How time flies! It’s been a year when the QCPL inaugurated its new building on February 6, 2017. It was a local government project that changed the image of a typical public library. As ABS CBN news quoted, “Quezon City Public Library has a contemporary look, a far cry from the usual public libraries in the country.”

On February 5, 2018, a year after the inauguration, QCPL celebrated the 1st year anniversary of its new QCPL building by launching its new and innovative services that will serve its numerous clientele as follows: 1) the Radio-Frequency Identification or RFID, one of the latest technology for theft detection and books tracking system which will make library services more efficient; 2) our new website and 3) the book “QC Milestones: Timeline of Events that Shaped a Great City” and 4) the presentation of the QCPL Policies and Procedural Manual.
Greetings to All!

Another year has passed for the QCPL, full of blessings in God’s glory. We have surpassed the challenges and expectations of 2017… innovating, modernizing and transforming the QCPL in the service of the library users, researchers and other stakeholders.

In February 5, 2018, QCPL launched its innovative services and facilities.

It launched and presented to City Mayor Herbert Bautista and to Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte the QCPL Policies and Procedural Manual 2017 and its first publication, entitled QC Milestones: Timeline of Events that shaped a great city.” It is a chronological history of events way back in 1938 or before the creation of Quezon City up to June 2016. This book aims to provide information about Quezon City, its people, places and events. That the people of the city and other stakeholders will be informed on its rich historical happenings. It will be a one stop research on QC events. This is more than ten years of research of then Head of the Filipiniana, Ms. Lucila Raquiño and her staff. So far, QCPL is the first public library to publish its own books.

QCPL also launched another innovation, the RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) which is the latest technology to be used in library theft detection systems. RFID-based systems move beyond security to become tracking systems that combine security with more efficient tracking of materials throughout the library, including easier and faster charge and discharge, inventorying, and materials handling.

It is a combination of radio-frequency-based technology and microchip technology. The information contained on microchips in the tags affixed to library materials (which affixing tags in the books were meticulously done by the Technical Services staff led by Ms. Mariza Chico) is read using radio frequency technology regardless of item orientation or alignment and distance from the item is not a critical factor except in the case of extra-wide exit gates.

According to Stephanie Handy, in her article entitled “Considering RFID” featured in Computers & Libraries in 2014, “the first proposed use in libraries can be traced back as far as 1998. Rockefeller University became the first to use RFID, while the Farmington Community Library in Michigan was the first public library to do so. And we can claim that QCPL is the first public library in the country to have the RFID system including one of its branch library, the Novaliches branch library.

We have also re-launched the face of the QCPL website congruent to its new services and technological innovations. It is now more user-friendly. This was made possible by the Multi-media and Internet Services staff led by Mr. Charles Pasicolan and the web designer Mr. Jan Angelo Jasareno.

All of these innovations, modernization and transformation of the QCPL was outstandingly accomplished with the support of the local government of Quezon City through our very own Mayor Herbert M. Bautista.

Congratulations and thank you QCPL management team and to all the QCPL staff and to Consystent Solutions, Inc., team for introducing the RFID technology to the QCPL, Mr. Francis Mangilit, Ms. Madonna Domingo and Mr. Ryan G. Virrey.

God bless us all.

City Librarian’s Corner:
INNOVATION, MODERNIZATION & TRANSFORMATION
By: Emelita L. Villanueva
the Philippines, Presidents of Library Associations and other Librarians also graced the event.

The City Librarian Emelita L. Villanueva, in her speech, was so grateful to the City Mayor and to the Vice Mayor for their support to the City Library and extended her heartfelt gratitude to all City Councilors and City Officials.

Mayor Herbert Bautista, in his talk commented on the label as the “Father of the 21st century library”. He said that we are just starting to modernize as compared to other libraries in the world citing the use of “conveyors” in libraries. He described a “conveyor/sortation systems” which are “return / sorting systems that move materials from the point of return to sorting equipment that can scan barcodes or RFID tags to ascertain into which of several bins, totes, trolleys or carts that accommodate a single stack that can be tilted at any one of several angles. He also said that the library should have a basement which can be used as additional space.

The Mayor has high hopes for the QCPL including its community libraries. He envisions a community library that can access to e-books offered by the Main library. A community library though has limited space and has limited books but offers a vast collection of e-books depending on the information and research needs of the community it serves.

Overall, the program of the launching was a huge success.
From left to right: Hon. Mayor Herbert M. Bautista, City Librarian Emelita L. Villanueva, QCPL Consultant Ms. Eden Villanueva, Hon. Vice Mayor Ma. Josephina Belmonte, QCPL Publication Head Ms. Lucila R. Raquiño, Asst. Head of QCPL Publication Maria Cecilia R. Magnate & Publication staff Zestli Buena Ventura during the launching of “QC Milestones: Timeline of Events that Shaped a Great City”.
Hon. Mayor Herbert M. Bautista showing RFID function on its launching doing a ceremonial sample on its use while Councilor Allan Francisco watches and other QCPL staff and guests.

Mr. Charles A. Pasicolan, QCPL MIS Head, presenting the new face of QCPL website explaining its enhanced and additional features.

The Hon. Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte (9th from left), The City Librarian Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva (10th from left) with The National Library of the Philippines and QCPL personnel.
The Quezon City government thru the QCPL recently hosted a four (4)-day National Conference of Public Librarians from March 13, 2018 to March 16, 2018, conducted at Novotel, Araneta Center, Cubao, which was spearheaded by the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) in collaboration with National Committee on Libraries and Information Services (NCCA-NCLIS) and ASEAN Public Libraries Information Network (APLiN). It was also in coordination with the Quezon City Police District- Cubao, rendering the Entrance of Colors, the Quezon City Cultural Tourism Affairs Office (CTAO)- Men of Songs for the Philippine National Anthem and the Doxology, the Department of Public Order and Safety (DPOS) that escorted the official bus which carries participants for a tour at the QCX, Memorial Circle and QC Public Library and of course the City General Services Department for allowing the use of the official bus of the city.

