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Inauguration of the New Quezon City Public Library Building

By: Maria Cecilia R. Magnate



The first phase of work was the move out. The efforts were really huge but it was worth it. Well, it was one thing, preparation for its inauguration is another.

Various meetings were held to come up with the program, invitation, aesthetics, audio, area where it would be held, catering and the people that would be involved like some personnel from the Quezon City Tou-

rism Department (QCTD). They brought the band and hosted the event. QCPL staff even extended their service until Sunday just to see to it that nothing is forgotten.

Since it was Monday February 6, 2017 the usual flag raising ceremony was first attended to then after which distinguished people headed immediately to the QCPL new building façade to wait for our Hon. Mayor

Herbert M. Bautista. Congressman Winston T. Castelo, the Vice Mayor Hon. Joy Belmonte, the Councilors, City officials, VIP's and other guests were all gathered to witness this one time local history. It was nice to see many of these officials and guests so excited and joyful that can be seen on their faces. More than two hundred visitors attended this event including personnel of the QCPL.

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“Now that we changed our vision... to be recognized as an open and world-class leading library that promotes advanced learning and literacy.... I can humbly say that we are near in achieving again this vision.”

Part I of the inauguration and blessing started with the unveiling of the Marker which is in front of the building facade, then the ribbon cutting and followed by the blessing of it. It was unveiled by none other than the Hon. Mayor Herbert M. Bautista .

It was followed by the invocation done by one of the staff of QCPL and the National Anthem. The welcome remarks is delivered by the City Librarian and an Inspirational talk was given by the City Mayor.

The City Librarian acknowledged everyone present and was very grateful. She said that “Creating our new home is a project planned by our Honorable Mayor and Vice Mayor in the pursuit of uplifting the quality of life of Quezon City residents through the use and services offered by the library, as they were both library enthusiasts. It begun in 2012 with the search for a suitable site. First, at the Quezon City Memorial Circle, wherein a public forum was held last December 7, 2012 for the approval of its location but did not materialized. Second, at the 3rd floor of the newly constructed Civic Center C, but was not approved by our

Mayor and Vice Mayor because they wanted a separate state-of-the-art building for the library. And finally, here in its present location.

Before, our vision was to provide the use of latest technology to our clients, in which we already achieved. Now that we changed our vision... to be recognized as an open and world-class leading library that promotes advanced learning and literacy... I can humbly say that we are near in achieving again this vision. With the construction of this state-of-the-art library building, coupled with various library services that promotes literacy, facilities we offered, and soon to offer such as installation of an Integrated Library System, High Frequency RFID Library Management System connected to security gate, E-books and use of other latest technology, we are now heading to be globally competitive at par with other public libraries.

With all of the improvements and achievements that is happening in the library and the City as a whole, we would like to extend our gratefulness and appreciation to all our leaders who lead the City passionately and tirelessly.

To our Honorable Mayor Herbert M. Bautista, Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte-Alimurung, City Councilors and other Officials, thank you for your untiring support. To all my QCPL staff for your best effort and contribution. And, to all our guests, thank you for gracing this occasion.”

On the other hand, the inspirational message delivered by the Hon. Mayor Herbert M. Bautista was indeed very nice. He emphasized the vision he wanted this public library to become. He mentioned that this will soon be the publishing arm of the City, partnering also with private publishing companies like the Ateneo Publishing House, U. P. Press and others. Tapping also the Publishing companies to donate a copy of each publication they produce so as to build up more the collection without cost from the City. He also mentioned about the community libraries

around this City 21 of it that there should be a survey to what in particular the subject of interest the population of that community needs and so the collection of their interest should be the materials housed in it. What is good about the Mayor is that he is a defender of the library and a lover of books. According to him it is true that we can do research using “Google” quick and easy without going to the library. But he justified that information in “Google” do not give an accurate and true information, not like books which are credible because of the authors, and these books can only be found in libraries. He ended up congratulating the City Librarian and again acknowledging everyone present. The City Librarian then handed a Library card to the City Mayor which was received well.



**Top: Unveiling
of the QCPL
marker**

**Middle: Ribbon
cutting with
Cong. Winston
T. Castelo, Hon.
Herbert M.
Bautista, Ms.
Emelita L.
Villanueva;**

**Below: Hon.
Herbert M.
Bautista giving
inspirational
message.**

Though in truth, there is an explosion of information because of the internet and so many search engines available, still it is not all reliable. Unlike libraries, authors of its collection are credible wherein painstakingly researched and studied.

True enough, never was a public library been eradicated through the years. It is indeed the repository of knowledge and information.

The program commenced with the closing remarks of the Assistant City Librarian Ms. Cynthia Dj. Tolado. After which all enjoyed continuously the food that was served. Everyone present can all be heard praising the beauty of the New QCPL building. Hurray!!!



New QCPL Building Inauguration Photos!!!



Top:
Cong. Winston T. Castelo

Middle:
Hon. Mayor Herbert M. Bautista receiving the Library ID Card from the City Librarian Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva



Below:
The City Mayor Herbert M. Bautista QC Councilors & Department Heads.



CIVIL MILITARY OPERATIONS SCHOOL LIBRARY ORGANIZATION

By: Fe B. Gomez

Civil-Military Operation Group (CMOG) is one of the major subordinates' units of the Philippine Army. It serves as the primary unit conducting Civil-Military Operations which deals with stakeholders outside its organization.

On 28th of October 2016, this unit spearheaded by their formerly Education and Training Officer, Major Ado-

nis R. Arco (INF) PA requested QCPL to provide additional collection of books for their library at the Civil-Military Operations School (CMOS) located in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City.

