The Quezon City Library and Information Center has done it again bagging the first prize from the poster making contest hosted by the Association of Librarians in Public Sector (ALPS), Inc. on the 57th Public Library Day (March 9) 2016 Poster Making Contest. This winning entry was used as souvenir program cover and in other promotional materials in relation with the National Conference of Public Librarians with the theme: "Philippine Public Librarianship: Moving Forward and Beyond" last March 7-10, 2016 wherein the City Librarian, Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva had also been invited as guest speaker presenting the topic: "Reaching the Unserved and Underserved" where almost 300 participants attended. The poster depicts the vision of Quezon City Library and Information Center in the future and beyond. To serve and reach out for more readers thru highly technological library building offering highly technological services and help them love reading, for them to reach their goals and aspirations in life and be better citizens of Quezon City and to the country.

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The weather was just perfect for a storytelling session. It was the first for our Mobile Library for this year. Our venue was at the Mines Elementary School, and our participants the 48 pupils from Grade 3 Tandang Sora section. Our librarian from Project 8, Ms. Janice Dalag, narrated the story “Ang Lola kong Mahilig Mag-utos.” We then organized the kids in preparation for the Pinoy Reading Buddies (PRB). Our goal is: “to help the kids learn to read and read to comprehend.” The attention they had given as they listened to our storyteller, was the same attention in the conduct of PRB program. They did the Pic walk and Read Out Loud, four pairs shared what they just read afterwards. It was surprising that the kids were seen reading the books with much gusto, however, when they are in front, they froze and can’t say a word. We don’t know if they were just shy or they did not comprehend what they read or just plain shy. We then gave the 25 books to the adviser and promised to return after a month to check on them. All in all, it’s a good start and we the librarians, together with all our partners are hopeful for a positive result.
Library Organization in Pampanga

by: Manica M. Cortes


This school was a recipient of the Quezon City Library and Information Center’s (QCLIC) Share-a-Book Program. It was only last December 2015 that we visited this school wherein our City Librarian was also an alumna and then organized the library a month thereafter.

Day 1 - January 14, 2016

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The Bible was completed about two thousand years ago. Since then, countless other books have come and gone. But not the Bible. Consider the following:

- The Bible has survived many vicious attacks by powerful people. For example during the Middle Ages in certain “Christian” lands, “the possession and reading of the Bible in the vernacular the language of the common people was increasingly associated with heresy and dissent,” says the book *An Introduction to the Medieval Bible*. Scholars who translated the Bible into the vernacular or who promoted Bible study risked their lives. Some were killed.

- Despite its many enemies, the Bible became and continues to be the most widely distributed book of all time. In whole or in part, an estimated five billion copies have been printed in more than 2,800 languages. This is in sharp contrast with books on philosophy, science and related fields, which may have a limited circulation and may quickly go out-of-date.

- The Bible has helped to preserve and shape some of the languages into which it has been translated.

**Excerpted by: Maria Cecilia R. Magnate**

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Library Organization started right away. Shelves were painted and re-arranged, books were color coded and arranged the shelves according to subject. The group worked until 5:00 p.m.

**Day 2 – January 15, 2016**

At 8:00 a.m. the group resumed the library organization by labeling the shelves, putting signages and doing some finishing touches until 2:30 p.m.

The team then went back to QCLIC accomplished.
“LIB” AND “RARY” CHILDREN’S BOOK CLUB!!!

by: Marlyn I. Bautista

The Lib and Rary Children’s Book Club is an offshoot of QCLIC to enhance Children’s Corner, where collection of books suitable to children are on display and ready for reading and browsing. In order to promote these collection of books and other reading materials, QCLIC began by encouraging parents who are employees of QC Hall to bring their children to QCLIC’s Children’s Corner.

Awaiting for these children are the vibrant and cheerful staff of QCLIC who engaged them to the wonderful world of reading through fun and exciting activities such as storytelling, film showing, puppet show, art workshop and many more. To sustain their new found love for reading, QCLIC started the “Lib and “Rary” Children’s Book Club."

Privileges:
A child member has the privilege of securing a QCLIC library card.

The library card can be used to borrow books and/or tablet from the Children’s Corner for Room use only.

Furthermore, borrowing books will give a child member merit points to qualify for the club’s recognition, promos and contest.

Age Qualifications: 3-12 years old.

