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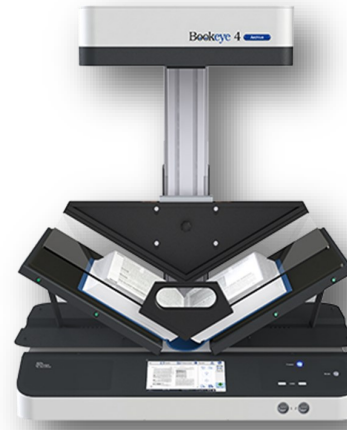
## PRESERVING QCPL'S LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTIONS THRU DIGITIZATION

By: *Esmeralda Cadeliña*

Would you like to keep a digital copy of some old books, newspaper articles or bound documents? If so, a scanner will do the job and - in some cases - you will be able to keep the originals for good and that's what the Quezon City Public Library is currently accomplishing for this year. This digitization project started way back 2013 with a basic scanner that can scan a maximum of 3-4 books per day. However, that kind of scanner is time consuming with a very few and low quality outcomes. This project needs to produce volumes of high quality scanned materials that can be made possible with the help of the newly acquired BookEye 4 V2 Kiosk Scanner in which the following can be gained from this equipment:

- Scanning newspapers, magazines and souvenir programs.

- Digitizing files from file folders.
- Digitizing bound and stapled documents like city resolutions and ordinances.



**BookEye 4 Kiosk Scanner**

- Preserving rare books and sensitive historical documents.
- In libraries, especially in an archival section, a scanner like this is often found as an integral part of the infrastructure. BookEye 4 V2 Kiosk is equipped with a V-shaped book cradle, a built in touchscreen and a preview screen to control the scanned images.

The integrated computer with a fast gigabit network connection enables using the scanner as a stand-alone unit or allows the operator to control image quality and make some modifications on the fly. The integrated V-cradle can be locked at a 120-degree angle. Source documents can be scanned in folder mode, either lying flat or in the more gentle V-cradle position for highly sensitive historical books and other source documents. The V-shaped book cradle reduces the risk of damage to the spine and binding, making archiving and digitization a less invasive process. Scanned images can be output to USB, eMail, network, printer or on a mobile device like an iPad or Android tablet.

Truly, preserving the City's local history collections will preserve our City's valuable records of its beginning and progress.



## City Librarian's Corner

By: Emelita L. Villanueva

Greetings to each and every one!

God has been so good to the Quezon City Public Library particularly this 2017. It was during this year that the construction of the new library building was finished, inaugurated and was opened to the public for reading and research. It was also during this year that the library received various awards and recognitions such as:

- Most Innovative Public Library in the Philippines for 21st Services and Spaces awarded by Beyond Access Philippines on March 2017 during the Conference for Librarians in Davao City.
- Gawad Kampeon ng Silid Aklatan which was awarded by the Association of Libraries in the Public Sector (ALPS) to Mayor Herbert Bautista for genuinely supporting the development and transformation of public libraries and as agent of change in the community and to the Quezon City Public Library for exhibiting creative, innovative and visionary service in the field of public librarianship in the country. given on June 2017 during the 1st National Convention of Public

Librarians in Tuguegarao, Cagayan.

- QCPL was awarded by the Ateneo de Manila University, Office for Social Concern and Involvement (OSCI) in recognition of its invaluable contribution to the Junior Engagement Program (JEEP) SY 2016-2017 which was awarded on May 19, 2017 at the Loyola Schools, Ateneo de Manila University, Loyola Heights, Quezon City signed by the Director of the OSCI) Leland R. Dela Cruz, Ph. D.
- And just recently, QCPL was recognized and was awarded Local Outstanding Volunteers Award (LOVA) 2017 being an outstanding volunteer and partner organization of the Community Relations Office.

Through this corner, as the City Librarian, I wanted to say that libraries are important. Not only to our students but to senior citizens, people with disabilities (PWDs), the children and even the minorities and peoples in jail. All of us have an obligation to support libraries. To use libraries and to encourage others to use libraries. If you do not value libraries then you do not value information or culture or wisdom or history. We have responsibilities to the future. We have to preserve and pro-

tect knowledge and encourage literacy. We have to let voices of the past be heard through books and other written materials and not to be silent for this will damage the future of the next generations. It is our responsibility and obligation to what the children will become in the future. We have to value reading so as to create worthwhile citizens.

Thus, the Quezon City Public Library has committed to provide quality resources to meet the challenging needs of the community through innovative techniques for the advancement of learning and literacy.

But then, let it be known that the QCPL's vision, mission and achievements will never be fulfilled without the help and support of the Quezon City Government officials, particularly the City Mayor, Herbert M. Bautista. He has been instrumental in the transformation of the QCPL into a world class institution, and we will forever be grateful to him.

In 2018, QCPL will be moving forward to be a model public library and contribute to the aspirations of the librarianship profession.

To God be the glory!

## CHINESE DELEGATES GOES TO QCPL

*By: Mary Ann L. Bernal*

The National Commission on Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) hosted Chinese delegates from Qingdao Municipal Bureau of Culture, Broadcasting, Press and Publication, and from Qingdao Municipal Library.

This is in line with the multicultural agreement between the Republic of the Philippines and the People's Republic of China, to further develop and strengthen cultural exchanges between both countries. Part of the itinerary for the delegates is to visit different types of libraries.



*From left to right: first to third in line Chinese delegates, fourth in line Ms. Mary Ann L. Bernal– Head, Reference Section, fifth Ms. Mariza G. Chico-Head, Technical Services Section, sixth Ms. Cherry Milquidez of NLP & the last two are Chinese delegates too.*

Fortunately, they chose Quezon City Public Library for a library tour on October 23, 2017. The delegates were: Ms. Yu Jing, Mr. Ren Guoxin & Ms. Guo Minmin- Director, Officers- Admin Office respectively of Qingdao Municipal Library of China, Ms. Cui Xia - Vice Director, Public Culture Office, Municipal Bureau of Culture, Broadcast Publication, and last but not the least Mr. Jiang Haitao – Secretary of Cultural Office of China who also mentioned in a conversation that we may write to the Chinese Embassy here in the Philippines for solicitation of library materials and they will be willing to donate in gratefulness on the very good reception given to them. They were accompanied by the Asian and Oceanic Section (AOS) of National Library of the Philippines (NLP) Tomasito Fernando and Cherry Milquidez.

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The Chinese Delegates were quite amazed of the QCPL users. We served the tour to show the premises of different sections and services as shown in the photos.

QCPL was dubbed as one of the favorite destinations when it comes to public libraries in the Philippines. And because of the state-of-the-art architectural design it became one of the \*top ten most visited library in Metro Manila. And this is in line with the great vision of the beloved Mayor Herbert Bautista and Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte.



Recognizing also the vigorous efforts of our two earnest and energetic leading QCPL officials Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva, City Librarian and Ms. Cynthia DJ. Tolado, Assistant City Librarian together with the QCPL officers in promoting the best practices and be a model public library here in the Philippines, as well as to be acknowledged by other countries, like China who just visited QCPL and was able to experience the hospitality of QCPL to tourist guests like them.

*“Librarians are tour-guides for all of knowledge”*

*-Henri Frederic Amiel*



*Above& Middle photos: Chinese delegates at the QCPL’s lobby welcomed by the Reference Section head, Ms. Mary Ann L. Bernal.*

*Below photo: Chinese delegates at the QCPL’s Multi-Media & Internet Section (MIS) with Reference Section head, Ms. Mary Ann L. Bernal at far left explaining the section’s function together with MIS Head Mr. Charles A. Pasicolan at far right.*

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## 2 QCPL STAFF AMONG THE FEATURED LIBRARIANS BY CNN PHILIPPINES

By: Mariza G. Chico

Last November 29, 2017, CNN Philippines in their Life Section cover story, featured six (6) Filipino Librarians on how they celebrate reading in the digital age written by Ms. Anna Bueno. Two (2) of them are from the Quezon City Public Library namely Ms. Mariza G. Chico – Head of the Technical Services Section and Ms. Fe. B. Gomez – Head of the Library Extension/Outreach Services.

Mariza Chico and Fe Gomez call themselves “embedded librarians”. Librarians should be part of the community, they say, and both are active in cascading what free resources the Quezon City Public Library has to offer — and there are many.