The general aim of the conference was to foster innovation in the public libraries as critical community assets and providers of information through relevant technologies. Specifically, the conference aimed to (1) Understand libraries contribution to the Philippine Development Plan and the United Nations 2030 Agenda; (2) Increase awareness on modern library programs, projects and services and its implementation; and (3) Familiarize one’s self with the five (5) K’s: Kultura, Kalusugan, Kabuhayan, Karunungan, Kalikasan with seven plenary sessions.

There were more or less five hundred (500) participants that came from the 18 regions of the country, with Quezon City the highest number of 36 participants, followed by Central Luzon and Calabarzon with 26 participants each.
The Director of the National Library, Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano delivered the Opening Remarks, while Cabinet Secretary Leoncio B. Evasco, Jr., and Head of NCCA-NCLIS Mrs. Prudenciana Cruz, rendered their messages.

The City Librarian Emelita L. Villaneva was tasked to introduce the Keynote Speaker, the Quezon City Mayor Herbert M. Bautista. But because the good Mayor was to be confirmed with the rank Brigadier General of the Philippine Army at the Philippine Senate, the same day, he was not able to attend the conference and was represented by no other than the Quezon City Administrator Aldrin C. Cuña.

Another important government official who accepted the invitation to give a message was Mayor Sara Z. Duterte-Carpio, Mayor, Davao City. She talked on the effects of technology to children, considering that she is a mother herself. She said that most children of today are no longer lovers of books but are lovers of gadgets. Thus, she challenged the librarians/participants to encourage/teach these kids the love for books and reading. She also reminisced the first book she read, a fiction book given by her mother. That started her love for reading. But it stopped when she became a mother and her family became her priority.

The surprise appearance of Mayor Herbert Bautista during the 3rd day, brought joy to the organizers and to the participants. He did not disappoint the participants from the different regions of the country to see him in person, being a well-known movie star and a seasoned politician. He shared his experiences as a student who used the library facilities for his assignments. He said he loves the library. It was one of his favorite places in the school. He told the participants that sometimes, he would fall asleep in the library because he did some shootings. He said that he started as an artist at a very young age.

The 3rd night was a night with the stars, a Fellowship Night which was sponsored by the QC government. Guests stars were Joey G. of Side A Band, Hajji Alejandro, Norman Mitchel, Lea Patricio and the Fat Session and even the selected QCPL staff rendered a modern dance number. Also Mr. and Ms. Fellowship Night was chosen and awarded to the Best Dressed participants.

Also, conference participants were able to tour around the City precisely at QCX and Quezon City Public Library.

Overall, the four (4) day conference was a big success. Kudos to the organizers!
University of the Philippines Library Science Alumni Association (UPLSAA) in cooperation with University of the Philippines Library and Information Studies (UPLIS) conducted its 7th Advancing Libraries, Archives, and Museums’ (ALAM) seminar-workshop with the theme “TECHNIFIED: Transforming Libraries, Archives, and Museums with the Technologies of Tomorrow”. The said event was held at Fersal Hotel in Puerto Princesa, Palawan last March 14-16, 2018.

Quezon City Public Library (QCPL) participated in this activity together with other librarians, archivists, curators, and other information professionals. The QCPL library staff who attended this event were Prima S. Alabata, Manica M. Cortes, Manny Boy F. Fajilan, Alistair Troy B. Lacsamana, Ma. Victoria S. Manuel and Rowena G. Remiendo.

The seminar-workshop was designed to allow information professionals to envision, plan and build the future of LAMs. It aims to introduce and enable the participants to identify, select, apply and formulate plan for adapting technologies that will transform libraries, archives, and museums into open platforms, technological-intellectual spaces, and social hubs.

On the first day, the topic discussed was LAMs as Open Platforms: Development of Knowledge and Community. It was presented by Mr. Marion Jude M. Gorospe, Library Media Center Supervisor of Miriam College Lower and Middle School and Engineer Denis F. Villaronte, Undersecretary for Development and Innovations, Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT). The speakers talked about the developing technologies in LAMs and the government plans and programs in ICT infrastructure development.

LAMS as Technological-Intellectual Spaces was the topic on the second day. Data privacy was explained by a lawyer-librarian, Attorney Jocelyn G. Fumera from Public Attorney’s Office (PAO). Augmented reality was demonstrated by Mr. Francis S. Uyham, Creative Director and Lead Game Designer of Zeteo Innovations. Ms. Marian R. Eclavia, Assistant Director for Operations of De la Salle University Libraries explored the digital inclusiveness in LAMs, while Ms. Janice M. Tambo, Senior Shrine Curator of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines shared her experiences in integrating technology in museums to enhance user experience.

On its 3rd and final day, the topic was LAMs as Social Hubs. Assistant Professor of School of Library and Information Studies from the University of the Philippines, Professor Benedict S. Olgado shared some of the open source digital preservation solutions currently available and their pros and cons. Mr. Janny S. Surmieda, Web Librarian of Ateneo de Manila University conducted a workshop on creating Massive Open Online Courses for Libraries, Archives, and museums. The last speaker was Professor Chito N. Angeles, the University Librarian of the University of the Philippines, Diliman. He presented the Technologies of Tomorrow in Libraries, Archives, and Museums, and how to implement innovative technologies.

