



ANNUAL REPORT 2018/2019



FUNDACIÓN
BIBLIOTECA DE BOQUETE

*“A book can change
a life.”*

*A library can change
a community.”*

CONTENTS

I. Presentation	4
II. Educational programs and services	5
Knowing my library	5
An adventure with the book and me (in Spanish)	6
An adventure with the book and me (bilingual)	6
My traveling books	7
Other reinforcement programs and art workshops	8
Services and use of facilities	10
III. Artistic events and activities	12
Literary presentations	12
III Book Fair, under the slogan "Reading, key to Education and a Better Life"	13
Participating writers and speakers	14
Activities during the fair	16
Writers visit the schools	17
Concert season	18
Art exhibitions and photographs	19
Other activities and artistic presentations	20
IV. Comparative financial reporting 2019-2018	21
V. Donors 2018-2019	22
VI. Thanks to the volunteers 2018/2019	23



"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door."

— Milton Berle

Challenges are part of everyone's life and sometimes we have to face them individually and sometimes collectively. In these last two years, with the support of many people and institutions, we have reinforced our commitment to carry out work that makes a difference and impacts the lives of the residents of our community.

In this purpose, we continue to provide various services from our library, such as: the use of Wi-Fi, computers with internet, study tables, in a comfortable environment that makes it easier for both students and professionals to fulfill their educational and work objectives. In particular, we are able to make loans of books from our extensive literary collection, with a view toward satisfying and increasing our reading population, especially among children and youth.

For this reason, in 2018, the "Bebeteca was born, a project supported by the "Sus Buenos Vecinos Foundation" of the "Banco General", which provides an ideal space where children can be encouraged to develop the habit and enjoyment of reading, from their first months of life, under the guidance of their parents or relatives.

We are grateful to have obtained the support of various institutions and people, such as the Rockefeller Philanthropic Foundation, the Patricia Price Peterson Foundation, and others, who coincided in our goals. With their support we managed to develop in various areas such as education, music, art and advance in international relations.

In education, our flagship program *"An Adventure with the Book and Me"* was divided into two approaches, with two sponsors. In charge of the Fundación Sus Buenos Vecinos del Banco General, *"An adventure with the book and Me"*, a Spanish version, took place in 2018. And, under the umbrella of the United States Embassy, *"An adventure with the Book and Me, Bilingual"*, in the years 2018 and 2019, respectively.

With the focus on reading, both approaches predicted that the students of the selected schools, mostly from rural and remote areas of the Boquete district, could improve their

cognitive, motor and emotional skills, through the use of a methodology that is innovative, playful and effective. We therefore anticipated the positive outcome that was later demonstrated.

In tune with the music, we offer a monthly concert billboard, of national and international stature, worthy of praise. Various artists and musicians shared their talents with virtuoso performances that often exceeded our expectations. To this we add our permanent gallery of painters, photographers, artisans, who month after month adorned the walls of our institution with various artistic manifestations. Likewise, in support of cinema, monthly film screenings have been taking place.

In a special way we highlight the realization of the Book Fair in Boquete, in its third edition, a unique project in our community, which brings together a distinguished number of national and international authors, publishers, bookstores, artists, organizations and public and private institutions that give prestige to our district. There were many activities that were carried out, taking into account all ages, and without a doubt, this has become a literary event of great importance for the educational sector, with positive repercussions in various social spheres.

During this administration, we were pleasantly surprised by the contact by ambassadors from different countries: England, the United States, Peru, Spain and China, who chose our institution to promote various initiatives or events.

We are very pleased to contribute our grain of sand to improve the educational and cultural level of our fellow citizens. It has been an honor and a challenge to be able to reinvent ourselves and tune into the educational and cultural needs that our region requires. On the following pages, we share a summary of these intense activities.

To all who supported us, we thank you for the trust and faith you have placed in us. We are sure that the sum of all efforts will have a great impact on the lives of many people.

The Administration

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

At the end of each year, we are satisfied with the great acceptance of the participating students in the following reading programs. Through the caregivers, we receive the testimony about the excitement of their children when coming to the library.



Pio XII School.

KNOWING MY LIBRARY

This program is aimed at kindergarten and first grade children (ages 5 and 6). It promotes the awareness of children about the library. Children acquire a broader vision of the services offered by this type of institution, how it works, what activities can be carried out and the option of having their own card in order to carry books of their choice to their homes. The visit includes the narration of a story and the participation in activities that allow them to identify with the habit of reading.