Recognized as one the best public libraries in the Philippines, the library boasts of various online academic resources, a collection that includes children’s books, as well as Filipiniana, periodicals, and law materials, several meeting rooms, and a cozy café for when studying takes its toll. It’s not hard to imagine why Chico and Gomez are proud of the work they do, but their devotion goes a long way — they have been librarians when facilities were scarce and upgrades were a long time coming. “Nung nasa old building, sa isang araw, like a Saturday, ‘di lang 50 [‘yung visitors]. Ang style namin, pila sa labas. Nung wala pang computers, punung-puno dito, may nagbabasa na sa floor,” Gomez recalls. “Ang ginagawa

ng OIC namin noon, ‘pag may lumabas na 10 o 5, magpapapasok ulit,” Chico adds. “That time, hindi pa ganoon [ka] conducive, dahil usually ceiling fan supported may ilang aircons lang.”

“Sa hapon mag-shelve ka pa ng books na balibaligtad,” adds Gomez. “Parang na-



Ms. Mariza G. Chico & Ms. Fe B. Gomez

ransack ‘yung shelves!” laughs Chico. “Isa-isahin mo ‘yan. That was the 90s to late 2004. Bago nagboost ng technology.”

Today, the two veteran librarians (Chico, who is also a licensed teacher, has been with the library for 17 years, while Gomez celebrates 25) give back, capitalizing on their professions to coax Filipinos back to reading. “Lalabas ka sa community, magtuturo ka sa kanila. Meron kaming volunteerism, dinadala namin itong Book Mobile [a mobile library] sa remote areas na kung tawagin ay ‘Library Without Walls,’” says Gomez. All the while they are aware of the evolved role of librarians in a community still making sense of a deluge of information. Even, and es-

pecially with, their teaching backgrounds, they continue to learn and mimic best practices that they share to less-privileged communities around the Philippines. “‘Di lang kami nandito lang sa isang area, sa isang room,” says Chico. “We go out. ‘Di lang kami librarians, teachers, all in one na kami eh. Dapat multitasker ka na, marami ka nang alam.”

The librarians keep a busy schedule, even as they attend to the painstaking work of maintaining a repository of knowledge. But the biggest perk is seeing the world even as they stay in one place. “We come across people from all walks of life — children, senior citizens, professionals, housewives, out of school youth,” says Chico. “That’s our only difference with the school libraries. Everyone comes here.”

The other four (4) librarians interviewed by CNN Philippines on the subject mentioned were Sabrina Ongkiko of Culiati Public Elementary School Library, Vernon Totanes of Rizal Library, Melanie Ramirez of National Library of the Philippines and John Silva of Ortigas Foundation Library. Their comments too on the topic aforementioned can be found at the link source: <http://cnnphilippines.com/life/culture/2017/11/29/librarians-of-manila.html#>.

Indeed, QCPL librarians will go all the way either to reach out or to bring clientele to the library by any means educational as possible.

# **B**ook Launch: *I can finally read !*

*By: Alistair Troy B. Lacsamana*



*From left to right: Mr. Miguel Patolot-LFL Philippines Convenor, Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva-QCPL City Librarian, Olivia Limpe Au-Chamber of Commerce of the Philippine Island, Denisse Venturanza-Chamber of Commerce of the Philippine Island, Julie Weygan-Aparato (author), Mark LM Quinn-Chair Max Quinn Memorial, Todd Bol-LFL Organization Founder.*

Ms. Aparato's book "I can finally read! : a guide to building a community based literacy program in the urban poor communities" published by Little Free Library Philippines was launched in simple ceremonies at the conference room of the Quezon City Public Library last November 27, 2017. In attendance were LFL founder Todd Bol, Mark Quinn, father of the late Max Quinn, an LFL Philippines volunteer, Chamber of Commerce of the Philippine Islands, Max's Foundation, Valenzuela Public Library, PEKK, Learning Links, IClip, Culiat High School, Cubao Elementary School, QC Public Library led by City Librarian, Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva and LFL Philippines convenor Miguel Patolot.

In Ms. Aparato's short speech, she narrated how the book came to be via a video presentation wherein a reader was slowly reading a book by syllables and during the end part was in awe that he can finally read. She hopes that thru this book more non-readers or struggling readers especially in the informal sector will be able to read. Quezon City Public Library is happy to host gatherings such as these in its goal to popularize reading among the youth. Incidentally, the date of the book launch coincides with Araw ng Pagbasa.

For a copy of the book, it can be purchased for P350 and is available thru LFL Philippines. Please contact Mr. Miguel Patolot thru email: [mpatolotlittlefreelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:mpatolotlittlefreelibrary@gmail.com).

## Benchmarking & International Conference With the Theme: “Cross-Institutional Collaborations: Challenges and Opportunities in Dubai & Abu Dhabi, UAE

By: Jennifer R. Leoncio

Seven participants from the Quezon City Public Library led by the City Librarian Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva attended a 6-day Benchmarking & International Conference in Dubai & Abu Dhabi, UAE conducted by the Philippine Association of Academic /Research Libraries, Inc., (PAARL) together with Ms. Cynthia DJ. Tolado-Asst. City Librarian, Ms. Janet B. Alday-Librarian II, Records Section Head, Donna Mae G. Estoque-Librarian II, Analiza C. Martinez-Librarian II, Jennifer R. Leoncio-Librarian I and Cherry M. Taruc-Librarian I, Secretary to the City Librarian.

On its eight year of benchmarking libraries, PAARL had chosen the progressive City of Dubai, UAE as one of the most developed countries for its ultramodern architectures, industries and modern technology. United Arab Emirates is at the same time a treasury of traditional culture, arts and performing arts with world heritage site. Libraries nowadays are coming together in the form of consortia for a number of reasons, such as: resource sharing; inter-literary loans; negotiating prices and terms from vendors for group purchasing plans; exploring the possibility of a collaborative infrastructure for institutional repositories, cooperatives cataloging, and digital publishing, promoting cooperative print management; and multi-educational

approach to technology development, among others. Collaboration promotes shared vision and common goals among members, reduces duplication of efforts, shared costs and rare technological resources, and fosters the development of the better technologies, infrastructure, and information services. Despite these benefits that cross-institutional collaboration offers, some libraries are still reluctant in joining consortia. In this conference, the advantages, disadvantages, issues, challenges, and opportunities in concept of cross-institutional collaboration to provide a venue for libraries/librarians to network, to establish international partners/linkages, to learn how to from best practices and experiences of the other institutions and to learn how to further develop nurture and expand existing partnerships or collaborative projects/programs.

This event was highlighted with visits to well-selected academic, public library, research libraries and information centers, archives, and cultural heritage sites as follows:

### DAY 1 – October 22, 2017

The first day was spent on traveling from Quezon City Public Library as point of origin of the group, going to NAIA Terminal 1. The group boarded in Thai Airways via TG 621 Manila to Bangkok Suvarnabhumi Air for almost 3 hours & TG 517 Bangkok to Dubai International Airport or almost six (6) hours & was oriented by assigned Local Tourist Guide on the

itinerary, and then proceeded immediately at the assigned hotel, the Arabian Park Hotel, Al Jadaf Street, Behind Latifa Hospital, Al Jadaf United Arab Emirates.

### Day 2 – October 23, 2017

- Registration of Participants

The start of the full day International Conference at the Arabian Park Hotel.

8:00 - 9:00 Registration of Participants

9:00 - 9:30 Opening Ceremonies

9:30 – 10:30 AM

**Dr. Raysa C. Alenzuela** – An expert Manager at the Nazarbayev University Library.

Topic 1: “Professional Mobility and Institutional Cooperation in Kazakhstan: A Model Dynamic Library Services in Asia”.

Open Forum

10:30 – 11:30AM

**Ms. Ana Maria B. Fresnido** – Technical Services Librarian at De La Salle University Libraries.

**Mr. Jesus Raymond Mijares** - De La Salle: College of St. Benilde. Learning Resources Center.

Topic 2: “Philippine Library Consortia: Priorities and Perspectives.”

Objectives:

Open Forum

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LUNCH BREAK: 11:30 – 1:00PM

1:00 – 2:00PM

**Ms. Janice DC. Peñaflor** – Coordinator: Technical Services at De La Salle University Libraries.

Topic 3: “Facebook and Librarians: A Content Analysis of Facebook Pages of Professional Organizations in the Philippines?”

Open Forum

2:00 – 3:00PM

**Elizabeth B. Padilla** – Readers Services Librarian at De La Salle University Libraries;

**Ms. Ana Maria B. Fresnido** – Technical Services Librarian at De La Salle University Libraries.

Topic 4: “Using Resource Sharing Data for Informed Collection Development.