Upon approval of the City Librarian, Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva, the Outreach team conducted an ocular inspection to CMOS Library. Welcomed by

CMOG former Commandant Enrico Gil C. Iletto, Ms. Villanueva was formally grant the request of reading materials with more than 500 books donation given, and even look for an additional technical assistance that QCPL may render. During the ocular inspection, the two parties had an agreement for the possible library organization of CMOS Library.

**LIBRARY ORGANIZATION AND INAUGURATION OF CIVIL MILITARY OPERATIONS SCHOOL LIBRARY IN FORT BONIFACIO, TAGUIG CITY
FEBRUARY 15 TO 17, 2017**



On 15th of January 2017, the Outreach team composed of Ten (10) staff headed by Ms. Fe B. Gomez - Head of Library Extension Services and Ms. Mariza G. Chico - Head of Technical Services conducted the 1st day of organization at CMOS Library with the special assistance of their Librarian - in-Charge, Mr. Edward P. Cuarteros. The organization lasted for two days.

On 17th of February 2017, the Civil-Military Operations School Library was formally inaugurated. It was organized by the CMOG Committee, spearheaded by the newly appointed Commandant Arbern Rommel D. Abiva, with the grace of their overall Group Commandant Col. Thomas R. Sedano Jr. CAV (GSC), presence of CMOG, PA officials and QCPL Librarians and Staff.



Top: Ribbon cutting



Middle: QCPL personnel with the City Librarian & CMOG personnel



Below: The City Librarian Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva giving speech.

Special Design Group (SDG): The People Behind the WORK Designs of the New Quezon City Public Library Building

By: Maria Cecilia R. Magnate

It was indeed tedious to come up with the design that will suit the needs of the client of the QCPL. Nevertheless, the SDG was able to bring the best of what they got.

Yes, from the start of the works the SDG personnel were able to coordinate well with the QCPL heads to come up with the needed design of each section. A lot of meetings were made as to what materials used, furniture and fixtures to blend inside aesthetics, positions of wiring and data for internet connection, locations of sections of different offices as well as considering condition of the Philippines in connection with natural calamities such as earthquakes and storms.

Modern buildings now a days are mostly made of glasses. This truly is enhancing the spaces as to look wider. However, according to SDG it would be more safe if inserted glasses in between wood designs be used which somehow when a calamity occurs it will minimize the destruction of broken glasses might bring especially that teen agers coming in the library is the most highest number of client as well as toddlers using the Children's section.

In addition, it also considered the concept of environment friendly wherein the building was designed in a clean and green presents. True enough, it is surrounded by trees and the building itself invites generous air.

Also, the façade of the building looks very nice. It is hailed by everyone seeing. It is the first for a public library and the Quezon City local government did able to bring such kind to its people.

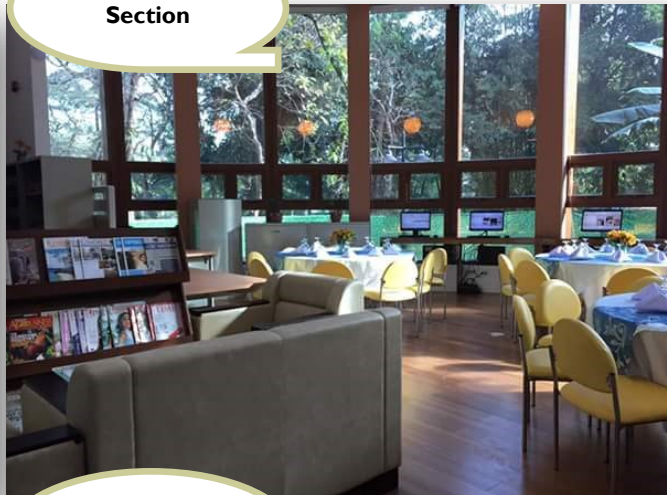
Notably also is the consideration of choosing furniture. They abide the standard of E-financial. They first sought furniture available from its listing before scouting from the outside so the City could get lowest cost.

Indeed, SDG architects, like Arch. Ronaldo Pamintuan, engineers together with its staff headed by non other than Architect Virgilio S. Regala Jr. done a great job.

Training Room



Periodical Section



Multi-media and Internet section



Children's Section



**Offices Hallway
2nd floor**



Conference Room



Asst. City Librarian's Office & Administrative Services



City Librarian's Office



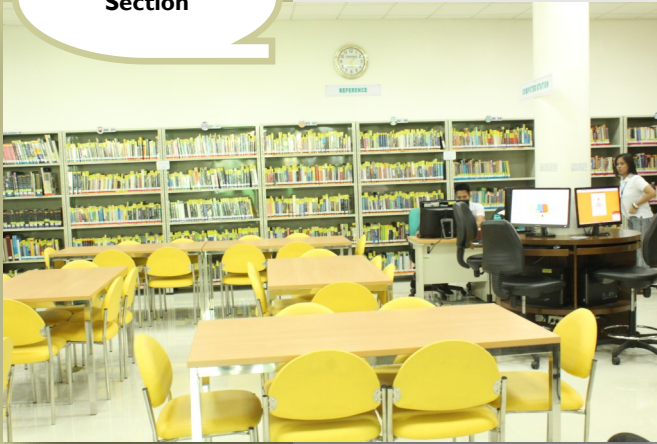
District Libraries & Inventory



Records, Property & Supplies



Reference Section



Technical & Outreach Services



Filipiniana Local History & Archives



Law Section



Puppeteers Room



Little Free Library (LFL) Stewards 2nd Annual Meet, Feb. 21, 2017

By: Alistair Troy B. Lacsamana

The just concluded Little Free Library Stewards 2nd Annual meeting wherein LFL stewards and other LFL partners met to share ideas and experiences to make the LFL Organization bigger and to work hand in hand together in reaching their specific goals: to make reading materials available everywhere and anywhere.



