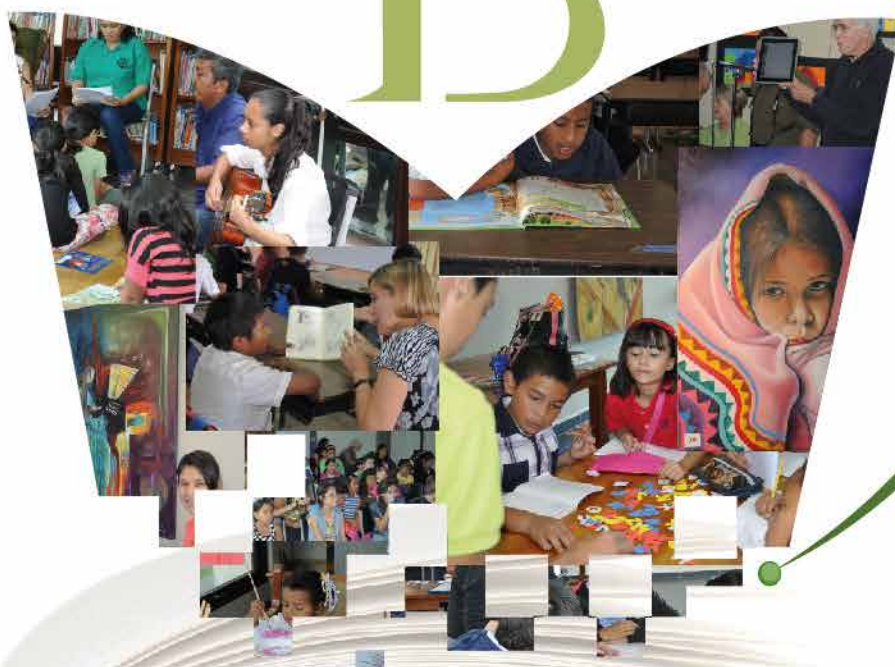




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FUNDACIÓN
BIBLIOTECA DE BOQUETE
ANNUAL REPORT
2014

"A book can change a life; a library can change a community."



Mission and Vision

We want to enrich proactively, the culture of the community, meeting their needs for knowledge and achieving well-informed citizens who participate effectively and actively in their society.

Our library was created with the innovative idea of an automated library with open shelving.

Besides being a library, we are an innovative cultural center that also provides access to knowledge equally to all, where everyone enjoys art, music, and the written word.



Respected Friends,

It's with great pleasure that we provide this summary of the Biblioteca de Boquete's progress in 2014. Undoubtedly we've experienced obstacles along the way, but we've likewise encountered new opportunities, open doors, and wonderful people always willing to provide their support.

The world is currently facing so many global changes, and information technology is progressing in ways that impact our lives even to the point of how we raise our children. It's not possible to stop or alter modern world advances, but it is possible to inculcate our children with a desire to grow better daily as people, and to give them the understanding that education and integrity are values fundamental to any society.

As an innovative cultural center, the library's management has sought diverse options for creating programs and activities that culturally enrich our community. Hundreds of people have benefitted from these programs and activities. It's our desire that the library's offerings continue to grow.

We hope to make all boqueteños and new residents proud that they have this great library, and want them to take advantage of what it offers so they can appreciate the library's true worth.

All of our accomplishments would have never been possible without the support of a large number of people who have collaborated in different ways.

To our appreciated donors, volunteers, varied institutions, communication media, artists, friends, parents and visitors, we offer our most sincere thanks.

Yours truly,

Lic. Elsa Castillo M.
Administrator



Dear Friends of the Biblioteca de Boquete,

It is our pleasure to report on the conclusion of the 3rd year of operations of the Biblioteca de Boquete.

Getting to know our users, watching them grow, helping them face challenges, and learning from them has deepened our commitment to this wonderful organization. We look forward to continuing to grow and to help a very strong team into its next strategic plan and its bright future.

