

Quezonian Newsletter

QCPL BAGS 3rd PLACE at NCCA and NLP SEARCH for OUTSTANDING PUBLIC LIBRARY w/ SPECIAL PROGRAM on CULTURE and ARTS



Awarding of the 2016 Outstanding Public Libraries with Special Programs on Culture and Arts at the opening ceremony of the 26th Library and Information Services Month at the Manila Grand Opera Hotel in Sta. Cruz, Manila.

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BIBLIOTHERAPY : USING BOOKS AND STORIES FOR GROWTH AND HEALING

By : Ms. Mariza G. Chico



Bibliotherapy, or book therapy, involves the systematic use of books to help people cope with their mental, physical, emotional, developmental or social problems. The etymology of the term *bibliotherapy* (*biblio-* is the Greek word for *books* and, *therapy* comes from *therapeia*, meaning to *help medically*) aligns bibliotherapy together with some other similar practices, such as art therapy, dance therapy, music therapy, play therapy, etc.

As a part of expressive therapy, bibliotherapy is based on the premise of the healing, consoling power of a book. The psychological basis of bibliotherapy is related to the psychology of reading and the “book-reader” interaction. In bibliotherapy, the value of literature depends strictly on its capacity to encourage a therapeutic response from the participants. The individual’s feeling-response is more important than an intellectual grasp of the work’s meaning.

One of the main goals of bibliotherapy is *universalization* – recognition that you are not the only one who feels a certain way. Bibliotherapy can help an individual to understand that he or she is not the first or the only one to face a specific problem or challenge. Other important goals of bibliotherapy include: relieving emotional or mental pressure; developing an

individual’s self-concept; communicating new values and attitudes with regard to the problem; and providing clients with alternative solutions to the problem.

In relation to this, the Quezon City Public Library sponsored a Seminar-Workshop for the librarians and staff in-charge of different branch libraries on the topic last October 11, 2016 held at the QCPL Main – Reference Area, with Mrs. Zarah C. Gagatiga as Resource Person. Mrs. Gagatiga is a Librarian, Teacher, Storyteller, Writer, Reading & Literacy Advocate as well as an expert in conducting bibliotherapy sessions to students. She taught us the basics of bibliotherapy and the procedures in conducting bibliotherapy sessions with our clients. She also differentiated between clinical and developmental bibliotherapy, wherein she emphasized that the latter was the most commonly used in schools and libraries to promote self-knowledge, personal growth and a sense of accomplishment in a particular stage in life. She even gave tips on how to conduct developmental bibliotherapy and the role of librarians as Bibliotherapist.

Indeed, the seminar-workshop was a success and surprising to know that what the employees were doing to children during storytelling session is actually bibliotherapy in itself.



The guest speaker together with the attendees



Ms. Lucila R. Raquiño, Head of Reader's Services as she welcomes the visitors from Mindanao

Mahardika Institute of Technology and Sulu College of Technology in QCPL

One of the services of the QCPL is to accept students and even librarians to a library tour. Last October 1, 2016, (Saturday), 55 fourth year students from the Mahardika Institute of Technology, Inc. Bongao, Tawi-Tawi and Sulu College of Technology, Jolo, Sulu together with their three (3) faculty members visited the QCPL as part of their ICT Department Plan.

The group was warmly welcomed by Ms. Lucila R. Raquiño, Reader's Services Head. She told them that they are very welcome in the library and they should feel relaxed because they came very far from Metro Manila and they should smile. So everybody smiled. It was followed by a video presentation of QCPL's History and its Services, and a lecture on "The Use of Information and Communications Technology in QCPL" by Manny Boy Fajilan of the Multi-Media and Internet Services Section. An open forum followed after with some questions by the participants which were answered by Mr. Fajilan and Ms. Raquiño.