Participants were grouped and given a task of creating a plan on adapting and implementing technologies of tomorrow for LAMs. It was an interactive discussion and a panel composed of Library and Information Science professors scrutinized the works of the participants.

It was good to know that QCPL was not left behind when it comes to the so-called “technologies of tomorrow” as we are currently using some of the technologies mentioned in the seminar-workshop such as RFID, DSpace and Lex Libris. QCPL was also mentioned as one of the institutions that aggressively supports and implements digital inclusiveness through Tech4Ed.
Mr. Manny Boy F. Fajilan of QCPL shares experiences on implementing digital exclusiveness through Tech4Ed

The group during their brainstorming to create a plan adapting and implementing technologies of tomorrow for libraries, archives and museums (LAM’s)

The Quezon City Public Library (QCPL) accommodated the delegates from the University of Muhammad Yogyakarta (UMY), Jakarta, Indonesia on January 22, 2018. This is in coordination with Barangay and Community Relations Department. The group was composed of students in Public Administration and International Law, lecturers, and program coordinator/staff of UMY.

The GLEF SPECIALIST, headed by Dr. Josephine Aloc and Ms. Anadette Rosales requested the office of our good Mayor Hon. Herbert M. Bautista, to conduct a visit to Quezon City Hall’s offices and museum. This is with an objective to give them insight of the Filipino culture and the City itself.

This request was granted by providing opportunity for the Indonesian students to explore QCPL with a warm welcome headed by the City Librarian Mrs. Emelita L. Villanueva, together with the head librarians and staff.

This library tour will definitely help the Indonesian students to reinforce, understand, and appreciate the various theories they acquired in classrooms and to appreciate Quezon City endowed with its rich history.

The students were very satisfied as they explored the different sections of the library, wherein they were given a short briefing about the operations, processes, and other relevant information about the library. They were also toured at the Reference Section wherein they can find numerous books of foreign authors and other online sources. At the Children’s Corner they had seen how the library is stretching its arm to provide opportunities for the children who are economically challenged to have at least a learning environment that will sustain their formative and development years. Also, they saw the new design of Periodicals Section that attracts many users, and the Filpiniana Section where they had a chance to see the glimpse of books about Philippines & local history as well as its rare books collection. The tour was ushered by the Reference Librarian.

A short program was prepared for the visitors. It started with the brief talk of Ms. Vannie Rose Anicoche, about the history of the Puppeteers. She told the group that she was once a part of the Puppeteers group.

Part of the program was the presentation of the new QCPL website by Mr. Charles Pasicolan, MIS Head. It was followed by a Puppet Show presented by the Children’s Corner staff. A puppet show is an effective intermission number in a program.

According to history, Puppet show originated from Indonesia and luckily the audience of the puppet show were its people, the Indonesians.

After the tour, the visitors had the chance to sit and relax at the Cafe@lib for short snacks compliment of the QCPL.

There is no doubt that Indonesian delegates were mesmerized delving the richness of our City. But more than that they were able to have a chance to feel the warm welcome of the Filipino staffs inside the library. Happy to note that the Indonesian students not only learned from us but it did open a door to enrich the relationship that exists between the Philippines and Indonesia.
A Mobile Library Caravan and LFL Launching was successfully conducted at Doña Juana Elementary School last Tuesday, January 30, 2018. The event was organized by Ms. Armie Matiga, LR Coordinator/Librarian of Dona Juana ES, school principal Dr. Alarico L. Ramos, together with other elementary school teachers and GPTA officers. The participants were students from Grade II-Matatag, Grade IV-Masigasig and Grade VI-Masigasig. It was graced by the presence of the QCPL Mobile Library Caravan led by Mr. Alistair Troy Lacsamana and Dr. Heidee Ferrer, LRDMS supervisor of QC Schools Division Office.

“Together let us build a nation of readers”, this was the message of Dr. Ferrer, who also expressed her gratitude towards QCPL for conducting activities like the Mobile Library Caravan, Little Free Library and Pinoy Reading Buddies. She also recognized the magnitude of a functional and sustainable library that will provide instructional support to teachers in honing the reading and learning skills of the students.

In a short speech, Mr. Lacsamana introduced the book mobile, he explained its nature, the type of books that it provides and also explained how the students could take advantage of the opportunity of reading and borrowing books from the book mobile. He also explained how the Little Free Library works: students being able to get and read a book they like and spreading the love of reading by donating their own books.

Upon the ribbon cutting for the launch of the Little Free Library led by Mr. Lacsamana, Ms. Matiga, GPTA President officers and Dr. Ferrer, Grade II-Matatag and Grade IV-Masigasig students participated in the activity, ‘Picture Walk’, conducted by Mr. Lacsamana. The participants were given books and were tasked to create an original story based on its pictures. Three pairs of Grade II-Matatag and two pairs of Grade IV-Masigasig students presented their stories. They recreated stories of Caillou and Gilbert, Go dog! Go!, Old McDonalds Had Some Hen, Dinosaur Starts School and The Clumsy Alligator, which successfully brought out their creative imagination.