Thank you for your support of our collective work. We thank each individual for the volunteered hours, the giving of your precious time, sharing your talents or expertise, or sending us financial support. All are tangible gifts and important to the library's continued success.

For our tutoring volunteers there is no greater reward than to see a frustrated or defeated young student transform - that magical moment when they realize that they are "getting it." A new year of learning and mentoring begins and we are hopeful of increasing this program as well as our remote areas reading and comprehension outreach programs.

We, the Board, and our staff, are looking forward to an excellent 4th year and thank you for your part in continuing our progressive steps. We could not do any of this without you – that is the bottom line.

With gratitude,

Fundación Biblioteca de Boquete

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- Anayansi Menéndez
- Samuel Palma
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- Elsa Castillo M.
- Migdalia Méndez
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- Carlos Gaytán



FINANCES 2014

January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2013

DONATIONS AND INCOME**2014****2013**

DONATIONS	94,255	65,306
DONATIONS IN-KIND	10,100	15,800
OTHER	8,809	5,096
TOTAL	B/. 113,164.00	B/. 86,202.00

OPERATING EXPENSES**2014****2013**

SALARIES AND BENEFITS	26,115	22,096
MAINTENANCE COSTS	11,556	13,697
UTILITIES	6,008	5,659
PROGRAMS AND EVENTS	3,399	3,857
OTHER EXPENSES	6,293	5,651
TOTAL	B/. 53,371.00	B/. 50,960.00

ACQUISITIONS**2014****2013**

BOOK PURCHASES	4,715	9,985
FURNITURE AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT	7,938	6,692
BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS – SPECIAL COLLECTION	-	3,130
TOTAL	B/. 12,653.00	B/. 19,807.00

Currently the library collection is composed of 19,800 volumes.

ASSETS**2014****2013**

TOTAL ASSETS	107,547	93,236
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	985,389	1,044,395
OTHER ASSETS	795	2,098
TOTAL ASSETS	B/. 1,093,731.00	B/. 1,139,729.00

LIABILITIES**2014****2013**

DEFERRED DONATIONS	25,000	50,000
BOOKED LABOR AND BENEFITS	2,659	1,691
TOTAL LIABILITIES	B/. 27,659.00	B/. 51,691.00

ENDOWMENT FUND

DONATIONS RECEIVED	B/. 171,947.00	-
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An endowment fund was created during the year 2014 for the purpose of guaranteeing the sustainability of the library's future operations.

Library Programs And Activities To Encourage Reading



TRADITIONAL "STORY TIME" EVERY FRIDAY.

Thanks to the constant work on behalf of the welfare of our little ones, every Friday, Mrs. Bonnie Adams reads a different story, in Spanish as well as English, to our pre-school aged children. We encourage parents to join us and strengthen, in their children, the good habit of reading, starting at an early age.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

A program designed to encourage the accomplishment of a daily reading goal during the summer. Ultimately a group of 37 children and youth accomplished their objectives.



EXTENSION PROGRAM

Our first outreach program, at the Alto Quiel School, counted with the support of the teaching personnel of that institution. Library personnel made weekly visits to the school, and took hundreds of books for the children to borrow and read. The library also gave them calligraphy notebooks, for the children to practice and improve handwriting skills. As a complement to this program, several classrooms from this school visited the library with their respective teachers.



OTHER STORYTELLING ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR

El Capitán Máximus (Captain Maximus)

More than 40 children accompanied by family members enjoyed the El Capitán Máximus event.

El Capitán Máximus is a storybook with tales about important elements of nature, an individual's appreciation for it, and learning to respect oneself and others. The event activities also included a painting contest and a magnificent ride on the vessel Tuercas, with interesting riddles related to important facts about Panama.



Ruta de los Cuentos:

For the first time in the month of April, Ruta de los Cuentos--- an activity organized in collaboration with Fundación Dame de Leer, came to our library. Panamanian and foreign narrators participated, sharing fantastic and amusing stories. Musical performances and a great art exhibit accompanied this wonderful literary experience.