Pinoy Reading Buddies Goes to Day Care Centers!

By: Alistair Troy B. Lacsamana

The Quezon City Public Library, through its bookmobile is actively promoting reading via storytelling in various areas. We will be visiting 20 daycare centers managed by the city's Social Services Development Department February – March 2017.

Activities done in the caravan: storytelling, book mobile tour and parent-child storytelling Pinoy Reading Buddies way. Thank you Read-Philippines Canada for donating books being used in the book mobile.

Parent and child as reading buddies

METRO HEIGHTS (MARCH 14, 2017)



BAHAY BULILIT DAYCARE (MARCH 7, 2017)



PINGKIAN 3 ZONE 3



CARMEL 5 (MARCH 9, 2017)



Law Research Section (LRS) 2017 on its 1st quarter

By: Analiza T. Puno

Quezon City Public Library services are made available to everyone, it offers an environment where it can find a treasury of knowledge through books, magazines, periodicals and other printed and non-printed materials where all of which are free. QCPL has public services that can be divided into different sections to provide assistance for an effective and efficient retrieval of reference materials and one of this is Law Research Section.

Law Research Section is designed to provide an access in justice system information and assistance with legal research that serves several user groups with different information needs: judges, attorneys, law practitioner, students and the general public. It is located at the second floor of QCPL Main Branch in front of Quezon City Hall with the section head Ms. Analiza T. Puno and support

staff Mr. Benjamin Sion and Jeffrey Francisco.

After the renovation days in QCPL, within the 1st quarter of this 2017, LRS managed to improve the collection and service that enables all parts of the section to function well accordingly in a professional manner and a commitment to upholding high standards of services to all users. Its collection expands more than 3,000 printed materials that includes law books, other related literature, official gazettes, Supreme Court Reports Annotated, compilation of local and national administration orders, executive orders, implementation order, republic acts, resolution, ordinance, memorandum, etc.

LRS services create a better improvement for easier access of materials even outside the library. This section

will soon introduce an online database called “west law” to cater the information needs of its client through internet, it is a project made by LRS that consist of updated law books, SCRA, reviewers, etc. Digitization is the other process used by LRS, a converting information into a digital format that makes it easier to preserve, access, and share. To enhance its service, LRS uses blogs whereas resolution and ordinance of Quezon City can access in digital form. Lastly, an extension of collection which was established and maintained by LRS to other library branches to make it more reachable to its client.

This year, LRS team plans to develop a new system that will upgrade its library services to cater the needs of the client. This project is called “My Legal Whiz”, an online subscription which provides the needs of the customers in easy and efficient way.