QCPL PRESENTS THE TECH4ED AWARD TO MAYOR HERBERT BAUTISTA AND ALSO RECEIVES BOOKS DONATED BY CANVAS PUBLISHING

By : Ms. Fe B. Gomez



*Quezon City Public Library once again recognized by Mayor Herbert M. Bautista for being the Top 1 Public Library who operates as Tech4ed Center during the city employee's flag ceremony program on **November 21, 2016** at Quezon City Hall-Lobby.*

Based on evaluation of statistical data gathered, the Tech4ed awarded QCPL the highest rank among public libraries and 2nd on the top list nationwide which composed of candidates from public schools and libraries. For just less than a year of Tech4ed operation inside the Multi-media and Internet Service Section of QCPL Main, the number of users it served and catered is simply overwhelming. It was made possible by consistent collaboration and

cooperation of all QCPL-MIS Staff together with the Tech4ed-DOST Representative to pursue and to enforce this program to help our community by giving free Wi-Fi access for research purposes every time they visit the library. It is indeed a valuable project that is completely sustaining for all Quezon City Public Library clientele.

The Book Donation “Turn-over Ceremony” also took place during the flag ceremony program. It was graced by our Hon. Mayor Herbert M. Bautista together with the City Librarian Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva and her section heads. The Book Donation Project was sponsored by the Canvas Publishing consisting of 710 Story books to be distributed to the established “Little Free Library Project” within Quezon City public schools.



Mayor Herbert M. Bautista and City Librarian, Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva received the books from Canvas Publishing to be distributed to the Little Free Libraries around Quezon City.

QCPL BAGS 3RD PLACE AT NCCA SEARCH FOR OUTSTANDING LOCAL HISTORY SECTION

By : Ms. Lucila R. Raquiño



Awarding of 2016 Outstanding Public Libraries with Special Programs on Culture and Arts at the opening ceremony of the 26th Library and Information Services Month at the Manila Grand Opera Hotel in Sta. Cruz, Manila.

Joining a contest, especially if it involves the accomplishment of your organization is not an easy task. Evaluating, analyzing and assessing the programs and projects of the library on culture and arts for submission to the agency that spearheaded the contest, the National Library of the Philippines (NLP), National Commission for Culture and the Arts-National Committee on Library and Information Services (NCCA- NCLIS), and Philippine Librarians' Association Inc. (PLAIA) somewhat need teamwork and hard work.

After months of completing the requirements to be submitted to the NLP; preparation for the on the spot visit and interviews of the panel of judges, we patiently waited

for the results. We were positive that with all the efforts, skills and knowledge of the staff of Local History and Filipiniana Section (Ada Cadeliña and Rowena Remiendo) and other staff from other sections like John Robert Martinez, the photographer, Manny Fajilan who did the video and to the inputs of the activities of Troy Lacsamana for bookmobile, Marlyn Bautista for the Children's activities and Rowena Remiendo for the Branch Libraries activities, Donna Estoque for the voice over of the video and Lucila Raquiño who guided and directed the process of the documentation and of course with the utmost support of our City Librarian Emelita Villanueva and her Assistant Cynthia Tolado QCPL will have a place in the search.

True enough, QCPL was recognized and bagged 3rd place in the search for Outstanding Public libraries on Special programs on Culture and the Arts. Congratulations for the team. We made it.

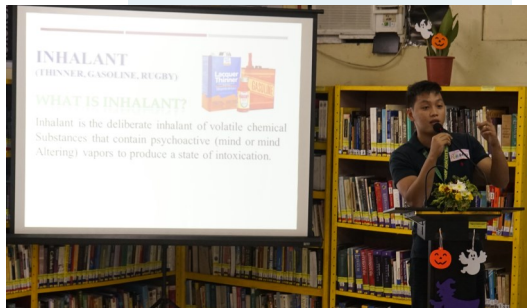
The award was presented during the opening ceremony of the 26th Library and Information Services Month at the Manila Grand Opera Hotel in Sta. Cruz, Manila and was also presented to the City Mayor Herbert Bautista during the Monday Flag raising ceremony at QC Hall.



Congratulations to all Public Libraries of the Philippines especially to those who were recognized by their efforts of making their libraries excellent!