Requirements:
1x1 picture.
Registration form filled up by parents or guardian.
Children’s Section Outdoor Storytelling on the Move!

by: Marlyn I. Bautista

In January 14, 2016 the QCLIC Children’s Section started an outdoor storytelling activity with 15 children present. What formulated this program was our desire to reach out those under privileged who cannot afford to go to the library.

In that case, we endeavor to come to them. Bringing to them stories that can make their imagination run and exercise their comprehension as well. Yes, we bring them the books to their place!

Staff were very passionate to make this happen. The result was very satisfying because children were indeed attentive. Their parents on the other hand even invited us to make it in front of their houses. What a fine outcome it really was.

This actually is another beginning of letting children know what good books can bring to them. The staff were so happy making this service.

Now, we look forward to doing more visits on this outdoor activity!

“In January 14, 2016 the Children’s Corner started an outdoor storytelling activity with 15 children listening.”

Outdoor storytelling. Library staff reads to children at Forestry Quezon City
Perspective!
Really beautiful! from the facade to its inner layout. A dream come true for the Quezon City Library and Information Centre (QCLIC) to have its own high end building which is more spacious and all the more at a conducive location to serve QC clients and others from all walks of life with regards to research, information, education, updates, resources, online links & interactive services. All of these will be soon housed to this new building which is expected to be completed within this year. What a fine year really!

This project is realized through the initiative of our beloved City Mayor Herbert M. Bautista who is really geared on to helping QC residents to have a haven for learning, even for the People With Disabilities (PWD's) like the deaf and the blinds.

Official benchmarking done by the QCLIC heads to other countries such as Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and Japan had indeed were great contribution to the make-up of the new building. Through it the QCLIC personnel gained huge samples back to QC worth to imitate with especially

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that of Japan with regards to interactive services and high-end technologies. The building’s design was drafted by the Special Design Group or SDG headed by the City Architect Virgilio S. Regala, Jr. thru the supervision of Architect Ronald R. Pamintuan. Also, in coordination with the QCLIC section Heads, each section of jurisdiction was plotted with furniture and fixtures to determine the capacity and contained all proper areas as much as possible. Coordination with SDG was smooth and the Architects were really accommodating despite their busy schedules. The design of the building facade is truly inviting. The ground floor is where you could find the Reference section, the Kids Corner, the Filipiniana and Local History section, the Technical and Binding section, and the Periodicals section. At the second floor, there is where the City Librarian’s office, the conference room, Multimedia section, Outreach section, the Administrative services, the Law section, the Braille section and of course the Cafe@lib where you can sip good coffee and read good books.

Also, the QCLIC took home the second prize on the Public library poster exhibition and competition of the National Library of the Philippines-Public Libraries Division- the Association of Librarians in Public Sector (ALPS), Inc. and Beyond Access Philippines wherein it highlights the current services of our public library and our dream services. Because of the continuous support of the City Mayor, Hon. Herbert M. Bautista, the QCLIC was able to get all these awards and was recognized most throughout the said national conference.
“Save the best for last” this statement was greatly manifested last January 29, 2016, Friday, when the Quezon City Library and Information Center in partnership with the Philippine Bible Society and Quezon City General Hospital celebrated the last weekday of National Bible Week by giving out Bibles to the patients.

Headed by our City Librarian Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva together with Asst. City Librarian Ms. Cynthia DJ. Tolado in full support of the Public Library Section Heads (Ms. Lucila R. Raquino-Local History, Ms. Mary Ann Bernal-Reference, Ms. Mariza Chico-Technical Services, Ms. Fe B. Gomez-Law Research, Ms. Marlyn I. Bautista-Children’s Corner, Ms. Chona Masbate and Ms. Emerlina R. Tan-Filipiniana), the QCLIC had a successful and meaningful Bible Distribution Program at the said hospital.

The library staff and the Philippine Bible Society representatives, who donated the Bibles, witnessed mixed positive emotions showed by the patients. They were astounded, jubilant and full of hope as they gladly received the Holy Book.

Grateful with the opportunity given to them, the team was excited to participate on the said event. They all started it with the meeting with the doctors of QCGH headed by Dr. Josephine B. Sabando-Medical Officer VI together with Ms. Ma. Angelica F. Ramos-HRMO-V. Soon after a little talk, the team immediately proceeded to the charitable and productive activity. They

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prepared the Bibles to be given away, visited each room, private rooms and even the charity wards, and distributed not only the Word of God but also best wishes for the patients to get well soon.