Open Forum

HEALTH BREAK: 3:00 – 3:30PM

3:30 – 4:30PM

**Ms. Evelyn P. Nabus** – Chief Librarian at the Colegio De San Juan De Letran in Calamba, Laguna.

Topic 5: “Texting Messaging: Not only for Reference Services”

Open Forum

4:30 – 4:45PM

Closing Remarks and Awarding of Certificates.

After the conference the group met at the hotel lobby for its culmination night at Dhow Dinner Cruise. Cruising down Dubai creek was a novel experience, one which you cannot miss when in Dubai. Imagine yourself on having buffet dinner on a Dhow Cruise with fascinating lights of Dubai Creek

with magic, music and Tanoura dance. At about 9:30 pm the group drop-off at the hotel.

### **Day 3 – October 24, 2017**

The start of “Definitely Dubai” benchmarking tour.

**Canadian University of Dubai.** The library or learning resource center is located at the ground floor of building A of the university campus. The Learning Resource Center houses the print collection of over 11,000 thousand items consisting of books, journals, newspapers and a wide range of e-resources access to over 32,835 e-journals, and over 170,000 thousand e-books. This electronic resources are accessible on and off campus 24/7, so that the campus can fulfill its aim of independent learning, research and personal improvement.

**AUD Library University.** The library at the American university in Dubai provides a collection of print, multi-media and online digital resources to support the university’s teaching and research objectives. The Library opens on Sundays and Wednesdays, 8:00am to 11:00pm; Thursdays 8:00am to 7:00pm; Fridays and Saturdays, 1:00pm to 10:00pm. The guiding principle underlying the university’s establishment is bringing the American education system to the region without interfering with or challenging the culture or values of the local community.

### **University of Wollongong in Dubai.**

The library is located on the first floor of block 14, knowledge park. The library is a rich academic resource for students, staff and alumni of UOWD. The Library is open from 7:30am to 9:30pm (Sunday – Thursday) and 10:00am to 5:00pm (Saturdays). In

addition to which, electronic information can be accessed via the Library website 24 hours a day through a UOW email account (SOLS). Alongside a comprehensive range of print and electronic information, the library hosts 103 individual study carrels, group study rooms, new laptop and desktop computers and an enclosed computer lab with 25 terminals, photocopying and color printing facilities. There is a dedicated space for research students and a specialist research librarian is in post.

After UOWD, the group proceeded to a local restaurant for lunch at IBIS Hotel. After lunch the group returned to hotel and meet again at the lobby for desert safari tour. We were picked up by 4x4 land cruiser driven by professional safari drivers. The tour started in the afternoon across the desert of Dubai wherein the group stopped for photo shoot and watched the beautiful sunset. The drive continued across the desert before reaching the campsite. At the campsite, the group had buffet dinner and experienced belly dancing, Tanoura and fire dance show.

### **Day 4 - October 25, 2017**

The bus picked up the group after breakfast at the hotel to begin the full day Abu Dhabi and Dubai city tour. The group proceeded to Abu Dhabi, capital of the Emirates, known as the Arabian Jewel. Photo stop at Sheik Zayed Grand Mosque, also known as The White Mosque – The Largest Mosque in UAE, entered Sheik Zayed Grand Mosque (strict dress



code for women – sleeveless & short pants are not allowed. Need to wear shawl. All women to wear Arabic called Hijab or long dress attire. For Men – Short pants are not allowed, men need to wear long sleeves or jacket). Jebel Ali Port, the biggest man – made port in the world is one of the landmarks that we passed by on the way to Abu Dhabi. On arrival, we visited the Women’s Handcraft Center, admired the skill and dexterity of local ladies making traditional handcrafts. The tour proceeded to Abu Dhabi’s oldest building, Al Husn Palace built in 18<sup>th</sup> century. At the Petroleum Exhibition Center the group learned about “black gold” (oil), and then enjoyed a magnificent view of the city after driving along the beautiful Corniche to the Breakwater. Before returning, we visited the Dhow Yard, where wooden ships are still being built using simple tools. The group had lunch at a local restaurant—Radisson Blu Hotel. The group returned to Dubai to commence the Dubai City Tour on historical sites and vibrant cosmopolitan tour. The group made a stop at its famous landmark, Burj Al Arab for a photo shoot then afterwards proceeded to Jumeirah, the picturesque palace and residential area of Dubai, also , home of the famous Jumeirah Mosque. Passing by the Sheikh Saeed House (former residence of the ruling family), the tour continued to Al Bastakiya, an old part of Dubai in order to reach the museum located in Al Fahidi Fort. We also visited Dubai Miracle Garden, which features more than 45 million blooming flowers in stunning designs, awesome shapes and



*Left to right: Jennifer R. Leoncio, Cynthia DJ. Tolado, Janet B. Alday (at the entrance of the Historical Archives in Abu Dhabi)*

structures. An eye-catching color combination achieved through 45 different flower varieties and color. It is a Guinness record holder for having “The Largest Vertical Garden” as of March 2013. The group had dinner at a local restaurant then returned to Arabian Park Hotel.

#### **Day 5 - October 26, 2017**

The library visit continued at day five wherein the group already checked – out and deposited luggage at the concierge. The last library visited was the Dubai Public Library.

**Dubai Public Library.** The services of Dubai Public Library can be classified into three main sections: Basic services, Electronic services and Supporting services. Under the basic services the library provides information services, reference services, borrowing service, and recently,

publication services. Electronics services include automated search, databases, Internet, multimedia and wireless access and the last, the Supporting Services which include classroom reservation, hall reservation, handicapped services, photocopying, printing, fax, spiral binding, lamination, scanning, slide printing, and document storage on CDs

The group left Dubai Public Library and then proceeded to Burj Al Khalifa Dubai too see and experience the thrill of a lifetime megatall skyscraper. This was the last day of our Dubai, UAE benchmarking tour before departure to the Philippines. After lunch at a local restaurant the group was allowed to do some souvenir shopping at the Mall of Dubai. After which, the group drove towards Dubai International Airport for departure via Thai Airways—TG518 flight to Bangkok.

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### **Day 6 – October 27, 2017**

The Group arrived at the NAIA Terminal 3, Manila, Philippines via Thai Airways- TG620 flight. Upon arrival, all the participants went on their way home.

Dubai and Abu Dhabi are definitely an amazing place to benchmark at. All libraries are carpeted and equipped with modern facilities. Most of them are self-service since facilities and equipment are mostly automatic. There is also the presence of librarian/library staff, but more on doing the technical works.

Nevertheless, the infrastructures and technologies in Philippine libraries (academic, special, school and some public libraries) are at par with Dubai and that of Abu Dhabi. We can proudly say that Philippine libraries have improved and are continually improving their service by adopting innovative ideas and technologies to serve the clientele efficiently and effectively.

Thanks to the Quezon City government particularly to the Honorable Mayor Herbert M. Bautista, that made this once in a lifetime benchmarking experience possible.



*The participants holding their Certificate of Participation of the Conference .*



*Right: QCPL staff together with other participants inside the Dubai Learning Resource Center*



*The City Librarian, Emelita L. Villanueva 3rd from left and her staff together with Librarians of the American University in Dubai Library, UAE*

## GOD'S LOVE AND JOY

By: Lucila R. Raquiño

The QCPL for the past 9 years has been conducting values formation, thanks to Mam Rose Belmonte for introducing to the QCPL good leaders in Christ. What's also important is that it was embraced by the City Librarian, Emelita Villanueva, to have continuing values formation since then. What's good in our values formation is that it incorporates work ethics and values formation with the words of God.

The nine years of attending and listening to our values formation sessions was not that easy especially if your mind and heart is not into it. Not all that you hear retains in your mind or enters the very cell of your heart. It takes a lot of prayers and perseverance that God's words and spirit will transform the mind and heart of the listener.

One of the most striking session I have attended was the session conducted last December 11, 2017 wherein our speaker was Pastor Saturnino Balajadia, one of the senior pastors of the Christ Commission Fellowship CCF). He talked all about "unconditional love". Can we love the unlovable? Can we love those who don't love us? Can we forgive those who have wronged us and has done us so much pain? Who can, but only those who have God's spirit in their hearts for sure.