SEMINAR ON DRUG ABUSE

By : Mr. Andrew J. Casada



Today, drug abuse is one of the serious problems of our society. Number of drug users has risen drastically. This problem has reached even among the elementary, high school and university students. Quezon City Public Library took its part on the national campaign in its strong conviction to stop using illegal drugs, that just last December 2, 2016, Masambong Branch Library conducted Seminar on Drug Abuse for the junior high school students of Masambong High School. It was held as early as 9:00 am at the Masambong Covered Court. The seminar was led by an expert from Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA). Ms. Hazel Manuel and Mr. Ronald Parase, very knowledgeable speakers who educated the students about the RA 9165 an Act known as Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002. They discussed about the unlawful acts and penalties on drug abuse and the participation of the family, student, schools, and authorities in enforcing this act. Ms. Reyna N. Bello, on the other hand, discussed to the students, who were very attentive to the speaker, the effects of different kinds of drugs. The seminar was then enliven by the convincing performance of Bernard

Lorenz Estrella and Raquel Lunar from Novaliches Branch who interpretatively danced the song “Bawal na Gamot” by Willie Garte. The performers received great appreciation from the crowd that they had sung along with the song.

This activity was just a repeat of what was first conducted at Cubao Branch Library. The QCPL is trying earnestly to conduct it to all District Branch Libraries. We are hoping that through this seminar, we may inculcate to the students on how to be a responsible citizen, to learn to say “NO to Drugs!” because we don’t want to see anyone’s life be wasted on drugs.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to our bosses who attended the seminar, Ms. Lucila R. Raquiño, Ms. Mary Ann L. Bernal, Ms. Mariza G. Chico, Ms. Jeniffer Adajo, Ms. Jenny Leoncio. To our City Librarian, Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva, to our District 1 Coordinator, Ms. Prima Alabata and to the District1 Branch Libraries who had shown support to make this event successful.

Seminar on Drug Abuse was conducted both in QCPL-Cubao (top photos) and QCPL -Masambong (right photos) which were both successful in integrating drug awareness to our High School Students.



LITTLE FREE LIBRARY LAUNCH @ MUSEO PAMBATA

By : Ms. Fe B. Gomez

Launching of Little Free Library for Museo Pambata was successfully held last October 12, 2016 at Environment Room, Museo Pambata in Roxas Boulevard corner, South Drive, Manila. The program started at 3 o'clock in the afternoon with welcoming remark given by Ms. Nina Lim Yuson, the President and CEO of Museo Pambata, proceeded with little introduction of Little Free Library given by the Coordinator, Mr. Miguel Patolot from Little Free Library Organization. During the program, value of reading books was shown through a short storytelling conducted by Ms. Charlot Cachuela. And lastly, a turnover ceremony of one Little Free Library also conducted for PWD Federation Organization thru their Head Dr. Arjun Ansay of Technological University of the Philippines.

The said event was participated by number of students from Jose Obando Memorial Elementary School together with their Supreme Pupil Government President Ms. Althea Mae Estacio and Ms. Rosalinda Nishikawa, their Master Teacher; Management and staff of Museo Pambata; Ms. Essence Macabebe, the LFL Steward from Barrio Quisumbing of Calaca, Batangas; Mr. Jose Cunanan, the Chairman, Bahay Kubo Global System; and librarians from Quezon City Public Library Ms. Fe B. Gomez, Head of Library Extension Services and Ms. Analiza T. Puno, Head of Law Section.



The Little Free Library given to the Museo Pambata which will serve as a model of many LFL to be created.



Mr. Miguel Patolot, LFL Philippines Representative, giving away books for the LFL to the Head of PWD Organization, Mr. Arjun Ansay (top left photo). Ms. Analiza Puno and Ms. Fe B. Gomez of the QCPL with Mr. Ansay (bottom left photo). Representatives of the Philippine Army also witnessed the launching of LFL in Museo Pambata (right photo)

QCPL TEAM BUILDING 2016

By : Ms. Janet B. Alday

This three (3) day Seminar Workshop and Team Building 2016 was attended by ninety-seven (97) both permanent and contractual employees of QCPL, which specifically aims to: 1) Provide our employees a high-impact learning 2) Increase team skills and communication and 3) Improve their morale and productivity.

Day 1 – November 16, 2016

The first day was spent on traveling for almost three hours from Quezon City Hall to Tanza Cavite. After arriving at Tanza Oasis Hotel & Resort, the group proceeded immediately to the Conference Venue.