The administration and the medical personnel were also happy accommodating us seeing their patients and the parents and the guardians new found hope in the Bible and not only the love but the concern and the care as well, provided by the library heads and staff.

The fun and the excitement never stopped in the QCGH. The activity will never be done without having the community, especially our beloved readers be a part of it, so the Bible distribution continued inside the library premises and at the Quezon City Hall compound.
Did you know?

The German translator by Martin Luther had a big influence on that language. The first edition of the *King James Version* has been described as “probably the single most influential book ever published” in English.

- The Bible has profoundly affected Western culture, influencing not just religious belief and practice, but also art. Literature, law, politics, and other fields too numerous to mention.”- *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Books of the Bible.*

Those are just some of the facts that set the Bible apart. Why, though, is it so popular? Why have people risked their lives for it? The many reasons include the following: The Bible contains moral and spiritual teachings that reflect exceptional wisdom. The Bible helps us to understand the root cause of all human suffering and conflict. Better still, it promises an end to those problems, even revealing how that will come to end.

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The Bible is made up of 66 books; this sacred volume was completed over a period of approximately 1,600 years. The Bible was written by about 40 human secretaries or scribes, some of whom were also farmers, fishermen, kings, and musicians. The Bible’s main theme is the Kingdom of God, a heavenly government that will rule the earth (Daniel 2:44; 7:13, 14). The Kingdom will eliminate evil, suffering, and death by uniting mankind under our rightful Sovereign—the Creator, Jehovah God.

*A BOOK THAT EXPOSES SUPERSTITION;*

*A BOOK THAT IS HONEST;*

*A BOOK THAT PROMOTES MENTAL HEALTH;*

*A BOOK THAT ADDRESSES LIFE’S BIG QUESTIONS.*

[Yes! A book for all on all subject under the sun. None compared! A LIBRARY on its own.](ref. Awake! No. 1, 2016)
I dunno how many times I spieled to my students about the value of reading books and comparing it to downloading knowledge to the brain. In our highly tech-driven society, most learners seldom get their vicarious learning from books now unlike those of the 90’s. That's why I am truly grateful to my colleague Ms. Ann Mariscotes for sharing and signing me up to this awesome immersion. I was planning of bringing with me students from other sections I handle, but given the only-20-person-capacity of the mobile and class disruptions, I opted to randomly pick students from my advisory class.

From start to finish, my students were all cheers and expectant of the program. Through the AV presentations, they added extra knowledge on QC Public Library, History of Filipino Music, Courtship in the Philippines, and about the city itself.

Also, the kids had so much fun and we’re glad that my request of a library tour for them was granted onsite. The kids had their merienda and took home some giveaways as well. But overall, I sure bet they won't forget the learning. And well, hopefully, they’ll get to visit the library and dig into the wealth of knowledge freely available for them.

I, especially want to thank the City Librarian, Ma’am Emelita Villanueva, her Assistant Ma’am Cynthia Tolado, Ma’am Lucila Raquiño, and most importantly Ma’am Emerlina Tan who was with us at the service to and fro, was our presenter and tour guide, and is a newfound friend to me.”

by: Venj Nera Oclaret
The Quezon City Library and Information Center- Filipiniana and Local History Collection had conducted series of Film Showing Program promoting our Filipiniana CD collections by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) with the aim to make students know and embrace our rich Filipino cultures and traditions including Filipino history and heritage.

This program was launched on February 10, 2016 with 20 students from Justice Cecilia Muñoz Palma High School led by Teacher Venjie N. Oclaret, followed by the students from St. Anthony Learning Institute of Quezon City, Inc., Payatas, Quezon City led by Teacher Glor Antonette R. Tan on February 17, and on March 14 and 15 our participants were from the San Francisco High School under Teachers Pamela B. Desuyo and Joy M. Robles.

Videos shown were History of Filipino Music, Courtship Practices in the Philippines, Cordillera and Philippine Drama including videos on QCLIC services and the Quezon City Diamond Jubilee Future Perfect.

Certificates of Appreciation to the Teachers and Certificates of Participation for the students were given after each program. Snacks were served and simple gifts were given to the students.