Storytelling activities during the Crafts Fair:

The first Crafts Fair was organized in conjunction with Casa Cultural La Guaricha in November. It consisted of diverse cultural activities that also included story-telling.



BOOK PRESENTATIONS AND THEIR AUTHORS

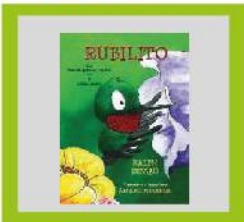
Eunice Obaldía

Panamanian author with a degree in Literary Creation from the Universidad Tecnológica de Panamá. In addition to a Master's degree in Finance, she has Post-Graduate degree in Human Resources, and a degree in Management. She has also participated in other educational courses such as Today's Business and Human Resources at St. Claire College, Ontario, Canada. **El Capitán Máximus** is her first published work, and is directed to children of all ages.



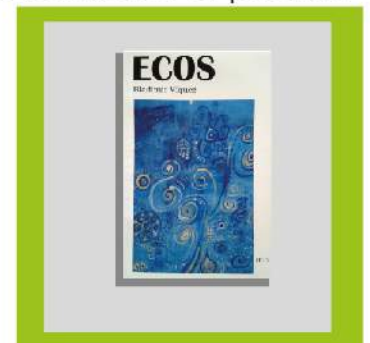
Ralph Dessau

Born in Denmark, graduated with a Master's in Chemical Engineering, and received a Fulbright Scholarship which permitted him to spend a year at Stanford University and another year at the Technological Institute of California. He then began his career in the international petroleum industry, where he wrote *Los Colibríes de Caracas* (The Humming Birds of Caracas) and produced a movie in defense of the sea. Now based in Panama, he has written his second book about Humming Birds, *Joyas Voladoras* (Flying Jewels) and his third book, *Rubilito, El Colibrí Viajero*. (**Rubilito**, the travelling humming bird).



Bladimir Víquez

A philosopher by education, Panamanian, born in Dominical in the province of Chiriquí, he completed university studies in Language and Literature in both Spanish and French at institutions in Chiriquí. Has also studied in Spain and France. In these two countries he received scholarships from different international organizations on four occasions. Has also been a winner in different university literary contests: poetry, short story, and essay. Has presented academic conferences in Costa Rica, the United States, and Panama and has presented professional conferences in Spain, France, the Dominican Republic and Canada. **Ecos** is his first book of poems.



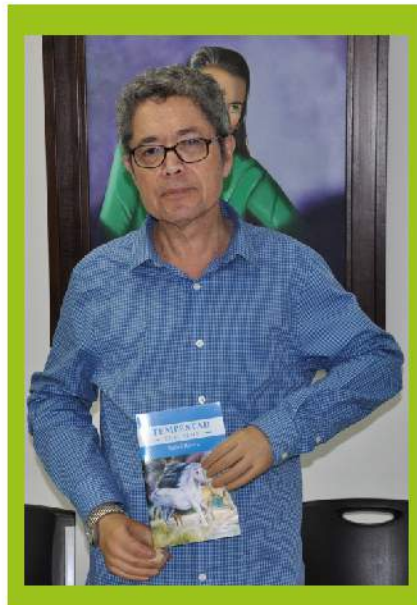
Laura Nieto Bruña

Panamanian writer, born in David, Chiriquí. She obtained a Master's in Finance at the Escuela Internacional de Negocios, en Zaragoza, Spain. She won honorable mention in an inter-university literary contest (Concurso Interuniversitario Roberto Jaén y Jaén) that was convened by the Universidad Autónoma de Chiriquí. She has published articles in regional newspapers and magazines such as Cumbres, Placa 4 and Bajareque Times. Presently works as a Project Analyst for MEF (Ministry of Economics and Finance) in the Administrative Unit for Returned Assets. Some of her novels are La Patrulla del Castillo Volador, El Joven Rey, **El corazón de la Reina**, and Libro de Colorear de Aldo.