Pastor Sat (as he is called) explained to us all about LOVE with so much passion that he has touched the hearts of many. For not all knows where the real love and joy come. "Just give love and don't expect in return", he said. "The love given by God to us is enough to give us the JOY we need". No material things, money, power, cars, luxurious materials can give us the love and the inner joy we can feel inside our hearts except the love from God. "We should not find the joy in material things, even from our families. These are only temporary. The love and joy God gives us is more than enough and is eternal", Pastor Sat reiterated.

"It's not important if others don't love us. What is important is we love these people who don't love and even hates us. We should not allow these people to rob the love and joy we have. We all have the choice. We all make decisions, good or bad. We have to decide to accept Jesus as our God and decide to bring joy and love to others. *(1 John 4:9-11 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.)*

Forgive as God has forgiven our sins. Love first, because God loved us first, said Pastor Sat. Fill your hearts with God's spirit, for only in God's spirit can we feel the real love, and only God's real love is eternal and everlasting. *(Romans 5:2-5 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because **God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.**)*

In this world of misunderstanding, hatred, bad and fake news, gossips, envy, anger, power, all these are contributory to a sinful world. Thus, we should not conform to this world. Let us all be children of God. *(1 John 3:1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so, we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.)*

## RFID Technology in the Library

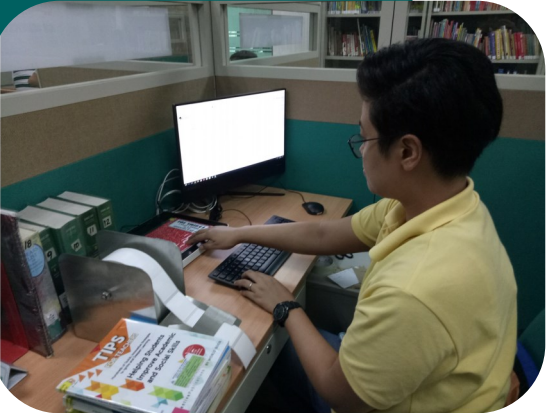
*By: Andria Renee Teope*



*RFID tags that is placed in library books*



*RFID security gate for theft detection*



*A Librarian activating RFID tags*

QCPL has adopted another innovation in technology; from eBooks, eGovernment services, online journals and digitalization, now comes RFID.

Radio-frequency identification or RFID is a wireless radio system to input data in a tag attached to an object, such as book for identifying and tracking. RFID tags contain computer microchip that can store information about the book such as title, author and its unique control number. This is the latest technology for theft detection, but beyond security it is also a tracking system which makes charging, discharging, inventory and materials handling much more efficient. Unlike barcode that you need to find the labels and scan them one by one, RFID uses sightless identification for a variety of applications and can read multiple microchips at a time. Magnetic strips, the predecessor of library security, do not hold data and cannot be used for circulation or inventory control. RFID is like barcode and magnetic strip combine and much more.

By embracing this new process, QCPL became the first public library in the Philippines that uses RFID. Security gates are already installed in the Main Library and Novaliches branch, while the Technical Services librarians are currently tagging books and activating the microchips. The library administration plans on putting RFID technology in all QCPL District Libraries.

*By embracing this new process, QCPL became the first public library in the Philippines that uses RFID.*

## QCPL Librarians Attended PLAI Congress 2017

By: Ma. Victoria S. Manuel

The Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI) in partnership with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) through the National Committee on Libraries and Information Services (NCLIS) and the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) conducted its Annual National Congress last November 21-24, 2017 at the SMX Convention Center, Bacolod City, Negros Occidental with the theme “**Libraries Take Action: Providing Access and Opportunity for All.**” The event was attended by more than one thousand participants composed of registered librarians from different types of libraries, school administrators, and information professionals.

Registration was made on the first day which was very efficient due to online registration and bank payment. PLAI identification cards with barcode was given as well as the seminar kit. Meetings of different affiliates library organization was also done.

On the 2nd day of the Congress, Ms. Elvira B. Lapuz, Deputy University Librarian of University of the Philippines Diliman discussed the “**UN 2030 Agenda and the Role of Libraries in the Achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals**” which are the following: education, environmental sustainability, economic equality, sustainable development, social justice, equality, inclusive societies, and



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providing safe havens, and lastly, cultural heritage preservation. PLAI invited its Thailand counterpart, Thailand Library Association (TLA). TLA’s representative, Chutima Sacchanand of Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University, Thailand, presented the Thailand’s libraries’ actions towards the achievement of the sustainable development goals. A memorandum of understanding was also signed between PLAI and TLA. Mr. Michael A. Pinto, President of PLAI talked about PLAI’s challenges and opportunities. His talk includes concerns of librarians and suggested solutions.

Parallel sessions of different topics were conducted on the third day of the congress. Quezon City

Public Library’s participants attended the following sessions:

### **Going Green: Sustainable Practices in Philippine Libraries**

Ms. Sharon Maria S. Esposo-Betan of College of Engineering Libraries, University of the Philippines Diliman presented a study that investigates the sustainability practices of Philippine libraries. Criteria of a “Green Building” was enumerated. Ms. Ana Maria B. Fresnido of De La Salle University showcased the features of the first green library in the Philippines, De La Salle University’s the Learning Commons located at the Henry Sy Sr. Hall. The Learning Commons has glass walls, solar panels, dual flush toilets, and gardens.

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### **How to Implement a Makerspace in Your School, Library, or Organization?**

Makerspace, a DIY space where people of the same interest gather together to create, invent and learn. Mr. Gino Cariño of Makerspace Manila shared a roadmap for developing a Makerspace because every Makerspace program is tailored according to the community that it caters to.

### **Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) for Libraries: Advocating Free and Accessible Learning Opportunities**

MOOC was introduced by Mr. Jan-ny S. Surmieda of Ateneo de Manila University as a new learning environment or platform. An online course aimed at large-scale interactive participation and open access via the web. In addition to traditional course materials such as videos, readings, and problem sets, MOOCs provide interactive user forums that help build a community for the students and professors. MOOCs are a recent development in distance education.

### **Librarians as Agent of Knowledge Development: Writing to Influence, Impacting to Change**

Ms. Joyce P. Deloso of Negros Occidental Provincial Library encouraged and inspired her fellow librarians to become effective agents of knowledge development. She shared her experiences and challenges while writing her books. She also shared effective

strategies on how to write a book.

### **Yolanda Archiving: Librarians in Action**

Super typhoon Yolanda took thousands of life, destroyed massive properties, displaced four million individuals and affected sixteen million people. Eastern Visayas librarians with the help of Mr. Hiroshi Kawamura, the Vice-President of Assistive Technology Development Organization took action by gathering accounts and memories of super typhoon Yolanda. The project aimed to build an archive collection including photos, videos and drawings of children, gather survivors' memories and experiences and to preserve the historical significance brought about by a natural calamity.

### **eMuseum: A Multi-Platform Deployment of the Cultural Heritage of the Province of Batangas Employing Immersive Virtual Reality**

First Asia Institute of Technology and Humanity (FAITH) presented the development of a 3D virtual tour eMuseum to promote Batangas' history, heritage, culture and notable people. Since all has the opportunity or time to visit a physical museum, FAITH's librarians came up with an idea of creating an eMuseum with the help of their students. Their eMuseum has three modes: video, tour and virtual reality.

### **Breaking Barriers: Financial Literacy to Success**

The congress didn't just focus on professional development of the librarians but it also touched the personal needs and development. Participants were educated to manage financial resources effectively for a lifetime of financial well-being. The session includes learning the skills to create a budget, the ability to track spending, formula of saving, investment opportunities and effectively planning for retirement.

The fourth day of the congress focused on the promotion of inclusive and equitable access to information. The initiatives of the NLP to promote such was presented by Ms. Dolores D. Carungui. The role of information professionals in the LGBTQ+ movement was discussed by Mr. Benedict S. Olgado. The libraries must serve all people regardless of their gender or sexual preference, disabilities, economic status and age.

The congress was a success. It inspired librarians to engage and be proactive agents of knowledge development. Libraries role in the society goes beyond uplifting literacy. Today, libraries help the community to improve people's lives and end poverty in all its forms everywhere. Libraries must be a center of equality and provide inclusive services to all.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER ACTIVITIES

*By: Marlyn I. Bautista*

The Children's Corner of the Quezon City Public Library was preoccupied in the preparation of their indoor activities as well as some of the outdoor shows.

For the month of October, the staff of Children's Corner prepared stories entitled "Climate Change" and "Jesus Loves Us", to awaken the minds of the Children towards the truth and the facts of life and nature.