We were very grateful for the cooperation given by the respective principals of each school, Mr. Agapito T. Lera of Justice Cecilia Muñoz Palma High School, Ms. Pureza A. Abadines of St. Anthony Learning Institute of Quezon City, Inc. and Ms. Victoria B. Mangosong of San Francisco High School.

This project will not be possible without the support of the City Librarian Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva and the Assistant City Librarian Ms. Cynthia DJ. Tolado, together with the Filipiniana and Local History Head, Ms. Lucila R. Raquiño, staff Ms. Emerlina R. Tan, Esmeralda Cadeliña, Mr. Rommel Arceta, the MIS section headed by Mr. Manny Boy F. Fajilan together with the Publication and Documentation Section Head (PDS), Maria Cecilia R. Magnate, staff Mr. Lance Ocumen and of course Mr. Homer Pilar the driver who picked and dropped the students to and from the QC Library to their respective schools.

Rest assured, that this program will be continued on every opening of classes on the month of July so as to continue to promote and impart Filipino culture, tradition, history and heritage to our younger generations.

By: Lucila R. Raquiño
The setting up of coffee shop inside the library was a welcome surprise to our library users in 2014. This is one of the good things we learned from our benchmarking on public libraries abroad. At that moment, Café@Lib was born.

Timeliness in attracting the young and old alike to come in the library and experience the warmth of sipping the aroma of good coffee & reading almost forgetting the passing of the tic tac of time. It calls for a branding and promotion of public library.

This is an extension of Reader’s services which offers pocketbooks, newspapers & magazines while having a coffee. Our way to improve and revitalize the QCLIC services. We also offer pastries, freshly made sandwiches and cold drinks to complete the snacks of our readers and free wifi.

CAFÉ@Lib is also where people gather after library tour, short meetings, or just spend time reading, enjoying and eating all in the same time.

It operates from Monday at 8:20 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and on Tuesday to Friday at 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF PUBLIC LIBRARIANS 2016

by: Mariza G. Chico

A REPORT ON THE ATTENDANCE TO THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF PUBLIC LIBRARIANS participated by seven (7) QCLIC employees namely: Lucila R. Raquiño, Mariza G. Chico, Mary Ann L. Bernal, Janet B. Alday, Rowena G. Remiendo, Manny Boy F. Fajilan, and Marlyn I. Bautista last March 7-10, 2016 at the Manila Grand Opera Hotel, Rizal Ave. cor. Doroteo Jose St., Sta. Cruz, Manila.

The National Library of the Philippines (NLP) in partnership with Association of Librarians in Public Sector (ALPS), Inc. and National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) through the National Committee on Library and Information Services (NCLIS) spearheaded this year’s Conference of Public Librarians with the theme “Philippine Public Librarianship: Moving Forward and Beyond”.

The conference aimed to show some initiatives to improve the services in public libraries. It also provided a perspective on how public librarians become a catalyst of change in their own community.

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There were nine (9) discussants/speakers who talked on various topics such as leadership and management, library services, building partnerships, etc., with accompanying sharers from different public libraries, wherein they also shared their experiences on the topics discussed. Our very own City Librarian, Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva was one of the Resource Speakers in the conference on the topic “Reaching the Unserved and Underserved”.

The conference was attended by two hundred seventy one (271) public librarians all over the Philippines.

The first day was intended for Registration only, as most of the participants came from all over the country, because this is a National Conference and accommodation is not included so as to give ample time for the participants to look for their hotel. Likewise, other preparations of the Conference Secretariat was done on this day.

The second day started with the checking/verification of participants in the conference as some of the attendees registered online. The Opening Ceremonies followed, which included the Opening Remarks by Mr. Roilingel P. Calilung, ALPS President; Welcome Address by Ms. Yolanda E. Jacinto, OIC/Assistant Director, NLP which was represented by Mr. Ed Quiros of ITD-NLP; Keynote Speech by Ms. Prudenciana C. Cruz, Member, Execon-NCLIS; and explanation of the mechanics of the conference by Mr. Michael A. Pinto, Conference Chair.

Conference proper details are as follows:

Lecture 1: Current Status of Philippine Public Librarianship: Challenges and Opportunities / by Ms. Blesila P. Velasco – Chief, Public Libraries Division, NLP

Lecture 2: Transformation of Public Libraries for the Digital Age / by Dr. Angelo Juan O. Ramos – Executive Director, Molave Development Foundation, Inc.