Rafael Rivera Maradiaga

Born in the city of David, province of Chiriquí, and has lived the major part of his life in Spain, where he studied Public Administration and Transpersonal Psychology. He's published the following books: Conocimiento del futuro: ¿Realidad o Fantasía ? ; Apuesta por una vida positiva; Cristianismo y Yoga; Jesús: una Luz para el mundo; and El hombre que decidió vivir; Tempestad en el Alma. He is the founder and current president of the Asociación Cultural Escuela Niyama, a non-profit organization for Integral Human Development that is headquartered in Spain.



Information Management And Complementary Education

CONFERENCES, INFORMATIVE TALKS, ADULT SEMINARS

The library offered numerous informative talks, conferences and training activities directed at different community sectors. Many people have benefitted from receiving updated and relevant information on multiple topics of interest.



For students, there were presentations of student projects, documentaries, videos regarding multiples topics.



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Biblioteca de Boquete, in conjunction with its volunteers, has focused efforts on achieving permanent tutorial programs for children, youth, and adults on subjects such as basic mathematics, algebra, trigonometry, and English. Dozens of participants have benefitted from these programs.

MATH CLASSES

Facilitators: Ellen Bolton, Mel Adams, Ross Blankert, Marguerite Heffner.



ENGLISH CLASSES FOR ADULTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Facilitators: Roberto y Elizabeth Mazzetta, Bonnie Adams, María Elena Watts, Zoe Lubin, among others.



ENGLISH CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

Facilitators: Margie Frame during the summer and Laverne Jackson permanently.



Programs And Activities To Promote Art

ART PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

With the support of committed volunteers and institutions such as Centro de Estudios Superiores de Bellas Artes y Folklore de David, and INAC, children's art programs were provided allowing hundreds of children to improve manual dexterity and technical skills in drawing, painting, clay sculpting, and other media.



2014 SUMMER ART PROGRAM

Offered through CESBAS, this was a valuable contribution to our library and community. 75 children received art classes (painting, drawing, clay) with qualified professors and more than 120 hours of instruction were provided.



CHILDREN AND TEENAGER ART PROGRAM

Dictated by Mary Ellen Watts in two different annual phases, under the sponsorship of Boquete Art Works, more than 50 children have learned diverse techniques for drawing and painting.



CULTURAL ENCOUNTER HONORING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER



November is the month of national pride, and we paid tribute by holding our first Crafts Fair which included a number of activities designed to highlight our culture and local talent. Eighteen artisans from different areas of the province participated and offered a wide array of handcrafted items. There were presentations and musical performances by school children, as well as other children's activities, storytelling, workshops, cave-art games, and a closing performance by the folkloric ballet Danza Panamá, which exalted our traditional folk dances .



ART EXHIBITS

Art exhibits are becoming increasingly relevant. They stimulate local and foreign artists to display in the monthly showings that promote a large quantity of works, and facilitate their acquisition by visitors. See the 2014 list of library exhibits below.



Obras de Arte
de Rigoberto Guerra



"Coleoptera"
El Romance de la vida del insecto
por Diane Heidke



"Expo de Arte Colectiva"
por Artistas Chiricanos



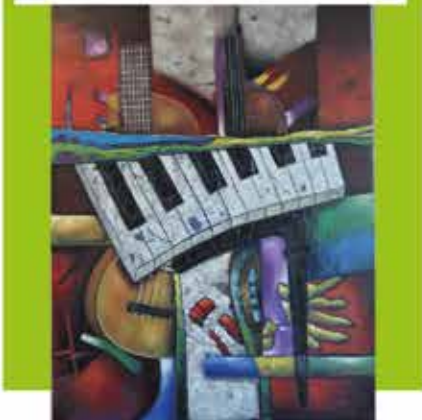
"Expo de Arte Colectiva"
por Artistas Chiricanos



"El arte de la Música"
Colectiva de artistas



"Colores Cálidos y Fríos"
por Taller de Arte Matices



ART EXHIBITS



"Honrando al Río Caldera"
por Teresa Wong, Victor Aguirre Chirú,
Oscar O. Valderrama



"Artistas de Boquete"
por Boquete Art Works



"Expo-Paisajismo"
Benalcazar, Jose Angel y otros



"Expo Arte y Artesanías"
Colectiva de artistas



PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITIONS

Organized by Boquete PhotoGraphia, a photography club with more than 20 members, this club offers periodic exhibits of photographs marking great moments in the lives of the photographers. "Leaves that Launch", "Reflections", "National Parks that Reflect Nature's Wonders", and "Waterfalls" are some of the subjects that they've presented to share with fans of this art and others who visit the library daily.



