Librarians Celebrate Library and Information Month

The month of November was designated by Pres. Corazon C. Aquino as Library and Information Services month by virtue of Proclamation NO. 837 on November 19, 1991, while Pres. Manuel L. Quezon signed Proclamation No. 109 on November 19, 1937 Designating the period from November 24 to 30 of the year as National Book Week.

Thus, every month of November Librarians throughout the Philippines celebrate the National Book week and Library and Information Services Month.

This year’s theme was “Ang Batang Palabasa Dalubhasa sa Kultura”.

QCPL Librarians and staff joined in the celebration by attending the motorcade at the Quirino Grandstand last November 3, 2008. This day was also the awarding ceremony of the Most Outstanding Public Library in the National Capital Region wherein all public libraries of cities and municipalities were nominees. QCPL is one of the candidates and was awarded the third place. Most Outstanding Public Library in NCR was awarded to Pasig Public Library and Marikina Public Library got the second place.

On November 28, 2008, QCPL Librarians also attended the Fellowship Luncheon Program wherein the guest of Honor was our very own mayor Hon. Feliciano R. Belmonte. He was represented by Coun. Ariel Inton.
OUTREACH SERVICES OF THE QUEZON CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

QCPL continues to provide outreach services not only to Quezon City Residents but also to libraries from other cities and municipalities in the country. This has been the advocacy of the incumbent City Librarian, Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva. Last January 6, 2009, QCPL donated assorted reference books for the underprivileged students at Porac, Pampanga. QCPL staff also presented a Puppet Show. And on January 29, 2009, Librarians from Arayat, Pampanga also got their share of book donations. The books were part of the solicited reference materials from CI Philippines, which is being shared by the library.

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QCPL IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH BARANGAY OFFICIALS

The QCPL had a meeting with barangay officials last Jan. 22, 2009, to report and update them on matters that pertain to the projects, programs and accomplishments of the libraries under their jurisdiction. This is to at least inspire them of these accomplishments. It was reiterated during this meeting that their support to the libraries is needed to provide better services to their constituents.

January 22, 2009, Ms. Cynthia Tolado, Librarian V and Mr. Troy Lacsamana, Head Coordinator for Branch Libraries reported to Barangay officials or their representatives the status of branch libraries under their jurisdiction.
Branch Libraries corner

To date QCPL has twenty branch libraries serving in the different districts in Quezon City. They have been very active in their outreach activities and continuously conducting storytelling, film showing, puppet shows and information literacy seminars, all under the able leadership of Mr. Troy Lacsamana, Head of the Outreach services for Branch Libraries, Ms. Jeniffer Adajo, branch coordinator for Districts 1 and 2, and Ms. Janet Alday, coordinator for Districts 3 and 4.

Branch Libraries in Action!

Kids during the Spelling Bee contest conducted at Greater Proj. 4 Public Library last Feb. 3, 2009.

Mr. Troy Lacsamana, Branch Head Coordinator and Mr. Art Lagrimas, Branch Librarian - In Charge during the awarding ceremonies of the Spelling Bee Contest.

Roxas Library - Bible Film Showing, January 20, 2009.

Horseshoe visits Galas for a Puppet Show last January 21, 2009.

Film showing at Krus na Ligas - January 29, 2009.

Bible Film showing at Proj. 8 Branch Library last January 22, 2009.

Story Telling in Proj. 7 - by Ms. Tita Aris, January 20, 2009.

Story telling at Balingasa December 5, 2009.

CONTINUATION...BRANCH LIBRARIES IN ACTION!

Story telling at Balingasa Branch

Story telling at Lagro Branch

Story telling at Bagong Pag - Asa

Story telling at Escopa 2

Story telling at Nayong Kanluran

Story telling at Krus na Ligas

Story Telling Branch Librarians Puppetry show at Amoranto Stadium last Dec. 9, 2009.

Part of the Puppet Show

The Puppeteers Team

Day Care Pupils - viewers

PUPPET SHOW
QCPL Conducts Series of Information Literacy Seminars to Public Schools

To better extend the multimedia and internet services to the clienteles, QCPL continuously conduct information literacy seminars to public schools students for them to be aware to the use of computers and the library's system. This will enable them to know how to effectively use the computers for easier and faster access of information. The first batches to benefit of the service this 2009 were the pupils from Pasong Tamo Elementary School and the Balara Elementary School which was conducted last January 21 and 22, respectively.

QCPL: Site for Library Tours

The QCPL has been a favorite site for library tours to Librarians, students and pupils not only those from Quezon City but also from the neighboring cities and municipalities. Pupils from Twinkle Toes Academy were the first to visit the library in 2 batches, December 28 and 29 this 2009. They were toured by Ms. Mariza Chico, Head of the Reference Services to the different Sections of the Library, and stayed for longer period at the Children’s Section wherein they were able to browse to the numerous picture books available. They were also able to watch a film showing at the Multi Media Section.