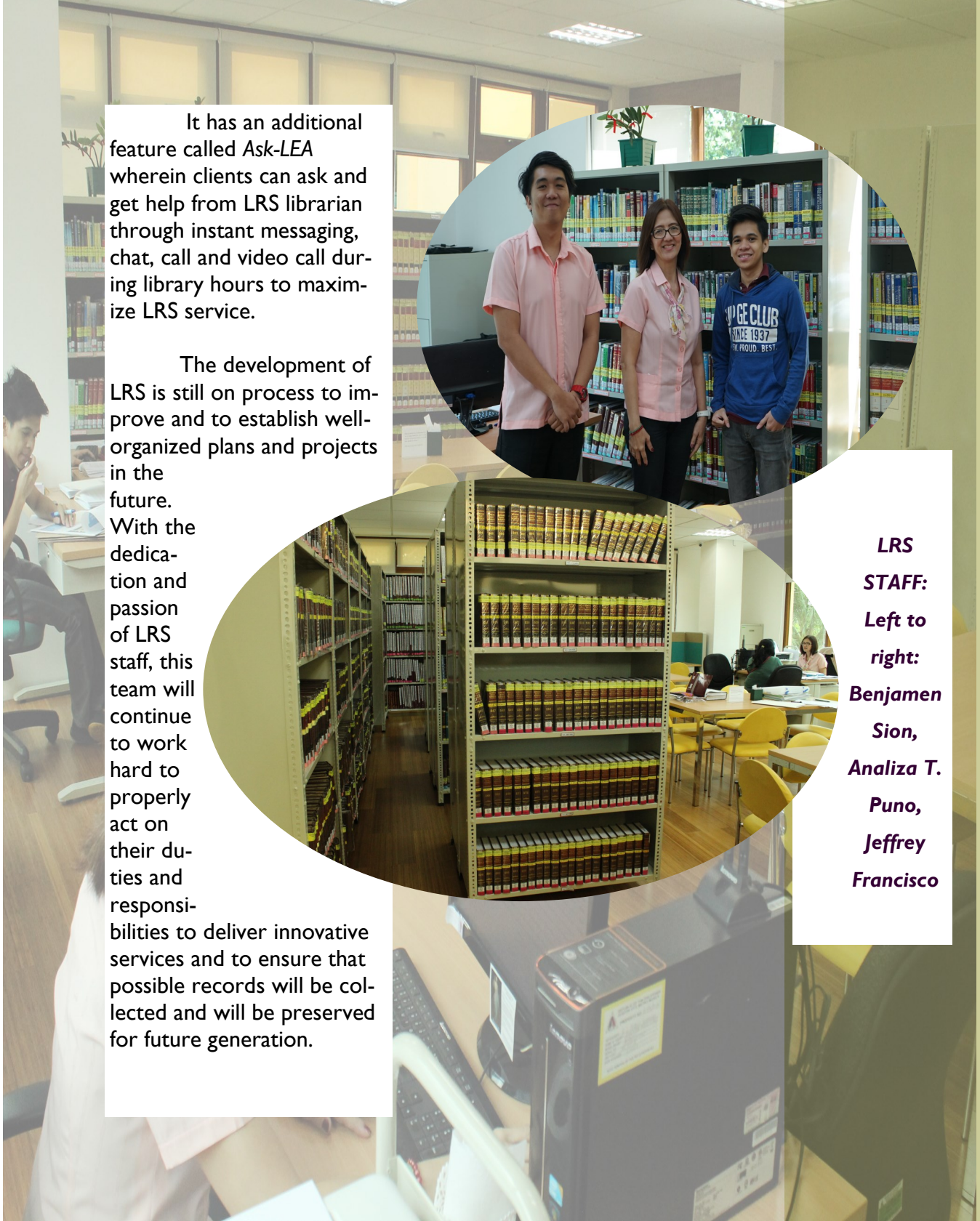
**SCRA collection
of LRS**

It has an additional feature called *Ask-LEA* wherein clients can ask and get help from LRS librarian through instant messaging, chat, call and video call during library hours to maximize LRS service.

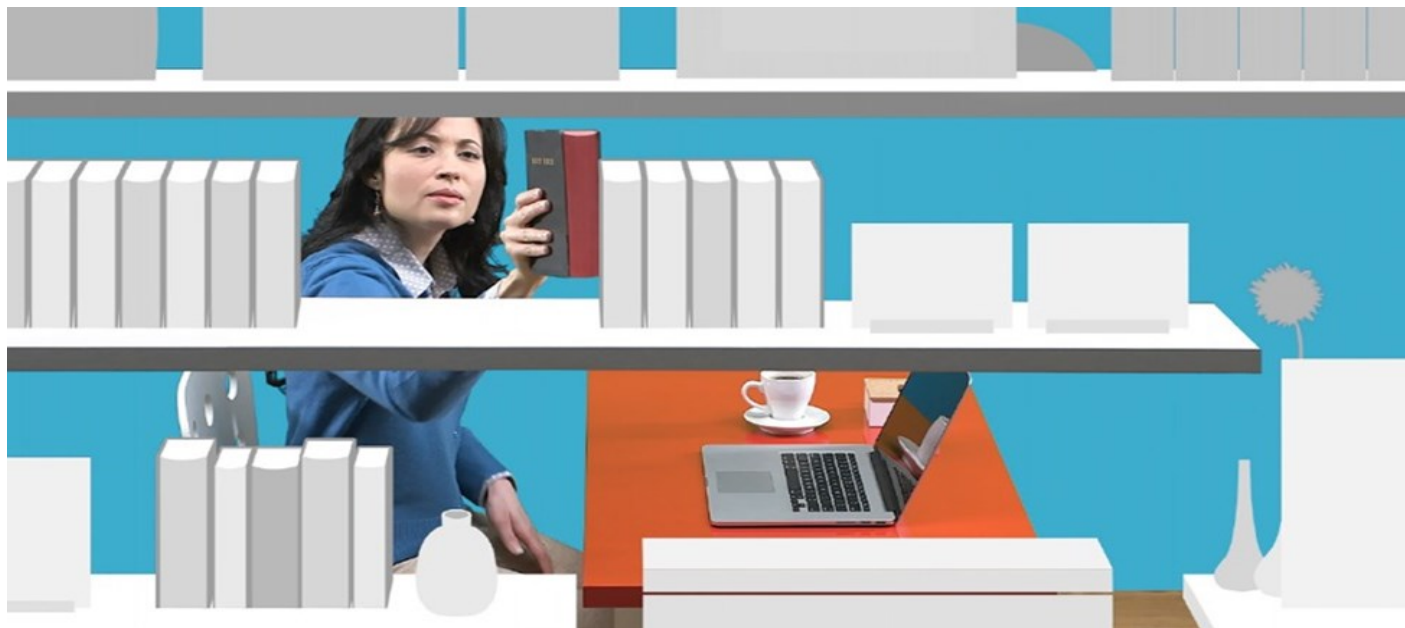
The development of LRS is still on process to improve and to establish well-organized plans and projects in the future. With the dedication and passion of LRS staff, this team will continue to work hard to properly act on their duties and responsibilities to deliver innovative services and to ensure that possible records will be collected and will be preserved for future generation.



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Analiza T.
Puno,
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Francisco*



Why Read the Bible?
[The best book in a library]
 Excerpted by: Maria Cecilia R. Magnate



“I thought the Bible would be so hard to understand.”—Jovy
 “I felt that it would be boring.”—Queenie
 “When I looked at how thick the Bible is, I lost any desire to read it.”—Ezekiel

Have you ever thought about reading the Bible but held off because of feelings like those above? For many, reading the Bible seems daunting. But what if you learned that the Bible can help you to have a happier and more satisfying life? And what if you found out

that there are some approaches to reading it that can make it more interesting? Would you be willing to take a look at what the Bible can offer you?

Consider just a few comments from those who found it to be rewarding when they started reading the Bible.

Ezekiel, who is in his early 20's, says: “In the past, I was like someone who is driving a car without any destination in mind. But reading the Bible

has helped me have a meaningful life. It contains practical advice that I can use every day.” Frieda, also in her 20's, explains: “I used to be hotheaded. But because of my Bible reading, I've learned to control myself. This has made me a lot easier to get along with, so I have more friends now.”

A woman in her 50's named Eunice says of the Bible, “It is helping me to become a better person, to change my not-so-good habits.”

As those readers and millions more have learned, reading the Bible can help you to live a more enjoyable life. ([Isaiah 48:17, 18](#))

Among other things, it can help you (1) make good decisions, (2) make real friends, (3) cope with stress, and (4) best of all, learn the truth about God.

The Bible's advice comes from God, so you can never go wrong following it. God never gives bad advice.

How Can I Get Started?

