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Perspective design prepared by Special Design Group of the soon to be constructed two-storey QCPL building at the QC Memorial Circle. A never to be forgotten legacy of Mayor Herbert Bautista, Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte and the City Council that will bring state of the art library infrastructure, facilities and services to the reading public.
Quezon City Mayor Herbert M. Bautista granted six (6) QC Librarians led by the City Librarian, Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva, a four (4) day library tour in Hong Kong from October 19-22, 2011.

Said librarians were able to go to selected state-of-the-art libraries like the Hong Kong Central Library, the University of Hong Kong Library and the Hong Kong Institute of Education, which has two library systems, the Mong Man Wai Library and the Town Centre Library, both well equipped for educational and humanities research.

Hong Kong Libraries have earned the reputation of being one of the best education libraries in Asia because of the excellent facilities and services they provide.

The tour was organized by the Philippine Association of Academic & Research Libraries (PAARL) with the aim to benchmark with Hong Kong’s Libraries and observe their latest technological progress and infrastructures; foster professional and cultural exchange between Filipino and Hong Kong Librarians; and to establish linkages among Hong Kong Library Associations for future collaborative undertakings.

QCPL PUPPETEERS PERFORMED AT PALAYAN CITY, NUEVA ECIJA

12 QCPL Puppeteers were invited to perform at a Seminar conducted by the Nueva Ecija Librarians Assn. at Palayan City, Nueva Ecija last March 15, 2012.

The group was invited by the Association’s President Ms. Teresita DJ. Magbag. Puppeteers were Zeny Baltazar, Marlyn Bautista, Arturo Lagrimas, Leonardo Lapuz, James Mabborang, Lilia Malaban, Chona Masbate, Marivic Ocumen, Homer Pilar, Jenny Quilaquil, Noel Sacramento and Ryan Untalan.
Project 8 Branch Library

January 2012, Lakbay Aral was done with the participation of one section of grade four pupils of Toro Hills Elementary School. They were led by their adviser teacher, Ms. Asuncion and the team staff of Project 8 branch. First of the itinerary was at the Quezon City Public Library, Main, then at the Mowelfund Film Institute. Film appreciation was introduced as part of their learning to visual arts and filming. Last was at the National Library wherein the kids were entertained through storytelling, by Ms. Melai who was really great with her “Storytelling forte”, then a puppet show followed.

The pupils ended their tour bringing home lots of experiences and fun.

February 29, 2012

In celebration of Arts Month, Project 8 branch library conducted an activity that coincided with the annual celebration of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA). A celebration where we grace and acknowledge our culture through histories and arts through communications like “mural painting”.

Our participants are pupils from selected grade schools from Toro Hills Elementary School and Day Care children. It aims to familiarize with the letters of the Alphabets and develop their creative thinking so with their drawing skills.

The event was attended by Brgy. Chairman Victor Jun Ferrer of Bahay Toro, Ms. Marlyn Raquino of QCPL, head of Filipiniana and Local History, Ms. Prima Alabata, Ms. Anabel Lucona, Ms. Ester Yalung and Ms. Dulce Safran from the Office of the Vice Mayor.

Sir Dennis, coordinator from the office of the mayor, Ms. Marlyn, Chairman Ferrer and Ms. Anabel did the first stroke of the brush witnessed by the participating students and their teachers and parents and a group of UP students assisted the children.

Food were served, sponsored by Vice-Mayor Joy Belmonte. (It’s Jollibee). Our paints were sponsored by Councilor Calalay, Brgy. Chairman Victor Jun Ferrer, and yours truly (paints & brushes). From us all at Project 8 branch, from the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU!

By Salvacion Flores

Left picture: Bgy Captain Jun Ferrer (in red T-shirt opening the mural painting activity. Right: Ms. Prima Alabata, Ms. Marlene Raquino, Ms. Salvacion Flores, in-charge, Proj 8 Library, and Ms. Beni de Castro
QCPL 2011 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

By Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva, City Librarian

QCPL has adopted 19 barangay/municipal libraries by organizing and providing books to said libraries. QCPL also has regular library monitoring for assessment and evaluation.