The opening ceremonies started at around 10:00 a.m. after which sessions began. It started with a word of Prayer led by Ms. Susana Santiago, one of the Technical Working Group. In her welcome remarks, Ms. Cynthia DJ. Tolado, Asst. City Librarian, encouraged all participants to participate in the activities and fully cooperate to truly achieve their objectives. She also said, that last year participants were only seventy (70) but this year, they increased its budget, so that many can join in the team building activities, in fact they allotted a budget for One Hundred Ten (110) people.

Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva, City Librarian, delivered her Inspirational Message. She emphasized the 3C's which is really important to an organization, the 3C's are: Collaboration, Communication and Cooperation. She also inspired us by saying "To count our blessings rather than our troubles" and always think positive not negative thoughts.

Meanwhile, Ms. Janet B. Alday, Head of the Record's Section, discussed the House Rules and Regulations of the Tanza Oasis Hotel & Resort followed by the Introduction of the Resource Speaker by Ms. Donna Mae G. Estoque.

The Resource Speaker is Ms. Maria Cecilia R. Magnate , the Head of Publication Unit in QCPL-Main Library

The following topics were discussed in the seminar, to wit:

1. What is a Team?
2. Significance of Teamwork at the Workplace
3. Kinds of Team



4. Secrets to successful teamwork:

Trust

Why trust is essential?

Strategies for building trust

Accountability

Four essential tips that help you create a culture of accountability

After the power point presentation, Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva, and Ms. Cynthia DJ Tolado, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Resource Speaker, as the Office’s gesture in expressing its gratitude and appreciation for the expertise and time shared by the resource person.



Day 2, November 17, 2016

It was a busy schedule on the second day of the Seminar, because there were many activities to do. The participants were grouped into six (6) teams to wit;

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| Red Team | Yellow Team |
| White Team | Green Team |
| Blue Team | Orange Team |

Each teams, were tasked to present their Chants on that day. After the presentation of Chants, Amazing Race followed, wherein each team needs to read the clue card and finish the task before they proceed to another challenge. There were ten (10) challenges on the Amazing Race. All the teams had fun and played hard on the Amazing Race Challenge.



After the strenuous activities, at around 4:00 p.m a Fellowship Night was held, wherein each teams selected their candidates for Mr. and Ms. Team Building 2016. The candidates presented their talents and wore their swimming and long gown attires in a creative way. It was an enjoyable night.



Day 3 – November 18, 2016

This is the last day of the Seminar before going back to Quezon City. The participants went on to the Conference Hall for a half day program, which is the Awarding and Closing Ceremony. The program started with a video presentation entitled “Behind the Scenes”. The video depicts the preparations and the efforts made by the Technical Working Group for the “Team Building 2016, followed by Awarding of Winners in the Amazing Race as well as for the Mr. & Ms. Team Building 2016. After the awarding, another video presentation was presented by Ms. Magnate, it was an inspirational video, wherein everyone needs to reflect on his/her personal values. Some of the participants shared what they learned during the 3 Day Seminar-Workshops. For the Closing Remarks, Ms. Magnate thanked everyone for their active participation in the Team Building.

At 12:00 p.m., the participants proceeded immediately at the passengers area of the Hotel, wherein, buses are waiting for us to go back to the Quezon City Hall.

BOOK CHARACTER PARADE @ QCPL- MASAMBONG BRANCH

By : Mr. Andrew J. Caseda

The month of November was declared as “Library and Information Services Month”. This is by virtue of Proclamation No. 837 s. 1991 to focus public awareness in the invaluable services that libraries and information centers offer such as providing data materials for life long knowledge and learning for research and for leisure.

charist Faith Serano won the 2nd Prize and Leane Ace Benin got the 3rd Prize. Angella Mae Magdaraog, Afeni Baldemor, Maria Angela Tanciongco, Azphira Dollie Gonzales, Karol Joseph Javier and Kenji Philip Canalez were selected as runners up and received consolation prizes.

This significant event was conducted to promote the Quezon City Public Library and to make people visit the nearest libraries such as the Masambong Branch Library and to make them know that the library provides book and non-book resources for an accurate information needed by our clients. We too, offer services for our users as our mission to the community, the continuous education of the young and to inculcate them the love of knowledge and learning.