What approach will help you to enjoy your Bible reading and get the most out of it? Take note of five suggestions that have worked for many.



Create the right surroundings. Try to find a setting that is quiet. Minimize distractions so you can focus on what you read. Good lighting and fresh air may help you to get the most from your reading.

Have the right frame of mind. Since the Bible is from our heavenly Father, you will benefit the most if you have the attitude of a child who is ready to learn from a loving parent. If you have any negative, preconceived ideas about

the Bible, try to set them aside so that God can teach you.—**Psalm 25:4.**

Pray before you read. The Bible contains God's thoughts, so it is not surprising that we need his help to understand it. God promises to give "holy spirit to those asking him." (**Luke 11:13**) The holy spirit can help you to understand God's thinking. In time, it will open your mind to grasp "even the deep things of God."—**1 Corinthians 2:10.**

Read to understand. Do not read just to cover material. Actively think about what you are reading. Ask yourself such questions as these: 'What qualities do I see in the person I am read-

ing about? How can I apply this in my life?' **Set specific goals.** To be rewarded by your Bible reading, set out to learn something that will truly enrich your life. You may set goals like the following: 'I want to learn more about God himself.' 'I want to become a better person, a better husband or wife.' Then select portions of the Bible that will help you reach those goals.*

These five suggestions will help you get started. But how might you make your reading even more interesting? The next article offers some suggestions.

GET MORE OUT OF YOUR READING

Take your time, and avoid rushing; Immerse yourself in what you read—visualize it;

Try to see how verses fit in their context

Search for lessons in what you read

What Will Make It Interesting?

Boring? Or refreshing? What will Bible reading be for you? Much depends on how you approach your reading. Let us take a look at what you can do to increase your interest and enjoyment.

Select a reliable, modern-language translation. If you read material that contains a great many difficult or out-of-date words that you do not know, you are not likely to enjoy reading it. So look for a Bible that uses easy-to-understand language that will touch your heart. At the same time, though, it should be carefully and accurately translated.*

Use modern technology. Today the Bible is available not only as a bound, printed book but also as a digital book. Some Bibles can be read online or downloaded for personal reading on computers, tablets, or cell phones. Certain versions include additional tools that allow you quickly to check other Bible verses on the same topic or even compare several translations. If you prefer to listen rather than to read, the Bible is also available in recorded form. Many people enjoy listening while they commute by public transportation, do laundry, or engage in some other activity that permits listening. Why not try a method that suits you?

— (*The Watchtower No. 1 2017*)

QCPL Branch Libraries

By: District Library Coordinators

After a few months QCPL-Novaliches branch had launched “Luntiing Bahay Aklatan” last October 2016, the fruits of the staff’s labor had paid off. Ms. Emerlina Tan initiated the program to promote the “Green Library Theme”. With the help of the Novaliches Library Staff and the Streetsweepers of Brgy. Nova Proper, the idle ground of QCPL-Novaliches was planted with mustasa, ampalaya, cucumber, melon, tomatoes, cabbage and bell pepper. This aimed to utilize unused resources and to produce vegetables for everyday consumption. This is also aimed to promote a more eco-friendly environment. Plans of expanding the program is currently being considered to expand to all QCPL Branches. Request for medicinal plants has been done to expand the variety of plants and vegetables in the future. Now, QCPL is promoting eating healthy food not only by the use of books but also in providing green and healthy fruits as well.



Last January 25, 2017 at 9:00 in the morning, Brgy. Talipapa together with the QCPL-Talipapa Branch organized a promotional tour for Tech4Ed in some nearby areas of the barangay. After the tour, a program followed to launch the Tech4Ed, Little Free Library, Task Force on Youth Development (TFYD) at Placido del Mundo Elementary covered court grounds. The said program was participated by Kgw. Dra. Eleonor Juan (TFYD Chairperson), Kgw. Atty. Eric Juan (Committee on Education), Ursula “Choleng” Juan (Brgy. Chairman), Coun. Roger Juan (District 6, QC), Ms. Virginia Calosing (school principal), QCPL Staff, teachers, parents/guardians, and more than 500 kindergarten pupils. Part of the program is the distribution of the reading and writing materials which is a project of Coun. Juan. The LFL was introduced by Mr. Alistair Troy Lacsamana—coordinator of the LFL. Also, Mr. Lacsamana imparted a storytelling entitled “Ang Mabait na Kalabaw” by Virgilio S. Almario. Ms. Rowena Remiendo, the District coordinator gave an overview of the Tech4Ed. Lastly, Kgw. Elanor Juan introduced the TFYD Corner—her project that aims to motivate pupils to read by putting up a TFYD Corner not only in the library and Placido Elementary School but also in all the daycare centers within Brgy. Talipapa.



Last February 14, 2017, QCPL-Talipapa and QCPL-Pasong Tamo Branches organized an activity in front of their respective branch libraries in celebration of Valentines Day. The activity was participated by parents, guardians, police interns, barangay staff and other people who just passes by. Library staff facilitated an activity entitled “Pick a word, Pick a prize”. The participants picked a word from a jar and they needed to search the word from the dictionary. This activity educates the participants in using the dictionaries in searching words.



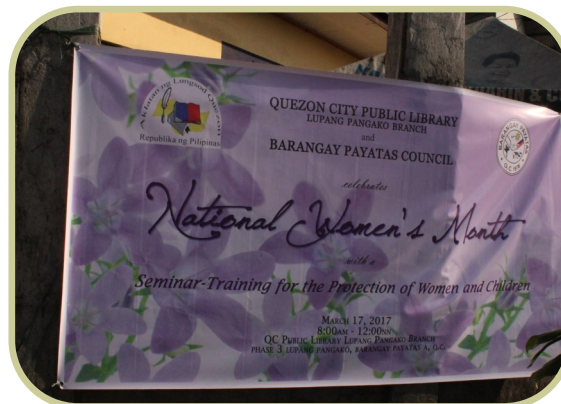
The QCPL– Payatas Lupang Pangako Branch with the support of Barangay Council in celebration of National Women’s Month conducted a “Seminar/Training for the Protection of Women and Children” on March 17, 2017 at QCPL-Lupang Pangako.

