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THE CITY LIBRARIAN REPORTED TO THE NEW CITY MAYOR, HERBERT BAUTISTA

Last June 24, 2010, the City Librarian, Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva, together with some office/department heads reported to the new City Mayor Herbert H. Bautista, regarding the mandate, policies, and recommendation of each respective office/department. Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte was also present during the said meeting.

Ms. Villanueva presented to Mayor Bautista the Library's vision, mandate and programs including recommendations. She stated the library's mandate

which are under 1) Public Law No. 1935, 2) RA No. 411, 3) Ordinance No. 3559, 4) RA 7743. She mentioned the following projects to be undertaken by the City library as follows: 1. Purchase of one (1) bookmobile van, 2. Creation of additional plantilla positions, 3. Horizontal expansion of the QCPL Main building. 4. Construction of three (3) modernized district libraries to be located in District I, III and IV, and possibly an additional one district library at the Batasan area. 4. Re-

habilitation of Branch Library buildings, 5. To make all branch libraries internet connected. She

also mentioned the ongoing projects and activities of the City library as follows: 1. puppet shows, 2. storytelling, film showing, 4. Information literacy classes and basic computer tutorials at the Main Library for the library users and staff, 5. Library orientation at the branch libraries, At present, QCPL is on the process of digitizing its library collections particularly at the Law Research Section which has digitized all QC ordinances & resolutions while the Filipiniana and Local History Collections and has just started digitizing.



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COURTESY CALL TO OUTGOING MAYOR FELICIANO BELMONTE JR.

Last June 26, 2010, the QCPL staff led by the City Librarian, Ms. Villanueva together with the Asst. City Librarian, Ms. Cynthia Tolado and the different Section Heads went to the City Mayor's Office to pay a courtesy call to the outgoing Mayor Hon. Feliciano Belmonte Jr. The City Library is very thankful to the Mayor for the many developments in the library services during the his administration. During his incumbency full computerization of the City Library was realized, leading to the fulfillment of the City library's vision of providing the library users with facilities where they can use the latest tech-



Mayor Belmonte together with Ms. Villanueva, Ms. Tolado, May Bernal, Fe Gomez, Marlene Raquino, Manica Cortes, Troy Lacsamana, Jenny Leoncio, Janet Alday, Ellen Sampiano and Jenny Adajo during the courtesy call.

nologies like Internet and Multi-Media to enhance research and facilitate information access and retrieval. It is also during his administration wherein books

budget has tremendously increased from a mere P100,000.00 in 2001 to P9M in 2010. Another outstanding project to the City Library was the construction of a district library, a two-storey library building at Novaliches Proper.

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The QCPL staff patiently waited for the City Mayor at the waiting room of the Mayor's Office.

QCPL CONTINUOUS TO GIVE FREE TUTORIALS

The QCPL through its Multi Media Section headed by Mr. Troy Lacsama continuous to give free lectures and tutorials the library users and QC employees on topics like Computer Basics,

Windows Basics, Internet Basics, Email Basics, Open Office Writer, Open Calc and Impress. Interest-



ed library users can come to the library and register to avail of this free service.



NEW PROPOSED PROGRAMS FOR THE QUEZON CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY



Mayor Herbert Bautista, during the first meeting with the Department and Office Heads, instructed the City Librarian, Ms. Emelita Villanueva to make it possible for the City Library to publish books all about Quezon City. Although compiling and making articles about Quezon City is an ongoing project of the library, never have these works been published yet. It is now high time for the City Library, with the support and directive of the incumbent City Mayor to push through with the publi-

cation of these materials.

The City Mayor is also very positive with his reaction on the proposed construction and modernization of three (3) district libraries to be located in District I, III and IV. We already have one in District II which is the Novaliches Library and Information Technology Center, a two-storey library building constructed under the administration of Mayor Feliciano Belmonte. Mayor Bautista has proposed a site at Bataisan for a location of another library at District II, considering that this district is the

most thickly populated and has the biggest land area among the three (3) districts in Quezon City. He also instructed the City Librarian to coordinate with publishers and authors for possible donation of their books to the City library.

Mayor Herbert Bautista and Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte envisions the City Library to be comparable to other modernized libraries in other countries in terms of infrastructure and services.

A NEW VISION FOR THE QUEZON CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Quezon City Public Library after the Belmonte administration has already fulfilled its vision of providing latest technologies like use of internet and multi media. Today, for the incoming administration of Mayor Herbert Bautista has formed its new vision....

QCPL ENVISIONS IN PROVIDING MODERNIZED LIBRARY FACILITIES AND SERVICES THAT WILL ENHANCE, SUPPORT AND DEVELOP THE LEARNING AND RESEARCH OF ITS CLIENTELES. A WORLD CLASS PUBLIC LIBRARY WHERE ALL SCHOLARLY INFORMATIONS ARE EASILY ACCESSED DOWN TO THE GRASSROOT LEVEL, AND THAT SHOWCASES RICH COLLECTIONS OF THE CITY'S LOCAL HISTORY AND CULTURE.