To make the celebration remarkable, Quezon City Public Library – Masambong Branch held a Book Character Parade last November 15, 2016 in Brgy. Masambong Quezon City. Our gratitude for all students, teachers and library staff who wore their best costume in the said event. This was the time we have celebrated the book character parade with so much fun and enjoyment. The Book Character Parade was involved the students of Masambong Elementary School, Brgy. Masambong Council and Librarians from District 1 Branch Libraries (Bagong Pag-asa Branch, Balingasa Branch, Project 7 Branch and Project 8 Branch) who paraded in the vicinity of Brgy Masambong back to Masambong Gazebo.

We would like to express our gratitude to Mayor Hebert “Bistek” Bautista, Vice Mayor Josefina “Joy” Belmonte-Alimurung, Councilors Peter Anthony “Onyx” Crisologo and Elizabeth “Tita Beth” Delarmente, Brgy. Captain Ramon G. Veloso and his ever supportive wife, Mrs. Rosario Veloso and his Brgy. Kagawads for the support extended to us. Our special thanks to our City Librarian, Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva and Asst. City Librarian, Ms. Cynthia DJ. Tolado, our District 1 Coordinator Ms. Prima Alabata and to the District 1 Branch Librarians.

Reputable judges from QCPL librarians and teachers from Masambong Elementary School had selected students who wore the best book character costume. Three Grade 5 students from Excellence Section bagged the top awards. Di- anne Velasco won the 1st Prize, while Eu-



The participants and the staff giving their best shot of making the book characters come to life as they parade their best costumes in Brgy Masambong. Also part of the parade are QCPL’s Mascots led by Lib and Rary.



HOLLYWOOD-THEMED CHRISTMAS PARTY @ QCPL

Adding more spice to the typical Christmas Season celebration, the Quezon City Public Library decided to have a Christmas Party with a touch of Hollywood aura. Dressed as actors and actresses with distinguishing gowns and tuxedos, the QCPL staff paraded the Reference Section wearing gorgeous smile and dashing looks.

Steered by the ever supportive City Librarian, Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva and Assistant City Librarian, Ms. Cynthia DJ Tolado, the program went from smooth to being a Grammy-Award-Like party. Started with the modeling, each staff bragged their attire with so much poise. Followed by dance performance from the District Libraries, including the Main Library, and highlighted by the performance of the Section Heads in a cotillion, the party blasted on like a real Hollywood Awards Night.

Judges from different offices and institution were invited to provide different perspective and views on how everyone confidently wore their attires. And after carefully critiquing all of the participants, the judges picked Mr. Bernard Lorenz Estrella and Ms. Donna Mae Estoque as Best Dressed and Ms. Cherry M. Taruc and Reygeil L. Cruz were chosen to be the King and Queen of the Night. With a different criteria, the judges also selected those who performed well during their dance numbers. District IV Branch Libraries bagged the 3rd Place, the Main Library received the 2nd place award while the District I Branch Libraries topped all the performances with their crowd-energizing dance number.

A big thanks to Ms. Tina Monasterio, mother of the rising star Derrick Monasterio, Ms. Cecille Artates of University of the Philippines, Mr. Romeo Mariano, the official photographer of Mayor Herbert Bautista who took time to witness this event through the camera's eyes, and Mr. Bong Lazo, a widely-known Fashion Designer, who generously lend us his works to be displayed to the venue for added decoration, for witnessing our beautiful and wonderful event.



The judges (top) received certificate of appreciation from the City Librarian, Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva; likewise, the individual and group winners were also appreciated for their efforts.



MOVING OUT WITH A BIG SMILE

By : Ms. Maria Cecilia R. Magnate

It was the early days of December 2016. The much-awaited move out has come. Well, all the QCPL heads and staff were very much excited to move in the new building of Quezon City Public Library. Many meetings of QCPL heads prior to were held on how to make the move since the construction is still underway and the target is still on March. Scaffoldings, construction workers, construction suppliers, contractors, offices/departments like SDG, CA, Engineering and others were so busy catching up with the intended inauguration set on January 16, 2017.