The Barangay Council for Protection of Children (BCPC) objective is to protect, to help and to educate the woman and children. It is also a group of people to plan, to lead and to gather data considering the problems of the children in the community. BCPC also review the plans and programs of the Barangay.

The Seminar, was led by three (3) resource speakers from different institution. Mr. Adronico Rosauro Perez-Metran, Youth Development Officer III of Social Services Development Department (SSDD), Ms. Glennie Marie Sina-on, Instructor in Social Work at the Department of Social Work and at the College of Social Work and Community Development in University of the Philippines, and Ms. Carmelite Torrefiel, Community Organizer in Humanitarian Legal Assistance Foundation (HLAF) discussed about the importance of having a Barangay Council for Protection of Children (BCPC), its functions and compositions, the duties and responsibilities of the volunteers, the rights of a child, the accountability of the barangay to promote the welfare of the children, prevention and penalty of the children to the barangay and budget needed by the barangay for a BCPC Project.

The success of this program was possibly done by our hands-on and supportive Brgy. Chairman Ms. Juliet B. Pena and her council, Kgw. Baby Rosario Abordo, Kgw. Alex Arcega and Kgw. Beth Lapay-Carlobos, Ms. Sarina T. Cebujano, Chairman of BCPC in Brgy. Payatas and her staff. Homeowners and other NGOs also participated in the event.

On behalf of our City Librarian, Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva, the Asst. City Librarian Ms. Cynthia DJ Tolado we thanked all participants and awarded certificate of appreciation to our resource speakers.



The QCPL-Greater Project 4 conducted a study which aims to help the staff of the branch and the clientele of the library to be aware about the natural and manmade disaster like earthquake, flood, landslide, typhoon and fire.

The students of Ateneo De Manila University Senior High School chose the Greater Project 4 Library to conduct a survey and interview about the readiness of the staff in terms of natural and manmade disasters for us to know about the hazard that we’re going to encounter and how to refrain from it if it will happen here in our library.

The students made an ocular inspection of the whole building, they checked if there are fire exits, medical kit, fire wall, sprinkler, sturdy bookshelves and if the building structure is well constructed. They suggested the things that are lacking in the building. After a month of study they presented the layout and content of the magazine for approval.

The content of the magazine/ manual is really helpful and informative, this would really helped us and our clients in terms of the preparedness if there is a disaster.



QCPL Puppeteers' Breakout Year

By: Marlyn I. Bautista

2017 is the year where the Children's Corner had shown more success in its activities, especially with the use of its new location at the newly constructed Quezon City Public Library building.

A number of visitors gazed through the building and ended at the Children's Corner here they enjoyed reading and listening to storytelling. Even the parents of the kids were awed by the books and toys at the Children's Corner.

Different schools as part of their activities bring their students here to let them experience the importance of reading story books. And at some instance, they were so amused with some performance of the puppeteers of QCPL.

The puppeteers on the other hand, had made its own identity, being the outdoor part of the children's corner. They made shows to attract children and promote the back-to-reading campaign program of QCPL with their style and method of inducing children, they received lots of invitations to perform in schools and other government and private entities.

The puppeteers are now having hectic schedules in their practice and performance.



QCPL Introduces TouchPay Automated Payment Machine (APM)

By: Manny Boy F. Fajilan



Recipients of eGovernment services of the library uses the newest offering we have, the Automated Payment Machine (APM).

Nowadays, thousands of QC residents use computers in public libraries to access eGovernment services, research information, enroll in distance-learning classes, and even apply job online. These services provide free full access to community; however, QCPL is challenged to innovate its facility to meet growing patron needs.

The library patrons are now able to pay eGovernment services and utility bills via Touchpay's Automated Payment Machine (APM). The APM is a self-service machine provided by the QCPL to the public library clients to conveniently pay in real time for eGovernment services after they settled online applications such as NBI Clearance and PRC and they have option to pay their utility bills such as MERALCO, PLDT and water bills and so on.

All library patrons and visitors can use the self-service payment machine located inside at MIS section for convenience and safety. Payment posts within minutes and a receipt is printed for customers. This APM accepts cash only and has no additional charges.

2017 National Conference of Public Librarians in Davao City

By: Janet B. Alday

This four-day National Conference was attended by Regional, Congressional, Provincial, City and Municipal librarians nationwide and Barangay Reading Centers-In-Charge. The said event, was in coordination with the *National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA)*, *National Committee on Library and Information Services (NCLIS)*, *National Library of the Philippines (NLP)* in partnership with *Davao City Library and Information Center (DCLIC)*.

The first day was spent on traveling by plane from Manila to Davao International Airport, for almost two hours. After arriving at the airport, the group, which consisted of seven QCPL Staff, proceeded immediately to the Conference venue at Apo View Hotel, Bonifacio St., Poblacion District, Davao City, for registration.

On the second day, the opening ceremonies started at 9:00 a.m. There were five (5) speakers on that day. **Ms. Marichu Tellano**, OIC, Executive Director National Commission for Culture and the Arts discussed the United Nation 2030 Agenda, under which the Priorities under President Duterte's Administration Linking Ambisyon Natin 2040 to the PDP 2017-2022 and the President's 0+10 Economic Agenda and 10 Social Development. **Ms. Elvira B. Lapuz**, Ex-Officio, PLAI, discussed the PLAI 10 point Agenda, and as introduction, she mentioned that the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI) is the only nationally accredited professional organization of librarians in the Philippines to date. At present, it serves as the umbrella organization for all library groups in the country. Ms. Lapuz, also discussed the following:

The UN General Assembly Resolution 70/1 adopted in September 25, 2015,

The UN 2030 Agenda process and IFLA's advocacy.