The event concluded with a group picture of Mr. Lacsamana together with the students. AYBE Word Games, Media Literacy and Library Database Orientation will ensue on the later dates until February 2, 2018.
QCPL MEETING WITH QC PUBLIC SCHOOLS LIBRARIANS

By: Alistair Troy B. Lacsamana

The Outreach Section of the Quezon City Public Library initiated a meeting with public schools librarians, teacher-librarians, librarian aides and e-librarians with the aim to give an update on the projects undertaken by QCPL and the School’s Division Office. This was held on February 1, 2018 at the Science Interactive Center, from 8 am to 5 pm. During the said meeting, the following were reported:

- A total of 85 LFLs have already been established in 47 schools.
- 14 schools have been visited for the Book Mobile Caravan in 2017, reaching a total of 13,498 persons served.
- Makerspace Monday activity will be conducted in SDO on February 12, 2018, 9 am to 4 pm

It was also announced that there will be a design-an-LFL competition to be held tentatively on April-May-June, 2018. This is to encourage other schools to create a more attractive LFLs, and consequently encourage more partners and users to the mini-library.

The Schools Division Office also presented the winners of the best LR Coordinators/ Librarians and libraries. The problems concerning the Public school libraries were also discussed after the update.

It can be stated that the said meeting with public schools librarians was deliberated and ended smoothly.
God's Word has powerful transforming impact on the national life. In world history, as well as in our own, the Holy Bible is regarded as a powerful book containing timeless principles that when heeded and obeyed can change a nation for the better.

On January 5, 2017, incumbent President Rodrigo Duterte signed Presidential Proclamation No. 124 making the month of January of every year as National Bible Month. In signing the order, the President said the 1987 Constitution mandated the national government to promote the ethical and spiritual values of the citizens and to help improve their morality.

It is to be remembered that, former President Ferdinand E. Marcos signed Presidential Proclamation No. 2242 on November 19, 1982 declaring that “it is fitting and proper that national attention be focused on the important role being played by reading and study of the Bible in molding the moral fiber of our society.” He declared the last Sunday of November of each year as the National Bible Week. In 1986, then President Corazon C. Aquino issued Proclamation No. 44 which transferred NBW celebration on the first month of every year and was reinforced by then Pres. Fidel V. Ramos through Presidential Proclamation No. 1067.

To celebrate the National Bible Month, the Quezon City Accounting Department represented by Ms. Ruby G. Manangu, in partnership with the Quezon City Public Library, conducted a simple program on January 23, 2018 with the theme “The Bible is the Foundation of Righteous Leadership and Living” with verse references as follows:

When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice;  
when the wicked rule, the people groan.  (Proverbs 29:2)

42Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 43Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,

44and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.  (Mark 10:42-44)

The special guest was Ms. Venus Raj, 2010 Miss Universe 4th runner up. She gave a short testimony

From left to right: Ms. Cynthia DJ. Tolado—Asst. City Librarian, Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva—City Librarian and Ms. Ruby G. Manangu-OIC City Accounting Department presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. Venus Raj, as the Guest Speaker.
of her life story. According to Ms. Raj, she is the youngest daughter and have older sisters. She was so honest in her testimony when she said that they have the same mother, but have different father and that she grew up not knowing who her father was. Until she started to long for a father figure. She thought that she will find that “father figure” by having relationship with older guys, but she further said that “no man can fill the emptiness and loneliness she felt inside”, until she was invited to a prayer meeting where she met her savior, Jesus Christ. Her life was never the same again. She finally found joy and fulfillment in her life. In her talk, she highlighted the importance of Bible reading to become a righteous leader and live a righteous life. “We cannot live a Godly life if we do not know the Word of God” was her parting words.

 Truly, the Holy Bible is a powerful book that contains timeless principles that can transform a country for the better. We are at the time where we need to become audacious in proclaiming God’s Word, declare our faith and live by His standards for our own good, with these actions, people will be turning back to God and will have a positive impact to the whole nation.

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MAKERSPACE SEMINAR AT QC SCIENCE INTERACTIVE CENTER

By: Alistair Troy Lacsamana

The American Spaces of the U.S. Embassy in the Philippines hosted a half day program called Maker Monday Caravan to promote innovation inside schools and libraries. This was held in the Quezon City Science Interactive Center last February 26, 2018. Ms. Jeanie Duwan, Assistant Cultural Affairs of the US Embassy opened the program by talking about various activities the US Embassy is doing wherein teachers and students can participate in. 42 teachers and librarians themselves experienced how to make a model thru Tinkercad, a 3d rendering software and printed their models using a 3d printer brought by the US embassy. After which, a design thinking seminar was facilitated by Mr. Rando Mariano, Digital Engagement Librarian of the US Embassy. The teachers were taught design thinking process and created their own design of wallets and they presented their output to the group. The design process can be summed up into 5 words: empathize, define, ideate, prototype, test.

It was truly an amazing day since new concepts were taught, teachers shared their design thinking process outputs. Hopefully, this will be a start of something exciting and creative for the schools, teachers and students. Hopefully also thru the seminar the schools will be encouraged to build their own makerspaces and conduct design thinking seminars for teachers and students.

The program was an initiative of the Quezon City Public Library Outreach Division and the Quezon City Schools Division Office-LRDMS in partnership with the American Spaces of US Embassy. QCPL was represented by Mr. Troy Lacsamana and SDO-LRDMS by their librarian, Ms. Liza Javier and Supervisor, Dr. Heidee Ferrer. The American Spaces of the US Embassy was also represented by the Mr. Xavier Lara, their center director.

Responsible Parenthood is the will and ability of parents to respond to the needs and aspirations of the family and children. It is a shared responsibility of the husband and the wife to determine and achieve the desired number, spacing, and timing of their children according to their own family life purposes, taking into account psychological preparedness, health status, and economic concerns.