Also, Children's staff conducted storytelling, puppet shows, library tour and film showing to children from different schools like in Precious Gems and Home Schooling of Marikina. The visitors enjoyed listening to stories, watching puppet shows and film showing about the course of nature. Library tour were done also in Piñahan High School and at Clues Learning Center.

In addition, an outdoor puppet show was also performed for the students of Culiat Elementary School. On October 27, 2017, a Halloween children's party was held at the QCPL's conference room. Snacks and candies were given to the delight of the kids. Last November, the Puppeteers also performed at the Golden Reception and Action Center for the Elderly and Other Special Cases (GRACES). It helped the elderlies to unwind and enjoy. The same was done in Ateneo De Manila on November 20 and on the 28th at Taguig City wherein as usual, majority of the audience were children.

In connection with the "Reading Literacy Month and Children's Right" last November, the Children's Corner sees to it that the kids were given the chance to read under the guidance of its staff. On the other hand, it also encouraged the staff to tell and read new stories such as "Ang Pambihirang Buhok ni Lola". "Bruhaha Bruhihi" as well as old stories in relation to the occasion.

Truly, as time goes by, many schools, institutions in and around Quezon City benefited from these educational tours and shows! Thumbs Up!



*Children from Precious Gem Academy visited QCPL Children's Corner.*



*QCPL Puppet Show at the Ateneo De Manila in celebration of the National Book Week.*



*Mr. Gilbert Gallaza telling story entitled "Climate Change" to the kids present at the Children's Corner.*



*The Lib & Rarry Children's Book Club members participated on the Halloween party of the QCPL Children's Corner.*

## A Gift Giving Program of Quezon City Public Library Outreach Services at the Golden Reception and Action Center for the Elderly and other Special Cases (GRACES)

By: Ms. Fe B. Gomez

In partnership with WeLoveU Foundation, the Quezon City Public Library - Outreach Services conducted a Gift Giving program entitled “Pagkilala sa Kakayahan, Ambag at Paglahok ng mga Matatanda sa Lipunan” for the Senior Citizens at Golden Reception and Action Center for the Elderly and other Special Cases (GRACES) located at Brgy. Santo Cristo, Bago Bantay, Quezon City, last November 15, 2017. The activity was a part of the City Library’s vision, which is to promote reading literacy program to the underserved, senior citizens, people with special needs and less fortunate communities.

The said activity was initiated through the request of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), and carried out with the help of the Library Outreach services, headed by Ms. Fe Gomez. The Gift Giving Activity is considered as the Elderlies Maagang Pamaskong Handog which composed of goods, personal hygiene materials and books for reading and entertainment.

In behalf of the Quezon City Public Library and the City Librarian Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva, Ms. Fe Gomez gave an Inspiration message for the Elderlies. She mentioned the participation of the Senior Citizens in our society.



Boxes of gifts donated by WeLoveYou Foundation with Jeongmaan James Choi—Pres. Of We LoveU Foundation in black suit, Ms. Fe B. Gomez of QCPL 2nd from the left, Ms. Lucila Raquiño of QCPL 5th form the left.



From left to right : Ms. Lucila R. Raquiño (represented the City Librarian) , Jeongmaan James Choi—Pres. Of We LoveU Foundation & Ms. Fe B. Gomez , Head of Outreach Services, received Certificate of Appreciation from GRACES.



Ms. Fe B. Gomez giving inspirational message in behalf of the City Librarian Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva in front of GRACES ' elderlies.



## QCPL-MPC LIVELIHOOD PROGRAM

By: Jennie May Martinez

As the Quezon City Public Library-Multi-Purpose Cooperative (QCPL-MPC) celebrated the Cooperative Month of Year 2017 with the theme: "Cooperative: Empowering the Poor and the Vulnerable Towards inclusive growth and sustainable development, the QCPL-MPC headed by the Education Committee Chairman, Ms. Cynthia DJ. Tolado in partnership with Sikap Buhay, conducted a livelihood seminar on "How to Make a Hand Sanitizer Gel and Powder Detergent" last November 20, 2017. MS. Charito P. Zorilla, Budget officer of Sikap buhay, gave some inspirational talk about Sikap Buhay Entrepreneurship Cooperative. With the help of the trainers, Ms. Catherine Garcia, Ms. Marie Manahan, Ms. Imelda Galban, the participants (cooperative members) showed keen interest and learned new livelihood skills from the demonstrations. The participants were amazed on how it was done by mixing the formulas, and that they can sell it for a cheaper price but in high quality of product. The trainers did not hesitate to share the information on where they can easily buy the materials to be needed. The product produced during the seminar was sold to interested buyers. The potential of these product in the market is huge. Making quality products in a competitive price will help our cooperative members enhance their sales and knowledge in making themselves productive.



Left to right: Ms. Catherine Garcia, Ms. Marie Manahan, Ms. Charito P. Zorilla of Sikap Buhay



Left to right: Keith Marasigan (QCPL-MPC Treasurer), Dolores Posadas (Member, Educ. Comm.), Cynthia DJ. Tolado (Chairman, Educ. Comm.) & Jennie May Martinez (Member, Educ. Comm.) at the registration.



Left to right: Ms. Catherine Garcia, Ms. Imelda Galban of Sikap Buhay demonstrating detergent soap making.

## QCPL BRANCHES CORNER

By District Library Coordinators

### DISTRICT I

**PROJECT 8 BRACH LIBRARY**—Quezon City Public Library conducts *Araw ng Pagbasa* yearly every 27th of November in commemoration of the late Senator Benigno Aquino, Jr., who was born on November 27, 1932. It is an annual reading advocacy program that is simultaneously held by branch libraries through storytelling.

Project 8 Branch Library is one of the branch libraries who cooperated in the simultaneous storytelling activity last November 27, 2017 at exactly 9am, participated by forty-five (45) grade 4 students from Toro Hills Elementary School. It was led by Ms. Mary Grace S. Gallano, an On-the-Job Trainee of Project 8 Branch Library followed by two (2) grade 4 students of THES, Ms. Aman Carpeso and Mr. Kevin Casimiro.



From left: Ms. Manica M. Cortes head librarian, Mr. Denver R. Cadabos – On-the-Job Trainee, students from Toro Hills Elem., Ms. Mary Grace S. Gallano – On-the-Job Trainee, Ms. Antonette L. Fontanilla – On-the-Job Trainee, Mr. Ignacio A. Beltran – Library Staff, Ms. Arvie A. Opiña – Teacher-Adviser of Grade 4 participants, and Ms. Julie G. Domingono – Library Staff.



Ms. Manica M. Cortes, head librarian of QCPL - Project 8 Branch Library introduced *Araw ng Pagbasa* to the Grade 4 students of Toro Hills Elementary School on how and when it started as well as the importance of reading in everyone's life especially for students like them.



Ms. Aman Carpeso, one of the Grade 4 participants on "*Araw ng Pagbasa*" enthusiastically telling story in front of her classmates in full energy. The story is entitled "*Alamat ng Pinya*"



Ms. Mary Grace S. Gallano, an on-the-job trainee of Project 8 Branch Library led the storytelling of "*Alamat ng Palaka*" as students of Toro Hills attentively listening and were able to answer questions afterwards.

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*San Jose Day Care Center students with QCPL Project 8 branch library staff.*

To celebrate Children’s Month, the Quezon City Public Library – Project 8 Branch conducted a Film Showing with twenty-eight (28) day care pupils of San Jose Day Care Center as our participants last November 21, 2017 held at the said Day Care Center. The film is entitled, "My Home is Green" an Award-Winning Animation Movie. It tells the poignant tale of two tiny creatures, an ant and a caterpillar. The lonely ant, who lost his entire tribe in a pesticide mishap, one day, meets a baby caterpillar. A relationship develops between them. This activity aims to teach the children the value of friendship and to show the metamorphosis of a caterpillar.

**MASAMBONG BRANCH LIBRARY**—In celebration of National Children’s Month Masambong Branch library held it’s 2<sup>nd</sup> year presentation of “Book Character Parade”, in coordination with the Barangay Councils, and the untiring support of Ms. Rosario Veloso who provided costumes to some participants and foods for everyone.

This program was successfully held last November 12, 2017 at the vicinity of Masambong. The parade started at 2:00 PM then followed by welcome remarks by Ms. PRIMA ALABATA—Librarian-in-charge of QCPL-Balingasa Branch Library. This activity aims to encourage children to get acquainted and be familiarized with the different stories and let them know different book characters and most importantly to instill in them the love for reading.