MUSICAL CONCERTS

Grupo de Cámara Clarinon

This is a group of musical professionals whose objective is the dissemination of information regarding Panamanian and classical chamber music, as well as the instruments used to produce it. Directed by Carmen Small.



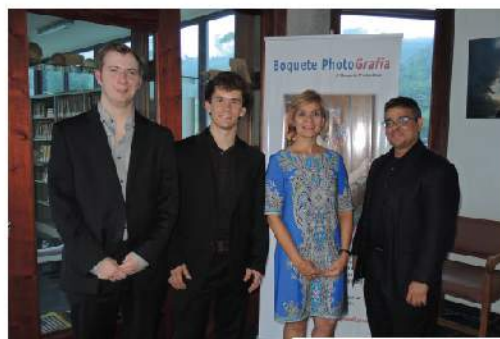
Fundación Sinfonía Concertante de Panamá

Artists invited by Fundación Concertante de Panamá, a musical performance of duos, trios, and quartets that offered artists of the caliber of Luis E. Casal, Isacc M. Casal (Panamá) Mario A. Torres (Honduras) Josué E. Ramírez. (Honduras), Jessica Farestvedt (Estados Unidos)



Guitarristas Internacionales

John Marcel Williams from the United States and Oscar Somersalo from Finland, were invited artists to the annual guitarists competition held in Panama City. They also came to Boquete to provide an exceptional, unique and unforgettable performance.



Cantante Argentino Sergio Logioco

Prominent Argentine artist who sings tangos, and has performed in multiple world settings.



Orquesta Sinfónica Infantil y Juvenil de Chiriquí

Panama's first children's and youth orchestra composed of more than 40 students under the direction of Lic. Xiomara González, member of the arts academy MOA. This group of talented young artists who demonstrate great musical promise, performed at the library giving us a Christmas Concert in December.



Book Sales

The library holds three annual book sales a year, where many people are able to acquire books at affordable prices. This is a way in which we are able to promote reading and raise funds for the library. The activity is organized by Amigos de la Biblioteca.



Most read books of 2014

	Clasificación	Nombre del Libro	Autor	Salida
1	Fic JAM	Cincuenta Sombras de Grey	James, E. L.	39
2	Juv Fic ROT	Divergente	Roth, Verónica	30
3	Fic JAM	Cincuenta sombras más oscuras	James, E. L.	25
4	Fic JAM	Cincuenta sombras liberadas	James, E. L.	24
5	REF LG 912 NGS	NG atlas of the world	National Geographic	24
6	INF azul C	Cuentos de Princesas: La Sirenita	Campos, Pilar	22
7	INF rojo S	Cuentos Rosas Brillantes: La Sirenita	Guerra, Carmen	21
8	Juv Fic ROT	Insurgentes	Roth, Verónica	20
9	INF azul T	La bella y la bestia: un cuento cont.	Titlebaum, Ellen	20
10	INF rojo B	La bella y la bestia		20
11	Juv Fic HOC	El viaje	Hocking, Amanda	19
12	Juv Fic DAS	Maze Runner / Correr ó Morir 1	Dashner, James	18
13	INF rojo G	Aprendo inglés con la casa	Grez, Marcela	17
14	INF rojo G	Caperusita roja y bambi	Grez, Marcela	17
15	REF INF 567.9Mc	La gran enciclopedia de los Dinosaurios	McNab, Chris	17
16	Juv Fic DAS	Maze runner: prueba de fuego	Dashner, James	17
17	INF 590 SIH 2011	Animales en peligro de extinción	Silhol, Sandrine	16
18	INF rojo C	Cenicienta	Perrault, Charles	16
19	INF azul A	El palacio de Cenicienta		16
20	REF 512.13 SUL 2	Álgebra y trigonometría	Sullivan, Michael	15

