The QCPL has announced its new services to the QC employees during the Monday flag raising ceremony at the risen garden last Monday, July 13, 2009. Inspite of the heavy rains, the show must go on, they say. Through a puppet show, which lasted for 5 minutes, the puppeteers were able to portray their roles as students who don’t have available books for their assignments and research, that with the help of a concerned library user they were able to know the existence of a public library in their community which will help them in their studies.

The QCPL in its advocacy of giving new, updated and additional services that will benefit the QC employees, students and other researchers now offers the following services: 13 local and 10 international magazines, free use of the Lex Libris database for law researchers, increased the usage of internet access from 30 minutes to one (1) hour, but have some restrictions on chatting and access to bandwidth hogging sites, provides free tutorials on various basic computer topics and recently introduced the “Ask a Librarian” reference service, which is an online reference service for directional and referral queries which is available during office hours.
QCPL regularly conducts "Libreng computer tutorials" every Thursday morning at the Multimedia & Internet Service Room of the QCPL.

This service is open to all QC residents who wish to have knowledge of basic computer topics. This has been a very successful project of the QCPL. The Head Librarian of the MIS, Mr. Troy Lacsamana, and his Staff Mr. Manny and Mr. Edward have been very eager to pursue this project considering that this is an added responsibility on their part. This is a very cause-oriented project that educates the library users of the use of the Multi Media and internet service and also to promote the existence of this service of the Quezon City public library in the community.

(Right) Brief introduction by Ms. Villanueva during the tutorials.

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**LIBRARY COMPUTER TUTORIALS**

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**ANONG MERON SA LIBRARY**

By: Ms. Marlene Raquiño

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**LIB:** Rary bakit ka ba tulala at malungkot? Parang napakalaki ng problema mo. Sabihin mo nga sa akin, baka matulungan kia.

**RARY:** Ay! Ikaw pala LIB, ginulat mo naman ako. Kasi ba naman ang daming binigay n aralin ang titser ko. Hindi ko alam kung paano ko ito gagawin. Wala akong mga aklat. Wala din naman kaming kaming computer na maaring makatulong sa akin sa pag-gawa ko ng aralin ko. Hay! Paano ito?

**LIB:** Ganoon ba? Huwag kang mag-alala. Alam ko tutulungan ka ni Bro. kung saan ka dapat pupunta at kung sino ang makakatulong sa iyo.

**RARY:** Sinong Bro?

**LIB:** Si Bro. doon o! (Sabay tingala sa langit)

**RARY:** Aahhh...(Titingala si LIB at magdadasal)

**LIB:** Bro! Kawawa naman po si Rary. Tulungan mo naman po siya para magawa niya yong mga aralin niya. (Darating si Ms. Tapia at mapapansin ang dalawang bata)

**MS. TAPIA:** O mga bata. Mukhang malungkot kayo. May problema ba?


**MS. TAPIA:** Ganoon ba?! Hindi niyo ba alam na meron tayong Aklatan ditto sa Lungsod Quezon? At ito ay suportado ng ating Mahal na Mayor. Maraming mga bagong aklat at may computer na puwedeng gamitin sa pag search sa Internet. At alam niyo ba, nagpupunta din sila sa mga Barangay para sila ay magpalabas ng Puppet Shows at Storytelling para sa mga kabataan.


**MS. TAPIA:** Halina kayo at ako man ay pupunta doon para mag-research. Ay siya nga pala magdala kayo ng mga ID para kayo makapasok.

**RARY:** Yehey! Solve na ang problema ko.

**LIB:** (Nakatingala) Salamat Bro sa sagot mo sa aking hiling. Ang bait mo talaga. “The Best ka BRO” (Tatawagin siya ni Rary)

**RARY:** Halika na! Samahan mo ako sa aklatan. Sabay tayo kay Ms. Tapia.

**LIB:** O Sige...Tena...(Bubulong) Babay Bro!...

...END...
Ms. Prima Alabata, Head Librarian of Proj. 8 Branch Library, led the celebration of the 19th anniversary of the said Library last June 24, 2009 (April 6, 1990, first inauguration at its old building and June 24, 1998 at its present site.) A mass was held to grace the event. It was attended by QCPL and branch staff led by Ms. Villanueva, Ms. Tolado, Ms. Raquino, and other barangay officials and community residents. A puppet show was also conducted by the QCPL puppeteers.

Ms. Alabata has made necessary renovations of the library. She had the exterior landscaped and re-painted the murals at the children’s corner courtesy of Bgy. Captain Bilaos and soon the library will be well ventilated thru the donation of Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista of an air-con unit.

Ms. Alabata had not stopped planning for the development of the library. She had in mind a fund raising campaign that will benefit the clientele of the community. Good Luck Ms. Prime.