Aware of the importance of parenting, the QCPL Outreach and Extension Services in coordination with Masambong Branch Library in District I reached out to the parents of Barangay Masambong on January 24, 2018 through the conduct of a seminar on values formation with the theme: Responsible Parenthood, with the aim to educate them, especially those who had children at a young age and for them to mold their children to be God-fearing, hard-working and compassionate individuals, so that when they grow up they will be able to contribute to the welfare of the community.

Ms. Annabel Alnas, Library-in-charge of Balingasa Branch Library took charge in the registration for 30 parents who participated in the said seminar. The program started with a prayer led by Ms. Cristine Catalan, Library-in-charge of Project 7 Branch, followed by an opening remarks by Ms. Prima Alabata, Head Librarian of Masambong Branch, followed by an inspirational message by the Asst. City Librarian Ms. Cynthia Tolado. The invited resource speaker was P.tr. Zaldy Sulvita. During the seminar, Ptr. Zaldy asked the participants to share their own experiences as a parent. One participant shared and emphasized the hardships of being a parent, so much more of being a single parent. The seminar flowed smoothly and the participants were all ears on what Ptr. Zaldy was discussing. He lectured on the “types of parenting and how to identify yours as a parent.” According to him there are four parenting styles: the Authoritative, Neglectful, Permissive, and Authoritarian.

After almost two (2) hours of lecture, Ptr. Zaldy assigned D’Group facilitators led by Ms. Cynthia DJ. Tolado, Asst. City Librarian, Ms. Fe Gomez, Head of Outreach and Extension Services, Ms. Manica Cortes, District-I Coordinator and Ms. Julie Domingono, who facilitated and assisted each group of parents in the discussion of some questions given by the speaker related to the lecture. Parents themselves raised lots of questions, gave some suggestions and even shared their personal experiences as a parent to their group. They were very thankful to the organizers because they have learned a lot on how to be responsible parents to their children. Kudos to the organizers!
The Quezon City Public Library (QCPL)-Children’s Corner offers dependable and valuable reference sources suitable for the young researchers. But its services are not limited to the use of books or printed materials alone. It also offers variety of programs not only for children but also for the parents and caregivers that go to the library together with these children.

The Children’s Corner provides both indoor and outdoor activities which are knowledge-based activities that serves as an extension service of the library to promote the “BACK TO READING” campaign and also to reach out to the children who cannot go inside the library and have the benefit of reading.

Some of the regular indoor activities conducted are storytelling and puppet shows which aim to open the eyes and hearts of these children to love books and reading and also to impart in their young minds good values in life.

The Children’s Corner is also tasked to entertain through puppet shows to both local and foreign visitors, students, librarians, local government personnel and other stakeholders who go to the library for a library tour.

Some of the visitors were students from Precious Gems Academy who visited the library on January 23, the University of Muhammad Yogyakarta, of Jakarta, Indonesia on January 22 and students from the University of Korea on January 25, and for the month of February, the System Plus Computer College, Gospel Lights Christian Academy and John Dewey School for Children.

To continue reaching out to the children that have no or limited chance to visit the library, the Children’s Corner continue to extend their arms to the children by doing outdoor activities in schools and barangays.

In January 2018, outdoor activities through puppet shows and storytelling were conducted at Barangay Batasan Hills, Quezon City as part of the feeding program for the street children in collaboration with the city and barangay officials, at the Twinkle Toes Academy, and at the San Antonio Elementary School and Batino Elementary School, both schools cater for SPED pupils.

In all these activities, the Children’s Corner staff made sure that the guests and visitors will have a wonderful and memorable moments of their stay in the library for them to cherish when they are back in their respective places.
In line with the Proclamation No. 563 “Designating March 9 of every year as Public Library Day”, the NLP, as the central node of public libraries in the country spearheaded the celebration of the 59th Public Library Day on March 9, 2018 with the theme: “Limang K Para Maging OK sa Aklatan (Kultura, Kalusugan, Kabuhayan, Karunungan, Kalikasan).”

Thus, Quezon City Public Library, together with all its branches, joined in the celebration of Public Library Day. Below were the activities done by each district/branch libraries.

**QCPL MAIN LIBRARY**

QCPL Main celebrated Public Library Day by inviting thirty (30) cute pupils from the Yakap Day Care of Quezon City Hall. The program started with the opening remarks of the Reference Section Head, Ms. Mary Ann L. Bernal and a message from Ms. Lucila R. Raquiño, Publication Head. Mr. Jairo Valencia, a puppeteer presented a story entitled, “Ang Alamat ng Sibuyas”. Reference Librarian Ms. Myrrh Raquel Joy F. Dela Cruz on the other hand oriented them about the library. And as always, an entertainment for kids performed by the Puppeteers was showed presenting to the kids “Chichay” embedding them the value on using the respectful words “po” and “opo” as well as saying “excuse me” when a little kid like her has something to say to elders and not just to butt in.

The City Librarian, Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva and Ms. Mariza G. Chico, Head of Technical Services were also present to support the event.

As usual the kids were happy for the experience!

**DISTRICT I**

In District I Libraries which is composed of Bagong Pag-asa, Balingasa, Masambong, Project 7 and Project 8 branch libraries conducted a Book Character Parade in celebration of the Public Library Day. Participants were dressed up in their favorite book character joined by one hundred three (103) pupils from Karamay Christian School and San Jose Day Care Center, Barangay Bahay Toro and Project 8.