The Best Readers 2014

Clasificación	Checkouts	Edad	Nacionalidad
Smith, Vernon	89	77	Extranjero
M. Vann, Catherine	89	60	Extranjero
Romano, Marcia	83	88	Extranjero
Violette, Donald	83	77	Extranjero
Rojas C. Allison D.	83	16	Panameño
R., de González, Maritza	76	43	Panameño
Bell, Guillermo	75	22	Panameño
Mathews Rodriguez	73	13	Panameño
Schulte, Catherine	70	47	Extranjero
Miranda, Elisa	63	35	Panameño
Wilson Hale, Irvin	62	75	Extranjero
Kyrene, Kyrene	62	72	Extranjero
Bell, Stephanie	58	25	Panameño
Theis, Paula	55	66	Extranjero
Romano, Dominic	52	89	Extranjero
Miranda, Magaly	52	54	Panameño
Quiel, Ocdalis	52	36	Panameño
Gaspard, Jerome	52	74	Extranjero
Samaniego, Stephanie	51	16	Panameño
Heman, Shelby	51	82	Extranjero

Statistics

Use of the Computer Room

Total de Usuarios

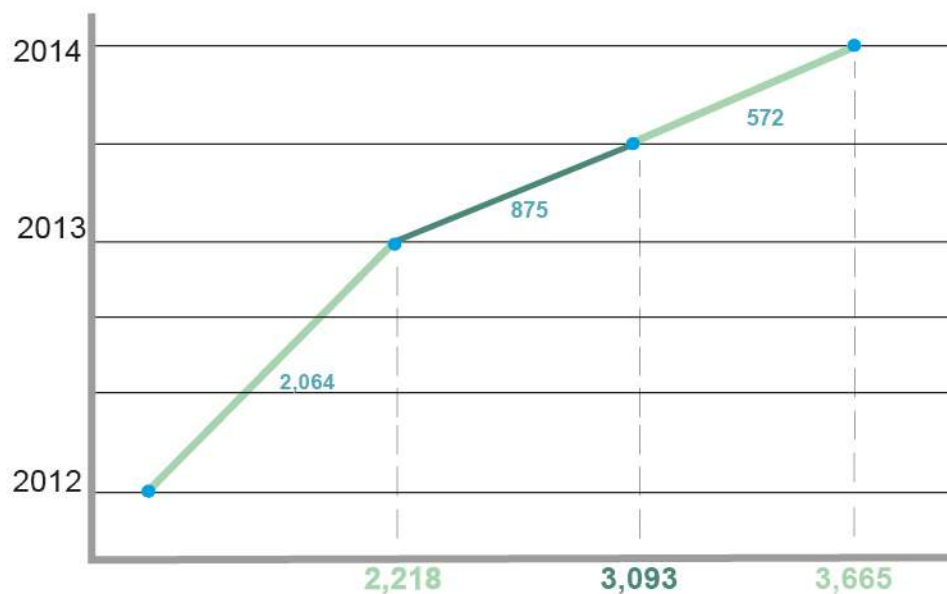
5,619



Users

Total Registrados

3,665



Usuarios	3,665
Hasta 10 años	325
Hasta 18 años	1,161
Hasta 30 años	719
Hasta 50 años	656
Más 50 años	804

Volunteers



Essential pillars for the good functioning of our library, they offer uncountable hours to achieve multiple activities.

2014 *Donors*

The Fundación Biblioteca de Boquete gives thanks for all donations received during 2014.

To all those individuals, corporations, foundations and other organizations that have generously donated their contributions to the achievement of the goals and objectives established, we give thanks.

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