QCPL envisions not only of technological innovations but also the modernization of library facilities and infrastructure comparable to the libraries of other modern countries, the library being located in a prime city and one of the richest in the country.

LIBRARY ORIENTATION TO QC PUBLIC SCHOOLS

One of the annual activities of the Quezon City Public Library during the start of classes is the conduct of library orientations to public schools in the City. It started at Pag-Asa Elementary School followed by the Balin-gasa Elementary School, Ramon Magsaysay High School in Cubao, Manuel Roxas High School, General Roxas Elementary School, and at the M. H. Del Pilar Elementary School. The orientation is done after the Monday Flag raising ceremony of each school. The Staff uses pup-pets to convey their message of the presence of public li-braries and the librarian in

charge gives a talk in front of the students. The ob-jective of this activities is to inform the pupils and students the presence of public libraries near them where they can go and use for doing their assignments and researches. Some of our public libraries are al-ready internet connected, thus they can have free in-ternet search for at least an hour.

The Main library which is located at the Quezon City hall Complex also conducts orientations to students of various schools who come to the library for a tour and visit. The students of the

Village School of Parkwood and freshmen students from Datamex Fairview School recently visited and toured the QCPL Main Li-brary and they were given orientations on how to use the library, how to effec-tively do research using the library resources, including the use of internet. They were also briefed on the use of the Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) for the li-brary's bibliographic entries and introduced to them the QCPL's website, which is very informative particular-ly on QC's information.



Ms. Mariza Chico, Head Reference Services, orients the students from the Village School of Parkwood and from the Datamex Fairview School.

CON'T. LIBRARY ORIENTATION...



(From left to right) Library orientations conducted at M. H. Del Pilar Elementary School at Bernardo Park and the Ramon Magsaysay High School (Cubao) with the Officer in charge, Ms. Irene Camua supported by Mr. Troy Lacsamana, and at Gen. Roxas Elem. School and Manuel Roxas High School both at Roxas District with the Officer In Charge Ms. Grace Velez.

QCPL INTENSIFIES PUPPET SHOWS WITH A LESSON

After the typhoon "Ondoy", which devastated not only Metro Manila Area but the provinces as well, opened the eyes of the City Library of the responsibilities of each individual in the protection of our environment. Relative to this, a program to inform and educate the people on how to preserve our environment was conceptualized through a puppet show inspired by the children's book written by Ms. Tintin Bersola -Babao, the "Basura Monster". The The City Librarian, Ms. Villanueva exerted an effort to develop the puppet shows to a more informative and

educational set up. She instructed the Puppeteers, led by Ms. Marlene Raquino, to come up with a new script for the said activity. Thus, Ms. Raquino conceptualized of having the "Basura Monster" book to be used during the Puppet shows, enhancing the show with a "Basura Monster" character and two big rats. The Pup-

pet show shows the result of too much garbage which are thrown here and there that causes the rivers become dirty and clogged. It was also enhanced by the dialogues and sounds of the puppets which were dubbed and pre recorded for better effects. After the show, the librarian asked the pupils questions about proper garbage disposal. "Basura Monster" was already shown in different schools and barangays in the City such as at Proj. 8, Proj. 7, and at Project 4.



QCPL PUPPETERS.



"THE BASURA MONSTER",
QCPL edition



Pupils from the Toro Hills Elementary School

QCPL PROMOTES LIBRARY SERVICES

QCPL intensifies the promotion of library services through any means for the students to use library resources for their research for free. Libraries are very important nowadays so as to support the educational and research needs of the students particularly those in the public schools. One of the strategies was concep-

tualized by Mr. Troy Lacsamana of the MISS Section, promotion through the YOUTUBE, wherein QCPL librarians and staff together with the On-the Job trainees had a MOB Dance with the tune of the Metro Manila Public Librarians Jingle "Tara Na Sa Ating Aklatan". The activity was done at the Quezon Circle.



FILMSHOWING FOR THE KIDS AT QCPL

For this year the QCPL has acquired various children's films in CD format including biblical stories for the young audience. It has started to have film showing at least twice a month on

Saturdays. This will give recreational activity for the kids of Quezon City. In photo shows the kids watching "The Princess and the Frog".



NEW QCLAI OFFICERS INDUCTED

Last June 21, 2010, a new set of officers of the QC Librarians' Association Inc. was inducted by Congressman Jorge "Bolet" Banal, Jr, of District III at the Quezon City Public Library at QC Hall. (Right Photo Above) Elected Officers are Estela Montejo- President, Mariza Chico- QCPL, Anicia Corpuz- ADMU Library, Edna Mapa-COA Library, Erlinda Mercado-NICA Library, Arnel Franco-QCPL, Manica Cortez-QCPL, Loida Cruz-Diliman Prep. Library, Corazon Cruz-Claret School Library, Troy Lacsamana-QCPL, Tess Ortega- UPNCPAG Library.