The activity started at 8:30 a.m. with the parade passing the streets of Rd. 19, 18, 11 and 15. It was followed by the distribution of Smart books led by District I Councilor Oliviere T. Belmonte.
Cash prizes and trophies were given to three (3) participants with the best costume and five (5) consolation prizes sponsored by AASENSO Partylist thru Bishop Fernando Lee, Chairman of Karamay Christian School. Snacks were distributed after the activity which was donated by the good Mayor Herbert M. Bautista. Other sponsors like Councilor Alexis Herrera sponsored the tarpaulin, Councilor Oliviere T. Belmonte sponsored 30 McDonald value meals and Kagawad Domingo G. Yang gave modest cash amount.

**DISTRICT II**

District II is composed of Payatas Lupang Pangako and Payatas Landfill branch libraries. To celebrate Public Library, said branches conducted storytelling, library tour and orientation to one hundred six (106) participants (68 students and 38 parents/teachers) from Yakap Day Care Phase 4 and Phase 2, De Paul Day Care Center and Child Care Accompaniment Foundation Feeding Program, both from Payatas B, District 2, QC. It raised public awareness on the importance of library services to children and to residents of the community.

The program started with an invocation from a student of Child Care Accompaniment Foundation Feeding Program. Three teachers from the Day Care centers, Phase 2 and Phase 4, and a representative of CCA Foundation Feeding Program delivered inspirational messages regarding the library’s usefulness to the community. Storytelling was done by Dindo Magallano and Marc Reyvin Laminero, both OJT of PUP, QC. The students, the teachers and parents as well were toured and oriented by the Library Staff headed by Ms. Chona C. Masbate, District II Coordinator/Librarian-in-Charge, Ms. Ma. Joycelyn B. Benavente and Ms. Rhim A. Culala, both Library Staff.

On the other hand, Ms. Elisa Bianca Yulai & Jemalyn Canabatan of Payatas landfill with the help of volunteers from Miriam College, Ms. Amirylle Danza, Cristle Clodine Malgapo, Gianne Louise Mariano, Samantha Manuel and Andrea Lorraine Corea presented a video showing about environment and also storytelling. Smart Books were distributed as well, snacks were served and photo session followed. This was indeed a huge success.
DISTRICT III

District III is composed of Greater Project 4, Escopa II and Escopa III. These branch libraries conducted back to back activities at Kalantiaw Elementary school covered court and Quirino Elementary School wherein a newly organized library was made just in time for this celebration.

Together with Escopa III library staff, Greater Project IV performed storytelling and library orientation using puppets and did dancing and singing with the library’s, jingle Tara na sa Ating Aklatan to promote the library. This was attended by Grade 1 and 2 pupils, their teachers and principals. They also received Smart books/Smart learners Kit.

The aim of the said activities is to inculcate to the young minds of these children the importance of our culture, values and nature thru reading, listening and regularly using the library resources print and in digital form for free.

Likewise, Escopa II Branch headed by Ms. Maribel M. Felonia conducted a film showing activity attended by 61 participants from the Day Care pupils of Barangay Escopa 2 and some walk-in clients from the community. Also, Smart Books/Smart Learners Kit were distributed to all of those who participated, courtesy of our beloved Councilors. This activity was attended by our very own Kgd. Irene A. Neyra and Kgd. Eduardo Zabala. Through this activity, and because of this activity, we believed that we created innovative services to improve the library’s image.

With all the improvements and achievements that happened in the QCPL – Escopa 2 Branch, through the support of the QCPL administration, we would like to exert more of our efforts and enthusiasm for our library and for our incoming activities to be successful.

DISTRICT IV

District IV is composed of Cubao, Krus na Ligas, Galas and Roxas branch libraries. This year, the 4th District branch libraries managed to handle simultaneous storytelling, film showing and distribution of Smart Book materials from concerned Councilors of the City to the participants.

4th District Coordinator Head, Ms. Jeniffer Adajo led the activity. This yearly celebration of Public Library day for communities and students helped the people/constituents to recognize the importance of library as a fun and exciting place for everyone.
DISTRICT V

District V is composed of Novaliches and Lagro Branch libraries. These libraries conducted an event consisting of three (3) educational activities, which were; Storytelling, Origami Making, and Kite Making. It aimed to captivate, inspire, and educate the Kinder 1 pupils of Yakap Day Care Center.

The storytelling was led by our Librarian In-Charge, Ms. Emerlina R. Tan assisted by Ms. Evelyn C. Garcia. The story was entitled, “Ang Lola Kong Mahilig Mag-utos.” It was all about a reminder for the pupils to love and always appreciate the efforts of the elders. Their next activity was making Origamis, which involved captivating the imaginations of the pupils by means of creating something wonderful out of simple materials such as paper. Their last activity was Kite Making, which was explained that rather than spending their vacation inside the house watching TV, playing video games or browsing smartphones the whole day, pupils must learn to make use of their time playing outdoor to exercise their mind, body, and social skills through Kite flying. It was led by Mr. Benigno L. Delos Santos, III, assisted by Mr. Junel Diaz, an on the job trainee, and Mr. Bienvenido P. Ongkiko. After the Kite Making activity, pupils were very proud and happy with their finished products.

Smart books were given to all those pupils who participated. It was led by our very own Kapitana Asuncion M. Visaya with the help and assistance of the Novaliches Branch Library Staff, namely; Ms. Evelyn Francia C. Garcia, Ms. Trinidad Domingo, Mr. Paolo James L. Dapogracion, Mr. Jose Carlo S. Ibabao, Ms. Concordia A. Modar, and Ms. Emerlinda R. Tan, together with the Yakap Day Care Teacher, Ms. Luz Macale. For QCPL Novaliches Branch, the essence of Public Library Day was providing educational materials for the use of our children who are the future of our nation and quality services that will benefit the informational and research needs of our reading public.
DISTRICT VI

District VI is composed of Pasong Tamo and Talipapa Branch libraries. To join in the celebration of Public Library Day, these branch libraries in collaboration with the Yakap Day care Teacher, Ms. Rose Sedano conducted a forum on Financial Literacy entitled “How to Raise a Money Wise Kid”.