Prominent book characters were highlighted by ELSA in the movie Frozen, Snow white and the Seven Dwarfs, Snow Queen, Red Riding Hood, Mickey Mouse, Cleopatra, Snow man, Captain Hook, Dora and so on. Then prizes were given to those who have worn the best book character costume. The said event were participated by students, parents and District 1 library staffs who have shown their support to make the event successful.

A million thanks to Mayor Herbert Bautista who provided snacks for the participants and also to Councilor Anthony Peter Crisolago who is always there to support our activities.

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## DISTRICT II

**PAYATAS LANDFILL BRANCH LIBRARY** — recently held a Halloween Costume Party last October 27, 2017, 1:00 p.m. with 33 participants, mostly children of the landfill residents.

The said activity starts with a prayer by Jemmalyn Cabanatan and singing of the national anthem done by Ms. Joycelyn B. Benavente. Welcome remarks was given by Ms. Emerlina R. Tan, District II Coordinator and Inspirational message was given by Ms. Chona C. Masbate, both librarians of the Payatas Lupang Pangako Branch, Special guest of this event was Mr. James Rommel Mabborang, librarian of GP4, District III, who were also the judges of the event.

This event includes the presentation and projection of each Halloween participant's costume and a group dance of these 33 participants.

Awarding of the winners followed after. Gift giving for the participants ended the activity.

Thank you to all the people who made this event successful especially to the QCPL District II family.



*Halloween group dance performed by children of landfill residents.*



*Giving gifts to children who performed in a Halloween dance group*



*Winners of the best Halloween costume (Children in front). Payatas Landfill Branch library staff poses at the back.*

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Also, in celebration of Araw ng Pagbasa, which is celebrated every 27th day of November, the QCPL Landfill Branch conducted a reading tutorial and read aloud session at its Children's section to 50 students/children at 10:00 a.m. This activity was done into two groups: the first group was the reading tutorial using the alphabet flash cards and big story books for children ages 4-6. They were encouraged to speak aloud and read the alphabet flash card. The second group was self-reading of Filipino reading books for ages 7 and above. Snacks were served after.

**PAYATAS LUPANG PANGAKO BRANCH LIBRARY** - In accordance with Republic Act No. 10556 - an act declaring every 27<sup>th</sup> day of November as "Araw ng Pagabasa", The QCPL-LP Payatas branch conducted a storytelling sessions on November 27, 2017 at children/toy section of the library to 50 pupils of St. Paul Day Care Center at Phase 1 Lupang Pangako Payatas B. QC. Our volunteer storyteller Ms. Rona Crucillo, student from Arellano University taking up BS Library Science, conducted storytelling to the kids in Nursery 1 and 2 levels, with their teachers and parents. This activity was headed by our LIC Ms. Emerlina R. Tan and her library staff with the support of the school head Ms. Marita Sy and her fellow teachers. After the storytelling session the head librarian took the opportunity to conduct Library tour and orientation to the children.



*Ms. Rona Crucillo, volunteer student from Arellano University telling story to Nursery 1 & 2 of St. Paul Day Care Center.*



*Ms. Marita Sy, Head of School St. Paul Day Care Center giving inspirational message to Nursery 1 & 2 of St. Paul Day Care Center.*



*Ms. Emerlina Tan, Head of QCPL Payatas Branch & District 2 Coordinator in yellow & Ms. Rona Crucillo, volunteer student from Arellano University in blue distributing snacks to Nursery 1 & 2 of St. Paul Day Care Center.*



*Ms. Emerlina R. Tan, Head of QCPL Payatas Branch & District 2 Coordinator giving the opening remarks to Nursery 1 & 2 of St. Paul Day Care Center with their parents.*

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**DISTRICT V**

**NOVALICHES BRANCH LIBRARY**— On November 23, 2017 The QC Public Library - Novaliches Branch in coordination with the teachers of Kaligayahan Elementary School celebrated the children’s month. Novaliches and Lagro branch library staff Ms. Trinidad Domingo, Mr. Paolo Dapogracion and Mr. Mark Venice Zafe conducted storytelling sessions wherein it was participated by Thirty-eight (38) Grade IV students. The activity also includes book donations like Children’s textbooks and set of encyclopedia for their school library as additional collection materials for reading and research. Ms. Beulah Dela Cruz, the Learning Resource Center in-charge received these book donations.



*Mr. Paolo James Dapogracion telling story to Grade IV students of Kaligayahan Elem. School*



*Group photo: Teachers from Kaligayahan Elem. School w/ Grade IV students received book donations from Nova. Branch Library with the Novaliches library staff*

Also, QC Public Library Novaliches Branch Library celebrated “Araw ng pagbasa” on November 27 through-storytelling sessions to 68 Grade II and IV students of Villa Verde Elementary School. “Araw ng Pagbasa” is being celebrated in all elementary and secondary schools in the country. This activity aims to promote reading and literacy through educational activities commemorating on the life of former Senator Benigno “Ninoy” Aquino Jr. Mr. Paolo James Dapogracion and Ms. Trinidad Domingo prepared two stories for these elementary students.



*Mr. Paolo James Dapogracion in a question and answer portion with one student participant on Araw ng Pagbasa from Villa Verde Elementary School*



*Villa Verde Elementary School students during the Araw ng Pagbasa Celebration*

## **Editor's Excerpt: "Stress—Keys to Managing It"**

*Excerpted by: Maria Cecilia R. Magnate*

"I felt like a mouse running on a treadwheel and getting nowhere. I often worked 16-hour days with rarely a weekend off. I felt angry because I only ever saw my little girl asleep. Stress was making me sick."—Kari, Finland.

KARI'S experience is not unusual. According to a mental-health charity in the United Kingdom, 1 in 5 British workers said that stress had made them physically ill during their career, and unmanageable pressure had caused 1 in 4 to cry while at work. Prescriptions for antidepressants saw an unprecedented rise during one recent year of economic recession.

### **What has caused your stress?**

Insecurity—financial or otherwise

A demanding routine

Interpersonal conflicts

A traumatic experience

### **How has stress affected you?**

Health disorders

Emotional exhaustion

Sleep problems

Depression

Deteriorating relationships

Stress activates an amazing system in your body—your emergency response system. Hor-

mones are released to increase your breathing, heart rate, and blood pressure. In addition, reserves of blood cells and glucose flood into your bloodstream. This cascade of reactions prepares you to deal with the stressor, the stimulus causing the stress. After the stressor has passed, your body may return to normal. But when a stressor remains, it can leave you chronically anxious or tense, like a motor that stays revved up. So learning how to deal with stress is important to both your physical and your mental well-being.

### **Managing Stress**

Stress in itself is not necessarily harmful. The American Psychological Association has noted: "Stress is to the human condition what tension is to the violin string: too little and the music is dull and raspy; too much and the music is shrill or the string snaps. Stress can be the kiss of death or the spice of life. The issue, really, is how to manage it."

Adding another dimension, people vary in temperament and general health. So what stresses

one person may not stress another. That said, you are likely overstressed if your regular routine makes you so tense that you cannot relax or deal with the occasional emergency.

To help them "cope" with chronic stress, some people turn to alcohol, drugs, or tobacco. Others begin abnormal eating patterns or sit passively in front of a TV or computer—habits that do not address the underlying problem but may, in fact, exacerbate it. How, then, can we learn to manage stress effectively?

Many people have been able to manage life's stresses by applying the practical advice found in the Bible. Could its tried-and-tested wisdom help you? Consider that question in the light of four common causes of stress.

#### **1 INSECURITY**



Not one of us has total security.

As the Bible states unexpectedly, "time

overtake [us] all." ([Ecclesiastes 9:11](#))

How can you cope with feelings of insecurity? Try these suggestions.

Confide in a trusted family member or friend.

Studies show that the

support of loved

ones *consistently* confers protection against stress-related disorders. Yes, "a

true friend shows love at all times, and is a brother

who is born for times of distress."—[Proverbs](#)

[17:17](#).

Do not continually focus on worst-case scenarios.

Such thinking does little more than drain emotional reserves. And what

you fear may not happen!

For good reason, the Bible says: "Never be

anxious about the next day, for the next day will

have its own anxieties."—[Matthew 6:34](#).