The gorgeous volleyball players of QCPL. Standing Ms. Mary Ann Santos, Ms. Anna Martinez, Ms. Marvic Ocampo, Ms. Donna Estoque. These ladies represent the library in the First Inter - Commercial Grass Volleyball Tournament, held at Amoranto Sports Complex. And sitting are Ms. Jenny Leoncio and Ms Lilia Malabanan.

QCPL staff led by the City librarian Ms. Villanueva, Ms. Tolado and Ms. Marlene

Ms. Alabata delivering her message after the mass.
THE BASURA MONSTER
Starring Ms. Tintin Bersola-Babao

QCPL was jampacked last June 8, 2009 when Ms. Tintin-Bersola Babao starred at the Story-telling Session featuring her Basura Monster Story. Ms. Tintin is a beautiful and graceful lady and a multi-talented artist. She is the author of the book “Basura Monster” which features how “Basura” can affect our lives and environment. Ms. Tintin was warmly welcomed by the QCPL staff led by the City Librarian, Ms. Emelita Villanueva.

CONTINUOUS EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF QCPL STAFF

Who says that old timers are afraid of the technological changes? That these persons/employees don’t embrace changes in the office? Not at QCPL wherein its staff continuous to have a hands on training on the latest topics on computer like the one held last June 15, 2009, which is creating Gmail account and Google Docs. This is to update the staff and also to increase their knowledge on this subject. Everybody is going high tech. So does QCPL staff. GOOD LUCK TO US!
NOVALICHES LIBRARY CELEBRATES 1ST YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Novaliches Branch library and Information Center thru the initiative of Ms. Fe Gomez, Head Librarian and her staff celebrated its 1st year anniversary last June 10, 2009.

Time flies so fast. Remembering last year when the Novaliches Library building was still under construction, and finally inaugurated on June 10, 2008. Now it has reached its 1st year of existence. Different activities were conducted in the library. The monthly meeting of the branch librarians & staff was held, followed by a mass and finally a seminar on “Stress Management” which was lectured by Mr. Czar Mendoza, a Professor of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines. This was attended by the QCPL management and staff.

Congratulations FRIENDS!

The Nova Library had their library tour and orientation to the students of Dona Rosario High School last July 10, 2009. The Students toured around the library showcasing the library’s Mini-museum and the Multi Media and Internet Services. The orientation focused on the services the library offers and on how the students should use the facilities of the library like books and computers available, its policies and regulations.

These activities was spearheaded by Ms. Fe Gomez, head of the Nova Library and Mr. Teng Robas, in charge of the Multi Media. Other library staff worth mentioning are Santa Mendoza, Cora Modar, Darwin Gabila, Cherry Ta-

LIBRARY TOUR AND ORIENTATION AT NOVALICHES

Ms. Fe Gomez delivering her welcome remarks to the students
BANGKO SENTRAL LATEST BOOK DONOR

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas of Quezon City is the latest book donor we had at QCPL. They handed over to the City Librarian assorted reference books which will surely benefit our less fortunate students who can not afford to buy reference books for their studies because of the high costs. Mr. Jose S. Morales, SPC Coordinator and Mr. Yeng dela Cruz, of the said Agency turned over to the City Library the assorted books last June 25, 2009, which was accepted by the City Librarian, Ms. Emelita Villanueva. Thus, we are extending our sincerest appreciation to Bangko Sentral.

THE PUPPETEERS AND THE PUPPETS

Who are behind the curtain? Behind the black curtain that wades the puppets on the air?

QCPL is lucky enough to have talented staff that are very supportive in the outreach services of the library, be it storytelling or puppet shows. “They call themselves the ‘HAPPY STICKS PUPPETEERS’.

Happy are they that provides happiness to the kids who watch them.

These gorgeous ladies and gentlemen are: Are Emerlina Tan, Chona Masbate, Lilia Malabanan, Zenaida Baltazar, Evelyn Garcia, Marlyn Bautista, Marivic Ocumen, Jennifer Quilaquil, James Mabborang and Jerry Matagsico. They conduct puppet shows from one branch library to another that give so much entertainment to our kids.

Wish you all the best and good luck!

Puppeteers at the back of the black curtain
The puppeteers and the puppets during puppet shows conducted in different barangays
**INTRODUCING LIB AND RARY CHARACTERS**

The QCPL introduces two characters namely LIB and RARY. These two characters were conceptualized by Mr. Jerry Matagsico, one of the staff under the technical services and one of the puppeteers. Mr. Matagsico is very artistic, showcasing his talents all around the children’s corners of the main and branch libraries through mural paintings on the children’s corners of each library.

LIB and RARY can be seen on the QCPL website welcoming the library users and showing the different sections of the library. They will also be forming part of the scripts for puppet shows and storytelling for the use of the outreach activities.

Click the QCPL’s website www.qcpubliclibrary.org, click the library tour and LIB and RARY will tour you to the different sections of the library.