The participants were 68 parents/guardians of the Yakap Day Care Center.

The program started with a prayer led by Ms. Erlinda Carera, and the participants were welcomed by Ms. Maria Luisa Malonga with a short orientation about the free services offered by the library.

The guest speaker was Mr. Robert Baluyot a Financial Advisor of Sunlife Insurance, introduced by Mr. Manny Boy Fajilan.

The forum stressed the importance of budgeting finances and some tips on how to save for your future, on retirement age.

After the forum, Smart books, courtesy of QC Councilors were distributed by Kgd. Dra Elleonor Juan and QCPL’s staff to Yakap Day Care pupils.

The snacks were served courtesy of Councilor Roger Juan and the QCPL.

Right photo: Mr. Robert Baluyot accepts the certificate of appreciation for sharing his knowledge about a basic financial skills to parents in celebration of 59th Public Library Day with the theme: Limang K para maging Ok sa Aklatan (Kultura, Kalusugan, Kabuhayan, Karunungan, Kalikasan).
Libraries and the innovative and imaginative librarians who run them are an invaluable part of schools. They introduce students to a world of wisdom. They enable students to access and understand an incredible wealth of digital and traditional resources. Ultimately, they empower students to become shrewd researchers and knowledge-driven digital citizens.

School libraries don’t just support student populations. They help support teachers, too. They can supply educators with new resources and tools they might not be aware of or otherwise have access to. School librarians also collaborate with classroom teachers to integrate literature and information literacy into the curriculum. By helping students develop a love of reading and a strong command of print and electronic resources, librarians provide teachers with students ready to dive into the curriculum and produce well-researched assignments.

The sad part is that, not all school administrators are supportive to their school libraries or others have no means particularly librarians to organize and manage their school libraries. Thus, the Quezon City Public Library, being a local government funded institution, that advocates in the establishment and organization of libraries, is much willing to help and support school libraries in Quezon City. Library organization involves sorting of books, color coding, shelving, putting numbering on the bookshelves and proper lay-outing of the library to make it more conducive and research and knowledge driven library.

The first school library organized in 2018 was the Toro Hills Elem. School in Project 8, which was organized in Feb. 7-9, 2018, by the organizing team led by Ms. Fe Gomez assisted by her team mates Ms. Dolores Posadas, Ms. Bernah Ocumen, Mr. Homer Pilar, Mr. Marlon Maestro, Mr. Richmond Cariño, Ms. Andria Renee Teope, Mr. Jeffrey Majilan and in coordination with the Dist. I staff lead by Ms. Manica Cortes. The organization was requested to the City Librarian Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva, by the School Principal, Ms. Gloria E. Huera through Mr. Isabelito A. Palacol on Sept. 6, 2017.

The second library to be organized was the Quirino Elementary School, through Ms. Ruth R. Gavina, a teacher-librarian of the said school. She sent a request letter to the City Librarian for an assistance in organizing their library collections. The request was approved, thus, in March 2018, the Outreach services organizing team in coordination with the District III staff, Mr. James Mabborang and Mr. Jerico Martinez, started to do their mission: to organize Quirino Elementary School in three (3) days, and it was accomplished on time.

The third school library that was organized was the Doña Juana Elementary School. It was also successfully organized within three (3) days, from March 22-27, 2018, with the same team with the addition of Ms. Andria Renee Teope and was in coordination with the District II staff Ms. Maria Joycelyn B. Benavente and Ms. Jemalyn Cabanatan.

In grateful appreciation to the QCPL organizing team, the said schools awarded each and everyone of the team certificates of appreciation.
BRANCH LIBRARIES CORNER
By: District Library Coordinators

DISTRICT I

PROJECT 8 BRANCH LIBRARY - In celebration of National Dental Awareness Month with the theme “Brush your teeth with fluoride toothpaste and clean between your teeth for a healthy smile”, the Project 8 Branch Library conducted a lecture on the Proper Dental Care on February 9, 2018 Friday. This activity aims to promote the benefits of good oral health to children.

The activity was conducted at Toro Hills Elementary School, Bgy. Bahay Toro, Proj. 8, Quezon City. The participants were composed of 30 Kindergarten pupils from the class of Mr. Bernard Lopez Sorroso. Dra. Ruby Gongora, DMD, together with Dra. Gloria Angela Pineda, DMD and Ms. Eleanor Lizarondo, Dental Aide, from the Quezon City Health Department gave a lecture on Proper Dental Care. The lectures demonstrated the proper way of brushing teeth. They also let the pupils do the actual brushing with the assistance of Project 8 Branch Library staff. In addition, they also demonstrated the step by step procedure on the proper way of washing hands.

After the lecture, Polly paste fluoride toothpaste was given to the Kinder class participants courtesy of Project 8 Branch Library staff.

DISTRICT III

GREATER PROJECT 4—The Quezon City Public Library – District 3 branch libraries (Greater Proj. 4, Escopa 2 and Escopa 3) together with P.E.K.K. (Progresibong Edukasyon tungo sa Kaunlaran at Kapayapaan), Barangay Marilag and Book Lover's Club Project 4 and Book Lover’s Club International, USA, hosted its 11th Inter-School Spelling Bee contest from Feb. 13 -15, 2018 held at the Greater Project 4 branch – Reference Section. Ms. Angeli A. Telan was still the Spelling Bee Quiz Master and the master of ceremony was Ms. Analiza T. Puno, District 3 Coordinator in the said event.