Tap into the power of prayer. "Throw all your

anxiety on [God], because he cares for you,"

says [1 Peter 5:7](#). God

shows his care by giving us inner peace and by

assuring us that he "will never abandon" those

who sincerely turn to him for comfort and support

in times of need.—

[Hebrews](#)

[13:5; Philippians 4:6, 7](#).

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A relentless routine of commuting, working, studying, or caring for children or elderly parents can keep stress levels high. Moreover, stopping some of these activities may be out of the question. ([1 Timothy 5:8](#))

What, then, can you do to cope?

Try to give yourself some downtime, and get adequate rest. The Bible says: “Better is a handful of rest than two handfuls of hard work and chasing after the wind.”—[Ecclesiastes 4:6](#). Set sound priorities, and adopt a modest lifestyle. ([Philippians 1:10](#)) Consider simplifying your life, perhaps by reducing expenses or time spent at work.—[Luke 21:34, 35](#).

Kari, mentioned earlier, took a fresh look at his life. “I realized that I was pursuing a selfish lifestyle,” he wrote. He sold his business and took on work that gave him more time at home. “Our standard of living has dropped a little,” he admits, “but my wife and I are now free of constant stress, and we have more time to spend

with family and friends. I would not trade the inner peace I now have for any business opportunity.”

**3 INTERPERSONAL CONFLICTS**

Conflicts with others, especially in the workplace, can be very stressful. If you experience such difficulties, you have a number of options that might help. When someone upsets you, try to stay calm. Do not add fuel to the fire. “A mild answer turns away rage, but a harsh word stirs up anger,” says [Proverbs 15:1](#).

Try to settle differences privately and respectfully, thus dignifying the other person.—[Matthew 5:23-25](#). Try to gain insight into his or her feelings and viewpoint. Such insight “slows down [our] anger” because it puts us in the other person’s shoes. ([Proverbs 19:11](#)) It can also help us to see ourselves through the other person’s eyes.

Try to forgive. Forgiveness is not only beautiful. It is also good medicine. As reported in a 2001 study, “unforgiving thoughts” re-

sulted in “significantly higher” blood pressure and heart rate, whereas a forgiving attitude reduced stress.—[Colossians 3:13](#).

**4 TRAUMATIC EVENTS**

Nieng, who lives in Cambodia, suffered a string of tragedies. In 1974, she was injured when a bomb exploded at an airport. The following year, her two children, her mother, and her husband all died. In the year 2000, her home and other belongings were destroyed by fire, and three years later, her second husband died. At that point, she wanted to end her life. “Better is a handful of rest than two handfuls of hard work”

Yet, Nieng found a way to cope. Like Kari, she examined the Bible and benefited so much from what she learned that she, in turn, devoted time to helping others enjoy the same benefits. Her story calls to mind a 2008 study by British researchers. One way to develop “resilience in the face of stress,” they found, was to “give in some way . . . to others”—advice that has

long been espoused in the Bible.—[Acts 20:35](#). Additionally, Nieng gained a sure hope for a better future, one in which all the problems that plague mankind will be gone. Instead, “peace will abound” earth wide.—[Psalm 72:7, 8](#).

A genuine hope and the wisdom to cope with life’s many stresses are both priceless, and both can be found in the pages of the Bible. Millions have already benefited from this remarkable and unique book. You can too.

“The Best Start” to Relieving Stress

“Making certain lifestyle changes is the best start” to relieving stress, says the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the United States. “Start with eating a well-balanced, healthy diet as well as getting enough sleep and exercise. Also, limit caffeine and alcohol intake and don’t use nicotine, cocaine, or other street drugs.” The NIH also suggests taking breaks from work, spending time with family or friends, learning to make things with your hands, or learning to play a musical instrument.

(*Ref. Awake, May 2014 p. 5*)



# LIB AND RARY CHILDREN'S BOOK CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY 2017

By: Marlyn I. Bautista

As we celebrate the yuletide season every December, the QCPL- Children's Corner Staff once again conducted a Christmas Party last December 12, 2017 for the exclusive members of Lib & Rary Children's Book Club together with their parents and some of less fortunate children from Forestry Neighborhood Association, Brgy. Central, Quezon City.

The QCPL- Children's Corner staff Ms. Bham V. Ocampo and Ms. Marivic A. Mendros led the registration for 100 participants including the legitimate members, on-the-job training students, less fortunate children and their parents to be part of a much-awaited Christmas Party given and organized by QCPL- Children's Corner. The show started with a prayer led by Mr. Reygeil L. Cruz. Mr. Rommel Karlo R. Arceta and Mr. Gilbert T. Gallaza looked over the entire set up and sequence of shows including the sound system. The head of QCPL- Children's Corner Ms. Marlyn I. Bautista prepared food to all participants assisted by four on-the-job training students. The rest of the program was led by the masters of ceremony Mr. Jairo Valencia and Mr. Nicky Jadulco.

The program flowed smoothly. The QCPL- Children's Corner staff gave an intermission number and lots of different shows, games and prizes. All staffs were busy entertaining and assisting everyone especially the children. Some of QCPL heads were present on this celebration and we were very thankful for all the support they have given us.

This annual Children's Christmas Party was not only intended to give and bring joy to them. It also served as an inspiration in their lives on how to be grateful and feel blessed even in small things they and we have. This also taught and gave them an example of the "true" meaning of Christmas by sharing the blessings and spreading love to everyone.



The Lib and Rary Children's Book Club attendees at the QCPL parking lot being led by a prayer Mr. Reygeil Cruz of QCPL's Children's Section



The children attendees participating in a dancing contest of "Bay Shark" on the QCPL's Lib and Rary Children's Book Club Christmas Party



Children attendees receiving gifts from a QCPL staff Ms. Rosario Malig in grey cardigan

## QC SDO SEARCH FOR BEST LIBRARY AND LEARNING RESOURCE IMPLEMENTER

By: Alistair Troy B. Lacsamana



*The Awardees of 1<sup>st</sup> Learning Resource Management Development System (LRMDS) Search for the Best Library and Learning Resource Implementer for the Quezon Schools Division Office with QC School Division Office (SDO) Superintendent Elizabeth Quezada 5th from the left, QCPL City Librarian Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva 6th from the left, QCPL Outreach Services Head, Ms. Fe B. Gomez 3rd from the right & Dr. Heidee Ferrer, LRDMS supervisor first from the right.*

The Quezon City Public Library graced the awarding ceremonies of the **1<sup>st</sup> Learning Resource Management Development System (LRMDS)** Search for the Best Library and Learning Resource Implementer for the Quezon Schools Division Office, held last **December 7, 2017** at P. Bernardo Elementary School. The Quezon City Public Library (QCPL) Head Librarian Ms. **Emelita L. Villanueva** was invited to assist QC School Division Office (SDO) Superintendent **Elizabeth Quezada** in giving the awards and certificate of appreciation to librarians. Among the thirty awardees, it is notable that seven schools were assisted and organized by the QCPL under the Outreach Extension and Technical Services, headed by Ms. Fe B. Gomez and Ms. Mariza G. Chico respectively. These are the following: **Balingasa Elementary School, Commonwealth Elementary School, Pinyahan Elementary School, Justice Palma High School, Don Alejandro Roces ST High School, Manuel Roxas High School, Rosa Susano Elementary School**. The schools are also consistent partner in our library's activities like the Book Mobile Caravan activities. **Dr. Heidee Ferrer**, LRDMS supervisor in her closing remarks emphasized the difference between interest and dedication in work. Interest in work can come and go, but having dedication in work, having sincere desire in serving others/ our clients makes the difference. The awarding, she added, hopefully is the start in encouraging librarians, teachers, administrators and staff in the upgrade of the school libraries.

## VOLUNTEERISM MONTH 2017

By: Fe B. Gomez



*The City Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte assisted by the City Councilors and Mr. Steban Eugenio S. Sangat-OIC,CRO present a plaque of Recognition and Local Outstanding Volunteers Award (LOVA) 2017 held last December 4, 2017 at City Hall Lobby during the Monday flag raising ceremony.*

THE QUEZON CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY through its Outreach and Extension Services joined in the celebration of the “Volunteerism Month” this December 2017 with the theme: “Buwan ng Bayanihang Bayan sa Lungsod Quezon” : Boluntarismo, Daan Tungo sa Pagbabago” with lots of programs and activities to the needy and under-privilege persons in some places and communities in Quezon City.