Those who were invited to attend the ceremony were past presidents of the QCLAI, (In photo right below) Ms. Blanquita L. Del Barrio, Founding President, Emelita L. Villanueva, City Librarian, Perla Patacsil-UPNCPAG Library, Lucila Raquino-QCPL, Maryann Bernal-QCPL, Godelia



Alde - Ateneo, and others like Cora Cruz, Loida Cruz, and Erlinda Mercado, who were re-elected. Congratulations to all the BODs and Officers, and thank you to Congressman Jorge "Bolet"

Banal for gracing the induction ceremony.

LONG LIVE THE QCLAI!

STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE QCPL

Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva has organized a strategic planning workshop to tackle issues that pertain to all the projects, programs and activities of the QCPL. It was held last April 7-8, 2010 at Jeth's Resort in Pampanga. She secluded her staff in this place to focus more on planning library's projects and program. One issue that was tackled was the

creation of additional plantilla positions to be able to increase its personnel and be more effective and efficient in providing quality library services to the people of Quezon City. New programs and projects were also conceptualized by the librarians in the planning session and hope to be accomplished in the coming months to come. One is the

proposal to acquire a book-mobile van to reach out the urban poor areas in the city. This will also serve as a "rolling library" or "library on wheels" going to barangays without libraries established in it. (Photo Below) the performing group of the strategic planning, the City Librarian, Emelita Villanueva, Cynthia Tolado, Asst., Lucila Raquino, May Bernal, Fe Gomez, Mariza Chico, Janet Alday, Ellen Sampiano, Ana Puno, and Mr. Troy Lacsamana, with the support staff: Ana Martinez, Donna Estoque, Jenny Leoncio, Rhea Lapuz, Ronnie Lapuz and Homer Pilar. (Photo Below) Even in bed the planners continue their works. **GOOD LUCK TO US!**



TIME OUT FOR QCPL FOR TEAMBUILDING

Let's develop and build a team for our personnel, says our City Librarian. This will make us more focused and work synchronized in all our tasks and activities, she emphasized. Thus, on April 15-16, 2010, the QCPL staff including those in the branch libraries, permanent and contractual, had a teambuilding at Golden Sunset Resort in Calatagan, Batangas. A four (4) hour drive from Manila. It was a long drive but it was worth it. It was a "must" to all staff, but unfortunately, it was a

skeletal force because the library has to be opened and serve the public. At the teambuilding site, the group started with a brief lecture of what is team building and its importance. The briefing was assigned to Ms. Lucila Raquino. There was also a short team building activity like drawing their dream house, with each member of the group drawing what she like to be added in the house. and it was fun, considering that everybody participated by group. And

everyone enjoyed the look of their house when it is a cooperative work. There were teambuilding games, like tug of war, volleyball, sack race, and swimming. Everybody was happy with the feeling that they really belong to a group. The night too was special because the resort management presented a cultural show which was so colorful and likewise informative.



Team building briefing conducted by Ms. Lucila Raquino (inset) together with the City librarian Ms. Emelita Villanueva, to the QCPL staff.

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Photo below: QCPL staff enjoys the teambuilding activities.



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Photos shows QCPL staff watching the very colorful cultural presentation of the Golden Sunset Resort.

CONT. TIMEOUT FOR QCPL...



Time to go back to work. Time to work with team mates. GO.. GO.. GO. QCPL ... AIM HIGH.. REACH OUT FOR QCPL'S VISION AND MISSION.. GOOD LUCK!

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HOW TO STAY YOUNG

Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about them. That is why you pay 'them'

Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.

Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. 'An idle mind is the devil's workshop.' And the **devil's** name is **Alzheimer's**.

Enjoy the simple things.

Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.

The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person, who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be **ALIVE** while you are alive.

Surround yourself with what you love , whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. **Your home is your refuge.**

Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.

Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county; to a foreign country but **NOT** to where the guilt is.

Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER : Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, **but** by the moments that take our breath away.

Worry about nothing, pray about everything!!!

Contributed by Mariza G. Chico

QCPL AS SITE OF LIBRARY TOURS.

For the 2nd Quarter of this year, QCPL Main had already accommodated visiting students from different schools in their library tour/visit. This only proved that next to school, QCPL could be considered as People's University. The following students which came from different schools were the following: BLIS 5 students and 1 professor of St. Louis University in Baguio City last May 14, 2010,

40 BLIS students of St. Louis University in Baguio City last May 14, 2010, 4th year high school students of Village School of Parkwoods in Q.C. last June 25, 2010,

35 Freshmen students of Datamex - Fairview, Quezon City last June 26, 2010. They were given brief orientation by Ms. Mariza Chico of Reference Services and Mr. Troy Lacsamana of the Multi Media and Internet Services Section.



Students from Datamex , Fairview and Village School of Parkwoods who visited QCPL. Library orientation was conducted by Mr. Troy Lacsaman at the Multi Media and Internet Services Section and Mariza Chico at the Reference Services.



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