It was participated in by 91 students from both public and private schools (Pura V. Kalaw Elementary School, Kalantiyaw Elementary School, Project. 3 Elementary School, Teodoro Alonzo Elementary School, Batino Elementary School and Holy Angels Montessori School) with 18 representatives each school (3 students each from Gr. 1 – Gr. 6).

They competed for easy, average and final round. Spelling Bee was more intense this year since the representatives were more competitive.
It was a close fight for those in the higher grades. There was a tie in the final round, thus a tie breaker word was given by the Quiz Master, and the first to finish will win. The participants joined the contest since they were in the grade 1 level and now they were already trained and had become competitive. Most of the participants for the past 11 years are now professionals. Thus, the quizmaster suggested to invite the past winners to be the judges in the next year’s spelling bee contest, which will be on its 12th year since it started in 2006.

Their parents, school mates, coaches and principals cheered and congratulated the winners and also to those who did not make it to the finals. The winners were very proud of the trophies and medals they received. They were also given gift cheques (Jollibee and National Bookstore), books, groceries and cash prizes.

The continuous support of QC Mayor Herbert Bautista, Vice-Mayor Joy Belmonte, Cong. Sonny Belmonte, Cong. Bolet Banal, Coun. Allan Bendict Reyes, Coun. Gian Sotto, Coun. Lagumbay, Ms. Eunice Enriquez president of P.E. K.K., Mr. George Gordula of Book Lover's USA Int'l., P/B Dean Raul Addatu of Brgy. Marilag, and our very own Ms. Emelita L. Villanueva and Ms. Cynthia DJ. Tolado, the QC main library heads of divisions and the district coordinators, who took time and generously shared their time and talent to be part of this main event, and to the staff of District 3, libraries, all made this activity possible and successful.

(Right photo) Grade 3 winners:
1ST—Ryan Gabriel E. Soria (Holy Angels Montessori)
2nd—Erin Jan Tan (Project 3 Elem. School)
3rd—Prince Elijah Simone C. Baldago (Holy Angels Montessori)

Grade 1 winners:
1ST—Lindsay Chloe P. Ramos (Pura V. Kalaw Elem. School)
2nd—Maria Althea C. Gabriel (Pura V. Kalaw Elem. School)
3rd—Jared Ezekiel C. Malaca (Pura V. Kalaw Elem. School)

Grade 2 winners:
1ST—Aganna Renee M. Ronquillo (Holy Angels Montessori)
2nd—Joseph Francis P. Dator (Holy Angels Montessori)
3rd—Nikki Anne N. Vivero (Pura V. Kalaw Elem. School)
Grade 5 winners:
1ST — Kyle Luige L. Montenegro (Pura V. Kalaw Elem. School)
2nd — Samantha Victoria B. Lucero (Holy Angels Montessori)
3rd — Cielo Ysabel L. Abriana (Pura V. Kalaw Elem. School)

Grade 4 winners:
1ST — Ayessa A. Borce (Holy Angels Montessori)
2nd — Ma. Ashley Anne F. Imperial (Pura V. Kalaw Elem. School)
3rd — Threasure Jorrel L. Fernandez (Pura V. Kalaw Elem. School)

NOVALICHES DISTRICT LIBRARY — In line with the recent Mayon volcano eruption, the Quezon City Public Library – Novaliches District Library conducted an “Earthquake Drill and Awareness” activity last January 26, 2018. It was participated in by 44 people, QCPL Novaliches library staffs, Barangay Novaliches staffs and library clients. The QCPL Novaliches District, having three floors, is a must for staffs and clientele alike to be aware and be prepared for such circumstances and emergencies.

The activity was led by Ms. Emerlina R. Tan – Head Librarian, Novaliches District Library with Kapitana Asuncion M. Visaya – Barangay chairwoman of Novaliches and with Kagawad Enrique P. Añonuevo – Committee on Environment and Sanitation Communication as lead speaker and facilitator.

NOVALICHES DISTRICT LIBRARY, from the 3rd floor down to the 1st.
Quezon City Public Library was established on August 16, 1948, and was inaugurated on October 23, 1948. However, upon its transfer to its new building, it was re-inaugurated on February 6, 2017.

VISION: The QCPL envisions itself to be a premier and world class public library, responsive to the information and research needs of the community.

MISSION: Imbued with its Vision, the QCPL commit to:

1. Provide quality resources to meet the changing needs of the community through the introduction of innovative techniques for the advancement of learning and literacy.
2. Train and develop the staff to be equipped with the needed skills and competencies and strive to be innovator in public library services.
3. Foster strong linkage and partnership among government and non-government agencies both local and international.

QCPL CORE VALUES:

1. QUALITY RESOURCES AND SERVICES - QCPL believes on the value of accuracy and efficiency in providing information to its clients, through the available relevant resources in different format facilitated by the flexible, responsible, service-oriented, skilled and resourceful QCPL team that helps in the formation of responsible citizens of the city and the country.
2. COMMITMENT - QCPL team believes on the importance of commitment in doing its role wholeheartedly as a public library through the honest, trusted, loyal and motivated employees to achieve personal and professional integrity.
3. PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY — QCPL team believes on the value of developing its human resources to become fully aware of their duties as professionals, accountable in everything they do and respectful in dealing with their clients, co-employees, and duly constituted authorities.
4. LEADERSHIP - As a prime public library in the country, QCPL team continues to be an influence to other public libraries in the country being the leader in public library service through its innovative strategies and initiatives.