1. Bgy. Centro Reading Center, Polangui, Albay
2. Bgy. Apad Reading Center, Jomalig, Quezon Province
3. St. Mary’s University, Nueva Viscaya
4. Bukal Sur Elementary School Library, Candelaria, Quezon
5. Halahan Academy Library, Imugan, Sta. Fe, Nueva Viscaya
8. Bgy. Dist. IV, Bayombong, N. V.
11. Municipality of Aritao, N.V.
12. Municipality of Kasibu, NV
13. Mun. of Kayapa, N V
14. Mun. of Dupax Del Sur, N. V.
15. Mun. of Dupax Del Norte, N. V.
16. Candelaria Elem. School Central, Candelaria, Quezon
17. Municipality of Ambaquoio, N. V.
18. Municipality of Sta. Fe, N.V.
19. Betty Lou Dau Community Center, Quezon City

SHARED A BOOK:

1. Balay Ni Emmanuel of Alisayao, Makiwalo, Northern, Samar
2. Ernesto Rondon High School, Bago Bantay, QC
1. Judge Juan Luna High School, QC
2. Pugad Lawin High School, QC
3. Balingasa High school, QC
4. San Jose High School, QC
5. Camp Karingal Ladies Dormitory Library, QC
6. Bgy. Sangandaan Reading Center, Caloocan City
7. Mariano Marcos Memorial ES Learning Center, Batac, Ilocos Norte
8. Holy Virgin of Salvacion College, Duerte Campus, E. Samar
9. Holy Child Academy, Arayat, Pampanga
10. St. Paul’s Vocational High School, Isabela
11. Taliptip ES, and Batya ES, Bulacan
12. GK Marcelo, Paranaque
14. Navotas Public Library
Hong Kong Central Library, University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Institute of Education, one of the best libraries in Asia and observed these modernized and highly technological libraries including their best practices.

VI. PROPOSED LITERACY PROGRAMS

1. INTENSIFY FILIPINIANA BOOKS PROGRAM.

Proposed ordinance requiring Book Publishers in QC to donate at least two books published to the QCPL. To be able to provide new and updated filipiniana books to our students and also be able to increase library collections.

2. SHARE A BOOK PROGRAM.

Continue supporting other barangays/public schools in the organization of reading centers/libraries including provision of reading materials/books.

3. INTENSIFY BASIC COMPUTER TUTORIALS at barangays.

III. LIBRARY USERS SERVED:

QCPL and its branch libraries have served a total of 188,315 clientele compared to 110,369 in the past year.

IV. OTHER LIBRARY SERVICES/ACTIVITIES

Quezon City Public Library and its branch libraries conducted 403 activities such as storytelling, film showing, puppet shows, library orientations, spelling bee contests, and computer tutorials to the children, pupils and students in public schools, out of school youths, unemployed mothers, senior citizens and differently abled individuals in different QC communities and barangays. A total of 19,713 people attended said activities.

V. OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

2. Continuous publication of the QCPL newsletter, the QUEZONIAN.
3. Library tour in Hong Kong. The City Librarian and some staff were able to see the Hong Kong Central Library, University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Institute of Education, one of the best libraries in Asia and observed these modernized and highly technological libraries including their best practices.

II. TOTAL BOOK COLLECTIONS

2011 total book collections - 65,007 vols. compared to 62,059 in 2010 or an increase of 2,948 vols.

QCPL continuous to tap possible resources to increase its book collections from:

1. Lion’s Club of San Francisco, USA, through Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte & Coun. Aly Medalla. (Under negotiations).
2. Children’s International Philippines
3. Asia Foundation
4. FNB Educ’. Inc.
5. ADARNA House, Inc.
6. IBON Foundation
7. Lourdes School of Mandaluyong
8. Bookman Publishing
10. Thomas Jefferson, Inc.
15 SIMPLE RULES FOR 2012 by WHITE DOVE

Ordinary habits in life will always bring extra-ordinary results. Scroll through these 15 simple rules and make 2012 the best year ever.

1. As you sow, so you reap
This has a lot of variation in different cultures but the bottom line is "What you give is what you get".

2. Play the lead role in your movie
Write your own script. Define your own dreams.

3. Stop giving past more power than the present.
Excuses never ends.

4. Worry will not solve our problem. It will make you weak.
So don’t worry, but acknowledge and accept. Stop fretting.

5. Belief is more powerful than dreams and hopes.
We become what we believe.

6. The only prayer we need to say is "Thank You".
Always be grateful. We need to be reminded of this quite often.

7. Stand up for what you feel you should do and is right for you.
If you make a choice that goes against what everyone else thinks, the world will not fall apart.

8. Trust your instincts.
Intuition doesn't lie. If you don't have instincts then meditate.

9. Love yourself
And then learn to extend that love to others in every encounter.

10. Let passion drive your profession
Hard to implement. But once you eventually find it there will be no stopping

11. Every day brings a chance to start over.
I need not say more.

12. Doubt means don’t.
Don't move. Don't answer. Don't rush forward.

13. When you don't know what to do, get still.
The answer will come. Playfulness will always lead you to a solution.

14. Trouble don’t last always.
This too shall pass.

15. Above all, trust your destiny to God.
Let Him do the planning in your life.

Manalig sa Maykapal

May sariling paraan ang Maykapal
Sa paggabay sa Kaniyang mga Nilalang,
Kung anuman ang sa ati’y itinakda.
Marapat na tanggapin ng bawa’t isa.
Kung sa murang edad ay tawagan Niya,
Hawag sana itong ikakalumbay pa,
Dahil pihong may inilaan Siya
Sa pagtawag sa atin ng maaga.
Sa kaunting panahon sa ati’y nakalaan

by IRENE C. CAMUA, In-Charge, Cubao Branch

Upang dito sa mundong ito ay manatili pa,
Maging mabuti ka na lang sa ibang nilalang kaibigan
At mag-iwan ng isang mabuting alaala magpakaylan man.
**BRANCH LIBRARIES IN ACTION**