Lecture 3: Reaching the Unserved and the Underserved / by Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva – City Librarian, Quezon City Library and Information Center

There was also an open group discussion on different topics such as Leadership and Management, Financial Literacy, Information Literacy, Technical Services, Funding/Budget after the formal lectures. The participants were asked to group themselves on topics which they felt are their issues and concerns in their present libraries. The purpose of this was for the Association to have basis in addressing some of their concerns.

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DAY 3 – MARCH 9, 2016

Lecture 4: Setting Directions: Public Libraries as 21st Century Community Centers and Welcoming Spaces / by Ms. Bernadine M. Gravela – City Librarian, Urdaneta City Library

Lecture 5: Social Marketing and Advocacy for Public Libraries / by Mr. Vic Jayson C. Cruz – City Librarian, Marikina City Library

Lecture 6: Accreditation for Public Libraries: It’s Now or Never / by Mr. Roilingel P. Calilung – ALPS President

The Ceremonial Turnover of Books from The Asia Foundation was also held followed by a Fellowship Night (Public Librarians Night), wherein participants were asked to wear their Futuristic Attire.

DAY 4 – MARCH 10, 2016

Lecture 7: Partnership Opportunities for Public Libraries / by Ms. Beatrice G. Quimson – Deputy Executive Director, DOST-ICTO

Lecture 8: Partnership Opportunities for Public Libraries / by Ms. Irma F. Saligumba, Project Manager, Beyond Access Philippines

Lecture 9: LEAD: Preparing Librarians to be Leaders / by Mr. Michael A. Pinto – Conference Chair.

There were sharers on each topic after every speaker as well as product demo by different book suppliers and exhibitors.

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The Quezon City Library and Information Center – District 3 libraries (Greater Project 4, Escopa II and III), PEKK (Progresibong Edukasyon tungo sa Kapayapaan at Kaunlaran) and Greater Project 4 Book Lovers Club joined together in launching the Inter-School Spelling Bee Contest in the year 2007. This activity aims to help the students improve their spelling, increase vocabularies, learn concepts, foster camaraderie among schools and promote the library as well. This was initially participated by 4 nearby public schools and later on joined by 3 nearby private schools.

Now on its 9th year, 126 representatives from 7 participating schools were invited namely Pura V. Kalaw, T. Alonzo, Kalantiyaw, Project 3 (public schools), Chime Learning School, St. Therese Montessori School and Holy Angels Montessori School (private schools). Holy Angels Montessori School backed out because of the contest schedule and was replaced by Batino Elementary School.

The event was held for 3 days. Grade 1 and 2 on the first day, Grade 3 and 4 on the second day and Grade 5 and 6 on the third and last day. Easy, Average and Final round was done everyday and winners were announced and awarded immediately after the final round. Three judges per day were invited, mostly from the library, Ms. Eunice Anne Enrique and Ms. Katheryn Guillermo from PEKK. The Quiz Master, Ms. Angeli Telan, conducted the contest. She has been doing it for 9 consecutive years.

The Office of the Mayor, Hon. Herbert M. Bautista and Vice-Mayor Joy Belmonte sponsored the trophies and medals. Greater Project 4 Book Lovers Club, Congressman Jorge Banal Jr. and Brgy. Captain Raul Ad-datu donated cash prizes to the winners. Councilor Allan Reyes donated notebooks, Congressman Jorge Banal donated bags with school supplies as additional prizes. Councilor Gian Sotto donated cash to buy some of the needed materials on the said contest. Greater Project 4 Book Lovers Club sponsored the white board, markers, erasers, food and drinks for the contestants, judges and library staff.

The District 3 library staff worked together to make the activity possible. The annual Spelling Bee Contest continue to excite and challenge the participants and they are all looking forward for next year’s Spelling Bee Contest. Overall, it was a success.
Photos from the Spelling Bee

Day 1

Day 2

Day 3
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: 18

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

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Our very own NBI Satellite Office Head, Mr. Raul B. Angeles was one of the Sharers on Lectures emphasizing the partnership that is going on between the NBI and our City Library in providing online services to our clients particularly NBI Clearance applicants.

The General Assembly of members followed after lunch, presided by the Officers of ALPS. They presented some concerns regarding the amendments of the Articles and By-Laws and gather the consensus of the majority on some issues, including the Standards for Public Librarians in the Philippines. Indeed, the conference was a success.