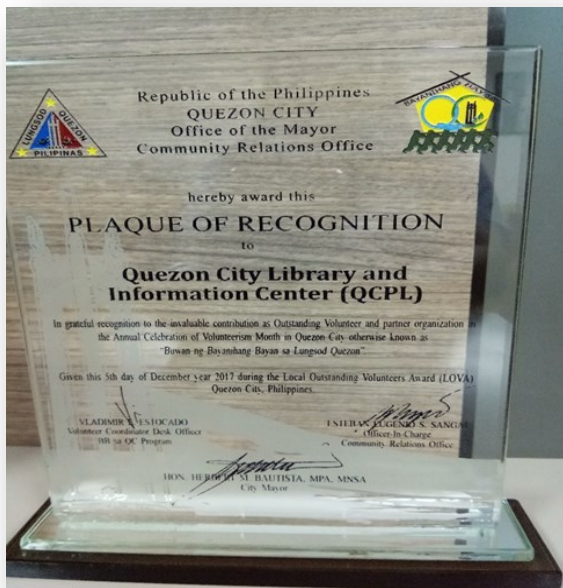
Some of the activities conducted were: sharing of ideas to the group of steering committees under CRO Office, library orientation, bookmobile caravan, puppet show, book sharing and gift giving.

Our roles go beyond serving and volunteering. We deliberately create an enabling environment to volunteer our skills in helping our communities through the reading campaign literacy or “I Love Reading” as our main advocacy.

Volunteering is not about earning money. It’s about responsibility performing the tasks and having a heart and passion for the community we are serving with. Thus, during this event, QCPL was awarded a Plaque of Recognition and Local Outstanding Volunteer award (LOVA) 2017, being an outstanding volunteer and partner organization.

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The plaque of Recognition and the Local Outstanding Volunteerism Award or LOVA (photos above) given to QCPL and pictures taken during the book giving activity during the "Buwan ng Bayanihang Bayan sa Q.C.

To continue the "Buwan ng Bayanihan Bayan sa Lungsod Quezon" celebration, the volunteers group ended up with a fellowship night at the Quezon Heritage House, Q.C. Memorial Circle headed by Mr. Steve Sangat-OIC, CRO Office. Inputs of volunteerism advocacy was shared by each institution's representative while having a sumptuous dinner.

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The Quezon City Public Library (QCPL) also conducted another Outreach activity as part of the Volunteerism Program with The Community Relation Office (CRO) last December 28, 2017, at the Micro-Geo and Processing Center for Children at Risk. This is a project of Hon. Coun. Ranulfo “Rannie” Z. Ludovica in partnership with the Community Relation Office and Mountain Height High School of Caloocan City.

The Micro-Geo and Processing Center for Children at Risk serves as a temporary home for the abandoned, abused, and surrendered children in all ages which is under the supervision of Coun. Rannie Ludovica of Dist. V.

The said Gift Giving was the second part of the “Balik Ngiti sa Eskwela Project” which was conducted last June 1 and 2, 2017. having the common objectives, the group joined hand-in-hand to reach out in the said community with the aim to help and further sustain the needs of the poor children by providing them books, school supplies, toys, and other goods solicited from some partners, such as NGOs, schools and QC Hall offices.

During the program the following activities were conducted: Storytelling by Mr. Troy Lacsamana, book distribution by QCPL staff, toys sharing by Mountain Heights High School, and intermission numbers by the Work Immersion students coming from different schools. After the program snacks were served to the children.

As a form of gratitude, Hon. Ranulfo Z. Ludovica delivered an inspirational and an appreciative speech. He and his staff provided certificates of appreciation which were awarded to the organizations and institutions who participated including the QCPL, and made the activity a success.

As the program ends, you can see the smiles on each children’s faces and happiness in their eyes. And what is important is the moral support given to them and the knowledge the children gained after hearing the stories read and shared during the program.

We hope for more outreach activities in 2018, reaching out to our less fortunate constituents in the city.



*From left Mr. Vladimir Estocado, CRO Volunteer Focal Person, Ms. Mariza Chico, QCPL-Head Technical Services, Coun. Ranulfo “Rannie” Z. Ludovica and Ms. Fe B. Gomes, QCPL-Head Outreach Services*



*Ms. Fe Gomez orients the children before the start of the program*



*Mr. Troy Lacsamana of QCPL, telling stories to the children*



*Ms. Mariza Chico turns over the book donation from QCPL*

## **QCPL RECEIVES OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER AWARD**

*By: Enrico E. De Leus (PAISO)*

Who can imagine that a library and its silent environ can make a resounding accomplishment and be recognized as one of the inspiring organizations that help people achieve their goals.

With its extraordinary achievements, the Quezon City Public Library (QCPL) was recently chosen by the Quezon City Government as one of the 19 local organizations voted as the city's 2017 Local Outstanding Volunteer Awardees that has been held on 04 December 2017 at the inner lobby of QC Hall Main Building.

With this year's theme: "Bulontarismo, Daan Tungo sa Pagbabago", the 2017 Local Outstanding Volunteer Awards aims to encourage each and everyone of us to extend a helping hand without expecting anything in return.

The QCPL is honored that the QC government through Mayor Herbert Bautista has acknowledged the efforts of the city's book corner in carrying out exceptional services to raise awareness among city residents on the importance of reading.

The QCPL's inclusion among the influential organizations that have volunteered their services to the people will serve as an inspiration and motivate the library staff to exert extra effort in reaching out to others through reading and encourage each one to turn the pages of printed materials to keep us updated and be connected in the outside world.

The QCPL is the only city hall attached office to be awarded this years' prestigious recognition.

The QCPL offers incomparable services which are beyond its mandate such as storytelling, puppet shows as well as helping other libraries outside Quezon City by teaching them library management and donating books at the same time.

The QCPL's beyond-borders voluntary act-of-goodwill paves the way to attract more library guest and encourage more people to visit the book corner.

Aside from QCPL, this year's awardees are Junior Chamber International Quezon City Capitol: Lim O Chua (Diana) Foundation; Quezon City Anti-Crime Advocates; Justice Cecilia Munoz Palma Foundation Inc.; Legal na Ayuda para sa mga Inaapi at Dukha Inc. (LEGAL AID); Children International Inc.; International Association of Volunteer Effort (IAVE) Philippines; International Youth Fellowship (IYF) Philippines Inc.; Anti-Narcotics International Assistance Group (NARIAG), Confederate Sentinels Group Inc.; Mamamayang Ayaw sa Anomaly, Mamamayang Ayaw sa Iligal na Droga (MASA MASID) under the Department of the Interior and Local Government's Quezon City field office; International We Love U Foundation; World Mission Society Church of God; Philippine Red Cross Quezon City; Librarians, Teachers Librarians, E-Librarians (LITLER) Association; Philippine Coconut Society; Center for Leadership, Citizenship, and Democracy; and NCPAG UP Diliman.

## QCPL CHRISTMAS PARTY 2017

*By: Lancelhotte D. Ocumen*

As the QCPL celebrates this Christmas Season 2017, a mixture of latest clothing trends and classical fashion was brought to the table as this year's party was themed: "Relax and Wear Denim". It was hosted by the gorgeous Ms. Rose Vannie D. Anicoche and dashing Mr. Niño Santiago.

Spearheaded by the Reader's Services Head, Ms. Cynthia DJ Tolado, with the support of Periodical Section Head, Mr. Benny George Cababat, the very first Christmas Party held in the newest library building was made spectacular by the most anticipated dance contest, participated by the District Libraries and the QCPL-Main Library. To make the contest more competitive, we decided to bring two of the hottest members of the all-girl dance group Candies, Carmen Betia and Ann Margarete Betia to be the judges.

Boasting/ bragging their denim pants and ripped jeans, the QCPL staff confidently walked and celebrated the night with dancing and singing all throughout the evening. The night was highlighted by an exclusive dance performance from the judges and after which everyone was serenaded by a special song from one of the hosts, Mr. Niño Santiago.

Winning the grand prize of the dance competition was awarded to the Main library: the first prize was awarded to District V & VI, second prize District I & II and the third prize went to District III & IV.

There were also raffle prizes that were given away which were

solicited from the City Government officials and from different suppliers.

The night indeed was another moment in the lives of the QCPL staff to remember and to look back to.



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Quezon City Public Library was established on August 16, 1948, and was inaugurated on October 23, 1948. However, upon its transfer to its new building, it was re-inaugurated on February 6, 2017.

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

**MISSION :** Imbued with its Vision, the QCPL 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.

### QCPL CORE VALUES :

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.