Lagro Branch Library had conducted a graduation ceremony for the participants of the seven (7) day basic computer tutorials last March 2, 2012.

Computer tutorial is one of the activities of Lagro Branch. It had two (2) sessions, morning and afternoon with four (4) and eight (8) respectively from each session.

The trainor Ms. Marlyn Bautista said that the participants learned a lot from the basic computer tutorial. Now they (the participants) are computer literate, with knowledge on basic encoding, they know how to e-mail and use the facebook as tools for faster communication, and search information through the internet.

The graduation ceremony was attended by the City Librarian, Ms. Emelita Villanueva, Ms. Cynthia Tolado, Asst. City Librarian, Atty. Renato U. Galimba, Barangay Captain of Bgy. Lagro and Hon. Aly Medalla, Councilor of District II. **By Marlyn Bautista**

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**2-Day LGU Training on Philippine History and Heritage**

**By Ms. Mariza G. Chico**

Ms. Mariza G. Chico, Librarian III of the QC Public Library attended a two (2) day LGU Training on Phil. History and Heritage sponsored by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP). This was held last March 15-16, 2012 at the Benitez Hall, Teacher’s Camp, Baguio City.

The participants were City/Municipal administrators, tourism and cultural officers/ etc. and other concerned LGU personnel from Regions 1, 2, 3, CAR & NCR.

Signed to 1) increase appreciation of the value of history and cultural heritage; 2) raise consciousness about the importance of historic/heritage conservation; and 3) encourage LGUs to identify historical and cultural sites and structures in their respective localities for possible marking and identification, and eventually, as tourist attractions in the region.

Guests of Honor were Mr. Rafael Tallocoy, Secretary to the Mayor of Baguio City and Executive Director Ludovico D. Badoy of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines.

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Ms. Chico (2nd from left), together with other QC Hall employees, our speaker Prof. Eric Zerrudo (3rd from left) and NHCP Executive Director Ludovico D. Badoy (5th from left).
QCPL MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

by Ms. Mary Ann L. Bernal

The 15th General Assembly of QC Public Library Multi Purpose Cooperative was conducted on March 20, 2012 with 68 attendees.

There was a half-day forum on “Mandatory Amendments to conform with R.A. 9520 & Annual Report Compliance Review” lectured by Atty. Jose Victoriano Buenagua of NOVADECI.

Members of the cooperative raised issues and concerns during the assembly and were answered by Atty. Buenagua.

The Chair Ms. Emelita Villanueva also reported the accomplishments of the coop for 2011, likewise the Treasurer Ms. Jenny Leoncio reported the financial status.

After the forum, there was an election of new set of board of directors and officers as follows: Emelita Villanueva, Cynhtia Tolado, Mariza Chico, Mary Ann Bernal, Fe B. Gomez, Manica Cortez and Analiza C. Martinez.

Committee officers are Grace Ann M. Velez, Jennifer M. Quilaquil & Susan Santiago for Audit; Ria Lapuz, Anthony L. Merino & Luisa C. Quinilayo for Mediation; and Cherry M. Taruc, Michelle Ferrer and Zenaida M. Baltazar for the Ethics Committee.

STORYWRITING & STORY TELLING SEMINAR

by Ms. Mariza G. Chico

The Quezon City Public Library conducted a 2-day seminar workshop on the Art of Storywriting and Storytelling on March 12-13, 2012 at the Don Alejandro Roces Sr. Science & Technology High School Multi-Purpose Hall at Roces Avenue, Quezon City.

The venue was in coordination with the School Principal, Dr. Eladio H. Escolano.

Lecturers were Dr. Luis P. Gatmaitan, M. D., a writer/author, OMF Literature, Inc. and Mr. Manolo Silayan, Board Chairman, Alitaptap, Storytellers Philippines, Inc.

There were sixty three (63) participants, librarians and branch library staff of the QCPL and teacher-librarians from different public elementary and high schools in QC and also from other nearby cities and municipalities in Metro Manila and from Nueva Viscaya and Arayat, Pampanga.