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

SDG's and how relevant they are to libraries.

How libraries contribute to sustainable development and SDG's and;

lastly the UN Agenda 2030 implementation at the National Level.

The third speaker, **Mr. Michael Pinto**, President, PLAI, discussed some of the proposal to amend the R.A. 9246 also known as "the Philippine Librarianship Act of 2003". In addition, Mr. Pinto gave an insight on the updates of CPD (Continuing Professional Development) specifically on how many credit units to be taken by the librarians, such as if your license will be expired on January-June 2017, no requirements yet, however July-December it will require 15 credit units; for 2018 30 credit units while 2019 onwards 45 unit credits are required. In the afternoon session, our Resource speaker was **Mr. Edgardo B. Quiros**, Chief Information Technology Division (ITD), NLP, wherein he discussed on how the library become an access to the community. He said that "We need to bring the library to Juan" meaning that the information will be accessible to all in terms of library materials, access mechanism, cost of access collection etc. and in order to do this he said that we need to change our attitude, we need to be service oriented, know our clients, know our collection and lastly we need to know our library services. At the end of his talk he said that "the library is no island" so we need to create, share and collaborate. The last speaker, is **Mr. Jilven T. Amar**, Head, Training Section, PLD, NLP his topic was Building Library Connection, he emphasized that we are living in the digital age and in order that our libraries will continue its existence he said that we need to connect, collaborate so that we can build strong communities. He also added that the librarians should have the three (3) qualities he called it ABC, A stands for Ability, B for Brain or intellect and C is for Connection. Lastly, he mentioned How to build our Connection he said that we need the desire, intention, purpose, plan, preparation, act in order to sustain.

The third day was a busy schedule for the conference, because there were many topics to be discussed The speaker in the morning session was **Ms. Jennifer B. Dimasaca**, Asst. Chief, PLD, wherein she talked about Creating a Collaborative Culture in your library. Ms. Dimasaca mentioned, "Collaboration is not simply a series of prescriptive steps to follow when one organization wants to partner with another; instead collaboration is a way of being." She also mentioned the Benefits of Collaboration:

New practices are introduced

Learning for both parties

Renewed enthusiasms

Increased visibility for libraries

Working together to find a solution and if we applied it, she said that as end result: Better, Efficient and Effective Services for Library Users.



Mr. Ari Katz, Regional Director, Beyond Access and Country Director, IREX/Thailand talked about Partnerships and Collaborations: Best Practices in ASEAN. Followed by **Dr. Angelo Juan O. Ramos**, Executive Director, Molave Development Foundation, Inc. wherein he discussed about How Libraries be catalysts for Technopreneurship. A parallel Session were done in the Afternoon Session, wherein, **Ms. Mariza G. Chico**, Head, Technical Services Section, QCPL presented something about the Public and School Librarians Working Together for a Common Good. She discussed about the Activities and Programs of the Quezon City Public Library (QCPL) such as Pinoy Reading Buddies, Puppet Show, Film Showing on Culture, History and other Educational Videos, Story Telling, Establishment of Little Free Library (LFL), Organization of School Libraries, Book Mobile Services, Conduct Spelling Bee Contest in partnership with several academic schools. And as her conclusion, she said that Collaboration between QCPL librarians and school librarians is deeply rooted as they rely in each other to promote reading to students to make them life-long learners. Together, they formulate activities that gears towards enjoyable learning experiences. Though QCPL collaborates more with public schools, they also accepts requests from private schools and institutions. At the end of her talk, she quoted inspirational quotes from R. David Lankes "Bad libraries build collections, good libraries build services, great libraries build communities"

After the strenuous activities, a Cultural Fellowship Night was held, wherein different regions presented their talents. And to highlight the evening, a short but meaningful awarding was conducted in which the QCPL was awarded as one of the Most Innovative Library in the Philippines for 21st Century Services and Spaces.

On the last day of the conference, the group went to the Plenary Hall to listen to the Round Table Discussion: NLP's Present and Future Partners. The panelists were Ms. Maria Teresa M. Camba, Executive Director, Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT); Ms. Maribel T. Buenaobra, Program Director, The Asia Foundation; Ms. Bettina Quimson, Presidential Adviser on Economics Affairs and Information Technology Communications; and Ms. Emmy Lou V. Delfin, Program Manager e-Innovation Group, Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT). After that, the signing of Memorandum of Agreement between NLP and HWPL followed, headed by Mr. Lyn Kim, General Manager, Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light (HWPL). It was also announced, that the Quezon City will be the next host for the National Conference of Librarians for the year 2018. After this, the Closing Ceremonies followed.

After the ceremony, the group proceeded immediately to the Davao International Airport, Davao City for their flight back to Manila, bringing with them the overwhelming knowledge they acquired from the conference.

Barangay Modernization Program

By: Mariza G. Chico

Barangay Modernization Program (BMP) is a private initiative of Global Library Foundation Philippines chaired by Sen. Leticia Ramon-Shahani that calls for the establishment and computerization of barangay reading centers pursuant to Republic Act (RA) 7743, Section 17 of the Local Government Code, and the National Information Technology Program (NITP). These laws and program provide the legal foundations of public policy and overall government efforts aimed at promoting the moral and intellectual well-being of Filipinos which are vital in nation-building and national development.