How did we go about it? As said nothing is impossible where there is coordination, cooperation and communication. So, in no time at all above-mentioned were fully been coordinated with in all the ways possible so as to go on with the move out and be prepared for the set inauguration date.

QCPL staff tied all the books numbering to more than fifteen thousand books (15,000) exclusive of the books been donated. Old furniture like shelves, movable cabinets, table, and chairs were meticulously inventoried for distribution to the nineteen branches of the QCPL as well as equipment like computers. Some building parts of the old QCPL building like partitions, doors, window grills, air conditioning, glass walls and other were also inventoried and transferred to branches where it is needed so as to utilize it further.





Suppliers of furniture for the new building were contacted everyday in order to rush on the delivery especially the book shelves. Though still waiting for new ones the QCPL decided on to utilize the old book shelves so to start setting up its places where to put it all and where books be placed on its designated arrangements. Personnel of each section did the works. What's the most challenging was putting the arranged books on the book shelves yet when the new ones arrived it has all to be put out again and transferred to the new one. Really busy like bees, even extending to Saturday duties and even Sundays to cope up, everybody is hoping that the inauguration date will be re-scheduled so as to make the move more complete. Well, well, well that hope was realized. It was a thrill and relief when the news said that each staff did not lower down. The QCPL City Librarian Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva did not waver to follow up through until it was all set. True enough the move turned out successfully. Joyful to see that all were rewarded with an excellent result. Wow!



Moving in a new building was really exhausting. But, it was a thrill to see and to feel that we are now on our new home, big, comfortable, beautiful, cozy, and most of all very conducive for the client of the Quezon City to whom this was intentionally made.

Congratulations QC!



LECTURE FORUM ON CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR LIBRARIANS AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS

By : Ms. Janet B. ALday

In coordination with the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) and in line with the Celebration of Library and Information Services Month, the Quezon City Public Library, conducted a Lecture Forum to our employees as well as some invited Librarians in other Public Library on December 14, 2016 with the theme **“Continuing Professional Development for Librarians and Other Professionals”** held at the Main Library Building – Reference Area from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

According to **International Federation of Library Associations and Institution (IFLA)**, Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is important because the quality and effectiveness of library and information services depend on the expertise of the staff. Constant flux in the needs of the societies, changing technologies, and growth in professional knowledge demand that librarians and other information professionals expand their knowledge and update their skills on an ongoing basis.

In the Public Library Manifesto (1994) “Librarian is an active intermediary between users and resources. Professional and continuing education of the librarian is indispensable to ensure adequate services”.

In addition, under the CPD Program this will require all professionals to take additional formal and non-formal learning before we can renew our license and identification card, thus this topic is very timely.

Specifically, the lecture-forum objectives was to:

Inform librarians about the new CPD law and the amended guidelines

Get feedback on the following:

Section 12 of R.A. 10912

Distribution of Credit Points vs. Competency Standards

Operational Protocol for Librarians

Monitoring of CPD Activities

Possible alternative paths regarding Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA)

The Resource Speaker is Ms. Dolores Carungui, Chief Librarian in Reference Division of the National Library of the Philippines. Specifically, the following topics were discussed in the Seminar, to wit:

Scope of Presentation

RA No. 10912 (otherwise known as the “ Continuing Professional Development Act 2016”)

PRC Resolution No. 2016-990 – Amendments to the Revised Guidelines (PRC Resolution 2013-774) on the Continuing Professional Devt. (CPD) program for all Registered and Licensed Professionals

Why CPD is important?

Implementing Rules of RA 10912

Credit Units for the Academic Track

How can One Earn CPD Credit Units?

Professional Tracks

Other Self-directed CPD Programs

IFLA Guidelines for CPD, Principles and Best Practices.

Ms. Carungui encouraged the participants to ask questions for some clarifications, thus, there were an active participation between the participants and the lecturer.

Thereafter, Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva, and Ms. Cynthia DJ Tolado, our very own bosses, presented the Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. Carungui as the Office’s gesture of expressing its gratitude and appreciation for the expertise and time shared by the resource person.

For the closing remarks, Ms. Cherry M. Taruc, Asst. Head, Inventory Section, expressed her appreciation to the resource speaker for sharing her insights and expertise. She also encouraged each and every one to apply what they learned during the Lecture forum.