QCPL Staff Computer Training

In preparation to the E-Library project of the QCPL, last January 23, 2009, the library management decided to conduct an update and series of computer trainings to the branch librarians to equip them of this kind of service to be made available to their clienteles in their respective barangay / branch libraries. This is also in preparation to the computer units to be given to every public library in the City as per an approved ordinance which was very much supported by the Honorable Mayor Sonny Belmonte.
QC Public Library Celebrated Public Library Day

Cong. Bingbong Cresologo, assisted by The City Librarian, Ms. Emelita Villanueva in cutting of the ceremonial ribbon at Bagong Pag - Branch Library.

The QC Public library celebrated Public Library Day last March 9, with a Spelling Bee and Contest conducted by the branch librarians in Quezon City. Two batches of the contest were conducted which were on March 4, 2009 for the Districts III and IV and and March 5, 2009 for the Districts I and II. The first batch was held at Cubao Branch Library with the grade V pupils of said districts as participants. The contest's winner was Angel T. Ramirez of Valencia Elementary School. Prizes given were books and trophy for the winner and books and medals for the participants. Judges were Bgy. Captain Efren Cudal of Bgy. Galas, Kagawad Conchita S. Noma of Bgy. Kamuning, Bgy. Captain Fernandito Ortiz of Bgy. Escopa II, Kagawad Joven Lauror of Bgy. Pansol and Mrs. Janet Alday, Librarian, coordinator of Districts III and IV.

While the spelling contest in District I and II was held at the Novaliches Library and Information Technology Center. The first prize winner was Aya Brea Araujo of Placido Elementary School. The judges were Mr. Czar Mendoza, Mrs. Cynthia D.J. Tolado, Librarian V of the Quezon City Public library and Mrs. Mariza G. Chico of the Reference Services of QCPL Main Library.

Another branch library, the Bgy. Bagong Pag-asa Library was also inaugurated last March 10, 2009. The ceremonial ribbon was cut by Hon. Congressman of District I Bingbong Crisologo, assisted by Bgy. Captain Fermin Bilaos of Bgy. Bagong Pag-asa and the City Librarian Mrs. Emelita L. Vil-

Mr. Matt Evans - actor @ QC Public Library

Mr. Matt Evans, an actor, was the guest storyteller during the storytelling hour of the library, last March 2, 2009. This is in coordination with the National Book Development Board. The audience were day care pupils who enjoyed listening to the storyteller. Not only the kids enjoyed Mr. Evans, but also the staff as well.
Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Leads the Culminating Activity During the Public Library Day Celebration

The City Mayor Feliciano R. Belmonte, Jr. lead the culminating activity of the QCPL by awarding the Best Branch Libraries in Quezon City and the winners during the Spelling Bee Contests conducted by Districts I to IV Librarians. Best Branch Libraries are Lagro Branch Library headed by Evelyn Garcia and Marlene Bautista, Escopa 2 Branch library headed by Jeniffer Quilaquil, Balingasa Branch Library headed by Mariel Alnas, and Cubao Branch Library headed by Irene Camua and Margie Iliria.

Winners of the Spelling Bee Contests are Angel T. Ramirez of Valencia Elementay School and Aya Brea Araujo of Placido Elementary school.

Spiritual Corner By: Grace Velez

A Reflection on the Value of a Eucharistic Holy Hour

All of us know that when you love someone very much, you want to be with the person whom you love, and your joy in life is to be close to this special person. This is the very nature of love. For instance: a mother can hardly wait to hold her newborn infant; a father's joy is to be with his children; a grandparent's delight is to see their grandchildren; while friends treasure the moments that they spend together, sweethearts find it difficult to leave one another's company and a man and a woman get married because they want to spend the rest of their life together.

Our relationships with one another help us to understand the Heart of God and His relationship to us encompasses and embraces all of the many wonderful kinds of relationships that we have with one another. And if we only knew how much joy, delight and glory we bring to the heart of God when we take time out during the week to visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament, we would never want to leave his Eucharistic Presence. If only we knew how much God loves us in the Blessed Sacrament, we would die of happiness, for here He says to each of us: "I have loved you with an everlasting love and constant is My affection for you." My delight is to dwell with you." And so, "God loved the world so much that He have His only begotten Son," "the Word become flesh and dwell among us." Jesus becoming one of us and choosing the name "Emmanuel", a name which means "God with us", because much as we want to be with one another, infinitely more so does Jesus want and desire to be close to us, which helps us to understand why He did what He did on Holy Thursday night, the night before He died, when His Heart could not bear to be separated from us.

Source: Loving Jesus with the Heart of Mary written by Fr. Martin Lucia, SS.CC.
LIBRARY HOURS

**Monday**
8:20 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.
*(20 minutes allowance for the flag raising ceremony)*

**Tuesday — Friday**
8:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

**Saturday**
8:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

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