The proponent, Global Library Foundation, Philippines or simply Global Lib.Ph, is a non-stock/non-government organization which seeks to democratize knowledge and communication through knowledge-sharing amongst institutions and the public, in general. By an agreement with the National Library of the Philippines (NLP), the Global Lib.Ph was tasked to spearhead the nationwide implementation of the said BMP.

Quezon City government specifically the Quezon City Public Library was invited to be part of the launching of this Barangay Modernization Program, which means that our city will become a beneficiary of the material requirements to implement the program and thus, establish an *e-Library* in a chosen barangay. The QCPL had recommended Barangay Katipunan in District I to be the pilot representative of the city in the launching of BMP, since they have pending request to establish a library or reading center in their area. By way of a *Deed of Trust*, this barangay will receive from the Foundation computers and peripherals and Internet connectivity and thus, enable users to access some one (1) million digitized books and documents from the NLP.

A Project Briefing was held on March 21, 2017 – 10:00 a.m. at QCPL Conference Room, to discuss more about the Foundation and the Barangay Modernization Program, so that all that will be involved could lend their most valuable support to this project that will benefit not only the chosen barangay, but the public in general. All District I Councilors and QCPL Heads together with Councilor Julienne Allyson Rae V. Medalla as Committee Chairman for Education, Science and Technology; Councilor Franz S. Pumaren as the proponent for QC Resolution No. SP-61097, S-2014 “urging every Barangay in Quezon City to create a Barangay Reading Center within their territorial jurisdiction; and Councilor Roderick Paulate as the proponent for the departmentalization of the library and other offices, was invited to attend the project briefing. But, only Councilor Medalla and Councilor Crisologo attend the meeting, the rest of the councilors sent their representatives. However, all have committed to support the program.



QCPL Celebrates National Women's Month with a Seminar-Workshop on Professionalism and Ethical Behavior in the Workplace

By: Mariza G. Chico



The National Women's Month Celebration every March is part of the worldwide observance of the International Women's Day (IWD). This year's 2017 theme **"WE make change work for women"** emphasizes that women should be active drivers in bringing about positive changes, and that they should also reap from development efforts.

QCPL celebrated this event by conducting a Seminar-Workshop for the employees on the topic "Professionalism and Ethical Behavior in the Workplace" held last March 24, 2017 at the QCPL Conference Room. The objective of the seminar-workshop is for the employees to be conscious of our own attitude and how to treat co-workers professionally, in order to achieve productivity and effectiveness in the workplace.

The seminar-workshop was facilitated by a notable Resource Speaker who was a pioneer in the librarian profession in the person of Prof. Teresita DJ. Magbag. She is at present the Chief Librarian of Jose C. Feliciano College Foundation in Dau, Mabalacat City.

Prof. Magbag initially gave the participants background on why National Women's Month is being celebrated, then proceeded with the actual topic on professionalism and ethical behavior in the workplace. She concluded her talk by saying:

"if only people in the workplace practiced, practicing, will practice ethics and professionalism, resignations, terminations, and demotions will be lessened; if only people in the workplace are ethics conscious and professional in all their dealings, it would be joyful and meaningful to work with them; if only everybody follows rules, regulations and policies, everything will be smooth and less problems.

But people are born of different parents, different environments, different values, went to different schools etc. So if one company has 100 employees, that means there will be 100 different human beings to work with.

Despite selective recruitment and hiring is being done by the Human Resource Department, there will still be problems in the way ethics and professionalism is expected of each and everyone in the organization. Constant reminders, memos and in-service training are important in the workplace."

The celebration was indeed a success, for it was attended by almost one hundred (100) employees from Main and Branch Libraries engaged in a participative way of listening to a seminar.

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Mission: The public library, the local gateway to knowledge, provides the basic condition of life long learning. It shall provide access to all printed, cultural, historical, intellectual and literary heritages of the country and other information sources and ensures the preservation and conservation of these materials through the technological innovations for the use of the future generations.

Clientele: The general public from all walks of life.

Branch Libraries: 19

LIBRARY HOURS: Monday-Friday-8:00-5:00pm / Saturday-8:00-4:00 pm

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Road 15 cor. Road 19 Barangay, Bahay Toro, Project 8, Quezon City

Project 7

Bansalanganin corner Palomaria St. Brgy. Veterans, Quezon City

Balingasa

Second Floor, Crisologo Bldg. Brgy., Balingasa, Quezon City

Masambong

Capoas St., Brgy. Masambong Quezon City

Bagong Pag-asa

Road 9, Corner Road 11, Brgy. Bagong Pag-asa, Quezon City

DISTRICT II & VI

Pasong Tamo

Brgy. Pasong Tamo, Quezon City

Talipapa

Brgy. Talipapa, Quezon City

Payatas LP

Lupang Pangako, Brgy. Payatas B, Quezon City

Payatas Landfill

Landfill, Brgy Payatas B, Quezon City

DISTRICT III

Greater Project 4

Tuazon Ave., Barangay Marilag, Q.C.

Escopa II

Escopa II proper, Infront of Basketball court

Brgy. Escopa II, Quezon City

Escopa III

PUD Site Bliss, Brgy. Escopa III, Quezon City

DISTRICT IV

Cubao

Ground Floor, Lion's Int'l Bldg. Brgy. Kamuning, Quezon City

Galas

Second Floor, Barangay Hall, Brgy. San Isidro-Galas, Quezon City

Roxas

Jasmin St. Brgy. Roxas, Quezon City

Krus na Ligas

2nd Floor, Daza Hall, Brgy. Krus na Ligas, Quezon City

Horseshoe

Sunset Drive, Brgy. Hall, Brgy. Horseshoe, Quezon City

DISTRICT V

Novaliches

SB Library Building, Quirino Highway Nova, Quezon City

Lagro

Brgy. Greater Lagro Plaza, Quezon City