**QCPL STAFF EXTRA - CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Who says that library personnel are not sociable, are mataray or suplada? Dare not Ms. Ana Martinez, Jenny Leocnio and Dennis, the husband of Ms. Donna Estoque, (who won the Laglag Award worth 8K gift certificate from Belo and Tribu) who formed a group together with Ms. Malou Malonga, and Gerry Matagsico (but were not lucky enough to be included in the finals) who joined the HOLE IN THE WALL Game Show. They were lucky enough to be one of the finalist, but unluckily defeated by the luckier opponents.

1. Michael V. and Ogie A., (host of the famous game show)
2. Quezon City Public Library Staff together with their opponent.
MANILA BOYS TOWN MEETS QCPL PUPPETEERS

The Manila Boys Town was lucky enough to be one of the recipients of the outreach service of the QCPL in coordination with CLAPI last May 29, 2009.

The City Librarian Ms. Villanueva, and the current President of the Association herself led the puppeteers to the place. Smiles and laughter’s on the children’s faces are too evident during the event. Everybody enjoyed the puppet show and snacks were also served to the delight of the children.

This service has been the continuing advocacy of the QCPL, to extend its services outside the four corners of the library.

A hug was given by Ms. Villanueva to a chosen child. Holding the child is Ms. Fe Gomez.

PASONG TAMO BRANCH 5TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Ms. Ocumen, officer-in-charge of Pasong Tamo Branch led the celebration of the library’s 5th year anniversary. The library building was initiated by the Friends of the Library, thru the President Mrs. Charminia Banal and with the help of Cong. Annie Susano. The activities conducted were storytelling, puppet show and book distribution. Snacks were also provided to the kids.
STORYTELLING WITH LOLOS AND LOLAS AT GALAS BRANCH

Ms. Zenaida Baltazar, Officer-in-Charge at Galas Branch conducted a storytelling session with the Lolos and lolas at the Galas Branch Library last April 2009. Guest storyteller was Ms. Melai Ramirez, the favorite storyteller of all the branch libraries of Quezon City and is a Librarian from the National Library.

Ms. Baltazar giving her briefing to all the Lolos and Lolas (left) and (right above) Ms. Ramirez delivering her story. (Right below) the Lolos and Loloas listening to the story.

COUNCILOR JORGE BANAL JR. SUPPORTS QCPL

Councilor Jorge Banal Jr. has been a consistent supporter of all the activities of the QCPL. Recently, he introduced a resolution ratifying the MOA entered into by Mayor Belmonte, Ms. Villanueva, the City Librarian and PEKK, an organization affiliated with the QCPL-Greater Proj. 4 Public Library, represented by its President Jose Visitacion Pavia, in the operation and maintenance of the said public library.

Coun. Banal is also very active in the I Love 2 Read Campaign that promotes good reading habits in all public schools in Quezon City.
In this world of treachery and deceit, of greed, of all these worldly things we have and hoping to acquire more, we become too occupied and burdened. We are at a loss, as if leading the wrong way. If all these are happening and you have no one to turn to, have fear to our GOD, our Savior, our Creator. For our God says: “I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill, the body but cannot afterward do anything worse. I will show you whom to fear: fear God, who, after killing, has authority to throw into hell. Believe me, he is the one you must fear!” (Luke 12:4-5)

Sometimes we become all too busy in our own businesses, worrying and planning for our tomorrow. Worrying of every little things about our families, our work. Others enriching themselves, enjoying, taking life easy, eating, drinking. Worrying much about the future. Take a break, take a U turn. God is watching you. Jesus says: “Watch out and guard yourselves from every kind of greed, because a person’s true life is not made up of the things he owns, no matter how rich he may be.” (Luke 12:15)

But if life seems so complicated, full of worries and you’re losing hope, you have no one to turn to, alone, have no shoulder to cry on and too much burden on your shoulders, still have faith, have trust in God. For He is a Living and Loving God. Jesus said: “And so I tell you not to worry about the food you need to stay alive or about the clothes you need for your body. Life is more important than food, and the body much important than clothes. Look at the crows; they don’t plant seeds or gather a harvest; they don’t have storage rooms or barns, God feeds them! You are worth so much more than birds! Can any one of you live a little bit longer by worrying about it? If you can’t manage even a small thing why worry about the other things.” (Luke 12:22-26).

“There will be strange things happening to the sun, the moon, and the stars. On earth whose countries will be in despair, afraid of the roar of the sea and the raging tides. People will faint from fear as they wait for what is coming over the whole earth, for the powers in space will be driven from their courses. Then the Son of Man will appear, coming in a cloud with great power and glory. When these things begin to happen, stand up and raise your heads, because your salvation is near.” (Luke 21:25-28)
LIBRARY HOURS

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

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

Saturday
8:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

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