja, a veteran journalist from the Manila Standard during her talk on Fake News

Technically, there are ways on how to spot a fake news. The reader, the viewer or the listener must find out the source of the news, and check if the images and the text one reads or watches are clear, are well-written without grammatical or spelling error, or are not using exaggerated language.

One must check the content of the news if it contains references and links to other news stories, articles and authors. A good example is the official website of gmanews.tv and abs-cbnnews.com, wherein one could see links of related content of the news.

One must not forget to look at the credibility of the news author, including his or her other pieces of published or aired news articles. Double-check if the author belongs to a well-respected media organization, or an unreliable media outlet or website. Navigate the Internet. Research through Google. Wikipedia is not always a reliable source because it can be edited by anyone at any time.

Always see for oneself if the story one is reading, watching or listening to is being shared on by other mainstream media organizations. One perfect example is, if all media outlets largely carry the same issues.

As librarians, you must be an advocate and source of genuine news and information. And for that matter, when we talk about information, we do not only make reference to the news itself, but also to "fake" or wrong grammar. A simple grammatical error could give a different meaning to a news.

To help fully understand the complex topic of fake news, the lecturer designed a simple interactive exercise among four groups of librarians, library aides and other library staff.

The participants were asked to spot a fake news on at least seven "hot" items about the affairs of the Quezon City government, Metro Manila, the national government, the showbiz industry and the sports arena at the time when the workshop seminar was conducted on July 27, 2018.

Puppet Show at Krus na Ligas Elementary School

By: Jeffrey P. Francisco

Quezon City Public Library – Krus Na Ligas Branch together with the staff of District 4 Libraries led by Ms. Jeniffer Adajo-District Coordinator, Mr. Alistair Troy Lacsamana-Head of Puppeteers and Children’s Section with the support of Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva, City Librarian conducted two (2) sessions of Puppet Show at Krus Na Ligas Elementary School, in celebration of National Literacy Week last September 3, 2018.

A total of four hundred twenty-eight (428) kindergarten students actively participated in the morning and afternoon show in coordination Ms. Lilian Favoreal- Head, KNL Elementary School kindergarten and Mr. Julio Villapa-Principal. This activity aims to encourage the students to use the public library to develop their reading habits.

The QCPL Puppeteers performed the story of a little girl named Chuchay that possessed different good traits like saying po and opo, sorry and excuse me po, followed by “Gulay at Prutas” a main show that reminds us the importance of eating vegetables and fruits. It ended with a wonderful singing of Disney Princesses Elsa and Moana and an intermission number of our own QCPL Mascots, Lib and Rary.

The event concluded with the distribution of Smartbook kit to the KNL Elementary School kindergarten students. It was indeed a successful undertaking which left a big hope for our new generation who will someday help and contribute to our beloved country.



KNLES Kindergarten students



QCPL staff, KNLES teachers, KNL Barangay Officials and students holding Smartbooks



Puppet Chuchay and Kuya Reigel during the puppet show.



Featured QCPL Payatas Lupang Pangako Branch Toy Library

By: Elisa Blanca E. Yulai

Let the kids be kids. QCPL Payatas Lupang Pangako Branch Toy Library was featured on GMA News TV on July 27, 2018 in one of its segments on the “The State of the Nation with Jessica Soho”, the flagship news program of GMA News TV, anchored by Ms. Soho herself who is a veteran broadcast journalist and the country’s 1st recipient of the prestigious George Foster Peabody award.

Ms. Janette Fernandez, producer of the State of the Nation with Jessica Soho interviewed Mr. Edsel Ramirez, the founder of the Philippine Toy Library. According to Mr. Ramirez the mission of PTL is to give happiness to children irrespective of the context of their life. “Let kids be kids”. “Let them experience how to play.” “It’s their right to play”. Mr. Ramirez said in the interview.

According to the interview, most of the girls have no toys in their homes, particularly the barbie dolls, the reason why they were very happy when the Payatas Lupang Pangako Library opened its doors to the toys donated by the PTL.

Ms. Chona Masbate, the District II Libraries Coordinator was also interviewed, explaining their new strategy of attracting the kids to the library and read. They have the slogan, “Read first before play” or “Basa Muna Bago Laro”. The children were given library IDs and reward card. They have to read a book first before they can go to the toy section and play. Good enough for a library to give an incentive to the children to motivate them to go to the library and read.

At this point, we would like to acknowledge the continued support of our City Librarian, Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva, to all our activities.



Payatas Elementary School kids after school time goes straight to Payatas Toy Library to read then play .



Ms. Chona Masbate , Library-in-Charge of Payatas Branch Library explaining how kids could avail library card and have access on toys .



Sneak Peek on New Book Acquisitions of QCPL

By: Ma. Victoria S. Manuel

The Quezon City Public Library has purchased 967 volumes of books in various discipline. Various reference and professional books were acquired based on the request of the library users and were selected and evaluated by the Reference Librarian. These new acquisition covers subjects such as fashion, advanced mathematics, computer science, library science, business, psychology, hairdressing, entrepreneurship, carpentry and others.

The books are currently in process and will be distributed to different QCPL branches at the end of September 2018.



Mathematics, Sciences books



Psychology books

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

1. Provide quality resources 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 innovator in public library services.
3. Foster strong linkage and partnership among government and non-government agencies both local and international.

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1. **QUALITY RESOURCES AND SERVICES** - QCPL believes on the value of accuracy and efficiency in providing information to its clients, 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 on the importance of commitment in doing its role wholeheartedly as a public library through the honest, trusted, loyal and motivated employees to achieve personal and professional integrity.
3. **PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY** – QCPL team believes on 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.