Certificates of participation were distributed to the attendees at the end of the 2nd day.
Puppeteers turned over a water dispenser as a gift for the NOH school for Crippled children

Escopa 3 Branch Library Storytelling session. Mr. Art Lagrimas with the Nagkaisang Nayon Foundation day Care Children

Escopa 2 Branch storytelling hour, Ms. Carla Mendoza

Talipapa Branch Storytelling Hour

Storytelling Hour at Balingasa Branch with Ms. Maribel Alnas

Krus Na Ligas Branch Storytelling hour with Ms. Rosalie Quinatadcan

Novaliches Branch Computer tutorials, Mr. Edward Bayani

Pasong Tamo Branch Card Making contest with Ms. Marivic Ocumen

Roxas Branch storytelling Session, Ms. Grace Ann Velez

Computer Tutorial at Project 7 Branch

MELAI the Mascot with the Puppeteers at the QC memorial Circle

Library tour of the Toro Hills Elementary School, QC at the Main Library
QCPL STAFF VISITS BIGGEST FLOATING LIBRARY/BOOKSTORE

By Mariza G. Chico

Last March 6, 2012, Ms. Emelita Villanueva, the City Librarian and Cynthia Tolado, Asst. City Librarian together with four (4) other staff visited M.V. Logos Hope in Pier 15 Manila South Harbor. This is known to be the largest among the floating library/bookstore of the German-based organization Good Book for All (GBA) aimed at bringing knowledge, help and hope to the local folks, especially children with over 5,000 titles at very affordable prices.

Logos Hope replaced MV Doulos, which was a frequent Philippine visitor before it retired due to old age.

Logos Hope generally visits a port for two weeks and continually sails from one port to another, year round. So far, about 2,518,000 visitors have been on board Logos Hope from 65 different countries and territories and 42 ports of call it made since it was launched into service in 2009.
INAUGURATION OF PAYATAS LANDFILL LIBRARY

Last March 4, 2012, the Payatas Landfill Library was formally inaugurated. It was well attended by various government officials and employees.

Said library will serve the Payatas community and provide their educational and informational needs through books and other reading materials.

Present during the affair are City Mayor Herbert Bautista, Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte, Coun. Roderick Paulate, Cong. Winston Castelo, Dist. 2, Coun Aly Medalla, Coun. Alfred Vargas, Coun. Precious Hipolito-Castelo and Coun. Voltaire Liban III.

The ceremonial ribbon was cut by Mayor Bautista, Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte, and Coun. Roderick Paulate, assisted by Ms. Emelita Villanueva, City Librarian, and Col. Jameel RM. Jaymalin, Head of the Payatas Operations Group and the mass was officiated by Father Roen Carlos.

The said library was organized through the efforts of the Payatas Poverty Alleviation Foundation, Inc, IPM Group of Companies, EP-WMD, Payatas Operations Group, and QC Public Library thru its City Librarian, Emelita Villnaueva and staff.

The Payatas Poverty Alleviation Foundation is being managed by Ms. Isabelita P. Mercado, Chairman; Atty. Dwight M. Ramos, President; and Mr. Roberto M. Jaymalin, Managing Director.
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Quezon City Public Library was organized on August 16, 1948.

**Vision:** To provide library users with facilities where they can use the latest technologies like internet and multi-media to enhance research and facilitate information access and retrieval.

**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: 18

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

NEW SET OF CLAPI OFFICERS

by Ms. Analiza Puno

Nomination and election of Children’s Literature Association of the Philippines, Inc. (CLAPI) officers and Board of Directors was conducted last February 21, 2012 at the Conference Room of the Quezon City Public Library.

The new set of officers are Ms. Leonila S. Galvez, President; Ms. Melba A. Tablizo, Vice President; Ms. Melanie A. Ramirez, Secretary; Ms. Rosita C. Chiong, Asst. Secretary; Ms. Cynthia DJ. Tolado, Treasurer; Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva, Auditor; Ms. Mariza G. Chico, P.R.O.

The Board of Directors are Ms. Fe Abelardo, Ms. Purtita B. Bautista, Ms. Analiza T. Puno, Ms. Sonia “Breezy” A. Santiago, Ms. Helen Grace S. Cacho, and Ms. Fe Gomez.

The induction and oath taking of the new CLAPI officers and Board of Directors was conducted last February 28, 2012 by Councilor Alyson Rae V. Medalla as the inducting officer.

The first activity was the Strategic Planning which was held on March 23-24, 2012 at the St. Agatha Hotel and Resort, Sta. Rita, Guiguinto, Bulacan.

It was planned to have a quarterly halfday forum and an annual seminar for members and non-members of CLAPI.

Target date of the 1st forum will be on July 24, 2012, with tentative title “Reading Program for the Underprivileged”. The venue will be at the auditorium of the National Library of the Philippines. Invited speakers will possibly come from the Phil. Board for Books for the Young (PBBY).