After the seminar, there was a photo op to all the attendees with the Resource Speaker.



All the participants had a chance to have a picture with the Resource Speaker, Ms. Dolly Carungui (left photo) who also received a Certificate of Appreciation from the City Librarian, Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva and Asst. City Librarian, Ms. Cynthia DJ Tolado.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN QCPL BRANCH LIBRARIES?

By : District Library Coordinators

Last November 25, 2016, the Quezon City Public Library—Pasong Tamo, conducted a storytelling activity in celebration of “Araw ng Pagbasa” at Yakap Day Care Center—Veterans Village Area II, Brgy. Pasong Tamo, QC.

The said program was attended by 47 participants consisted of pupils and teachers. Ms. Mharloth Ocumen, a library volunteer conducted the Story telling while Ms. Catherine Claraval, QCPL-Pasong Tamo Staff assisted in the said activity.



On October 19, 2016 at exactly 9:00 in the morning, Quezon City Public Library—Talipapa conducted a lecture on Senior Citizens’ Rights. Topics discussed were the benefits, the privileges and rights of the Senior Citizens. Part of the Lecture is a short film showing the different livelihood programs created for Senior Citizens.

19 Senior Citizens, which are all residents of Brgy. Talipapa, participated in the said program. Brgy. Kagawad Jefferson Peralta, SC Committee, Brgy. Admin Eduardo de Jesus, Ms. Emma Zapanta, GAD Focal person and the lecturer.

The activity would never be successful without the enthusiastic effort of District Library Staff headed by Mr. James Maborang.

A big thanks to Brgy. Captain Ursula “Choleng” Juan for preparing snack for our beloved Senior Citizens.

The District II and VI Libraries conducted an activity at Payatas Landfill Branch on October 28, 2016 at 8:00 am. The event was a Halloween Costume Party contest. Mr James Maborang shared the history of Halloween, how the “Trick or Treat” custom started and became a part of our culture during “All Souls Day” through storytelling. It was participated by 53 children ages from 6 to 13 years old living around the Payatas Engineered Sanitary Landfill facility. The event was successfully done with the support of Managing Director of Payatas Poverty Alleviation Foundation, Inc. (PPAFI) Col. Jameel Jaymalin and PPAFI President Atty. Dwight M. Ramos with his wife Ma’am Angie Ramos.





During the Araw ng Pagbasa last November 25, 2016, the QCPL-District Libraries conducted simultaneous storytelling activities. QCPL– Bagong Pag-asa, Masambong, Balingasa Branches, together with the staff of other Branch Libraries joined their forces together to celebrate National Reading Month and helped children with difficulties in their reading skills.



Local government officials also supported the event. One of them is Councilor Ollie Belmonte, who also became a storyteller that day. He shared “Ang Asul na Araw” and also donated a few books for the library. Kgw. Nanneth Magdaraog, also part of the program, shared “Ang Pitong Baso ni Paquito” to the pupils of Yakap Day Care Center in Balingasa.



With the help of Ateneo de Manila students, QCPL– Payatas conducted series of classes to the community children around the library area. Storytelling and fun activities were made to integrate lessons touching every aspects of their lives.

The said activity was made for 8 consecutive weeks to make sure that what the children have learned were applied in their daily living.

The QCPL– Payatas has found a way to keep the children behave inside the library. With the brilliant minds of the library personnel, they come up with Rewards Corner. In this corner, candies, chocolates and toys are kept and being distributed to the kids who remain disciplined and behaved during their library visit. Mimicking the concept of dentists giving out lollipops to their patients after each session, QCPL-Payatas introduced a very effective and satisfying way of keeping the kids silent.



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Quezon City Public Library was established on August 16, 1948, and was inaugurated on October 23, 1948.

Vision: Quezon City Library and Information Center to be recognized as an open and world-class leading library that promotes advanced learning and literacy.

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: Mondays– 8:20-5:00pm/ Tuesday-Friday-8:00-5:00pm/
Saturday-8:00-4:00 pm

QCPL BRANCH LIBRARIES

DISTRICT I

Project 8

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

Project 7

Bansalangin 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