For the execution of this program, we have the support of the "Sus Buenos Vecinos Foundation" of the "Banco General", which covers the transportation and snack costs of the participants, in addition to the fees of the teacher in charge. For the 2018 school period, 349 children from five local schools were able to participate in this initiative.



Alto Boquete School.

El Buen Pastor School.



Octavio López Pascal School.

AN ADVENTURE WITH THE BOOK AND ME (IN SPANISH)

Thanks also to the sponsorship of the "Sus Buenos Vecinos Foundation" of the "Banco General", this program is aimed at children from first to third grade (6, 7 and 8 years old) and its main objective is to offer students of public schools in the Boquete district, a support and motivational tool to raise awareness towards reading and writing in Spanish.

With themes that reinforce concepts of interest, each of the ten visits has a musical activity, storytelling, analytical questions and manual activities that exercise motor skills. Each session ends with a closing activity and the eating of a snack. 64 children from various local schools participated in this program during the 2018 period.



Alto Jaramillo School.



Volcancito School.



Francés Arriba School.

AN ADVENTURE WITH THE BOOK AND ME (BILINGUAL)

This bilingual program (in English and Spanish) envisioned the possibility of stimulating reading and basic acquisition of the English language in students whose schools had major limitations. The United States Embassy in Panama believed in its feasibility and joined the task of supporting us to work with 113 children belonging to rural schools in the Alto Quiel, Jaramillo Abajo, Palmira Abajo and Palo Alto areas, for the year 2018.

During 2019, we continued with the program, with a total of 73 children, many of whom have participated for two consecutive years, managing to reinforce many of the concepts learned. During several sessions, the children's progress followed various strategies that guided the reading and writing process through art, music, games and storytelling. To bring it to reality, the sponsorship included: transportation of children between the school and the library, books, fees of the teachers in charge, materials, and snacks, among others.



Jaramillo Abajo School.



For these two programs, children are evaluated, at the beginning and at the end of the period, in the following areas: emotional development (interaction with other students, participation of the child in activities and apparent confidence), motor skills (skill with scissors, with the pencil, ability to jump, move, ability to handle small objects), literacy development (interest in books, reading and writing, association of figures with stories, answering questions related to reading, self-presentation, writing and recognizing their printed name), cognitive development (easily identify colors, geometric figures, identify numbers, knowing how to count).



Alto Quiel School.



Volcancito School.



La Estrella Los Valles School.

MY TRAVELERS BOOKS

In Boquete we have a population of more than 800 children who attend local public schools, between kindergarten and third grade. Most do not have transportation, much less have libraries in their schools. It is a great challenge for us to get all the children from these schools to come to the library with this program. At our headquarters, we come to serve a certain number of infants, and due to the aforementioned circumstances, we must bring the books to their schools and allow them to be used for two weeks



Palmira Abajo School.

OTHER REINFORCEMENT PROGRAMS AND ART WORKSHOPS

During the year we try to offer other educational options to the community, provided that we have the support of volunteers who facilitate the classes. The summer holidays are used to offer art workshops and language activities to promote reading. During the school year we strive to offer programs that support students with their learning, whether academic or professional.

We present on the right a summary of the number of people who benefited and hours taught in some of the programs.

BIBLIOTECA DE BOQUETE FOUNDATION

PROGRAM NAME	Year 2019		Year 2018	
	Amount of people benefited	Hours taught	Amount of people benefited	Hours taught
Educational programs for children				
Knowing my library	45	8	349	60
An adventure with the book and me - Spanish	-	-	64	120
An Adventure with the book and me - Bilingual	73	120	113	240
My traveling books	130	24	80	16
Tell stories	40	78	30	78
English for children	35	112	30	100
Youth educational programs				
Chess course	18	48	20	96
Maths course	-	-	6	10
Adult educational programs				
English for beginners	10	36	10	72
Conversational English	12	96	10	96
Spanish for foreigners	-	-	18	18
Parent-Teacher Workshops	-	-	135	12
Children and youth art programs				
Summer workshops (painting, theater, reading, etc.)	129	54	120	70
Totals	492	576	985	988

Source: Boquete Library attendance files



Spanish for foreigners by Jennifer Zirbes.



English for beginners by Genie Vidal.



English for Kids by David George.



Workshop for parents and children. Early Stimulation by Rita Carrillo.



English for Children by Gwen George.



English and Crafts for Kids by Leah Polack.



Educational Workshop Tools to motivate children to read, for parents and teachers by Rita Carrillo S.



Conversational English by Lorna Farrant.



Chess Course by Kevin Cripe.

SUMMER WORKSHOPS



Theater.



Drawing and painting.



Recycling.



Yoga.

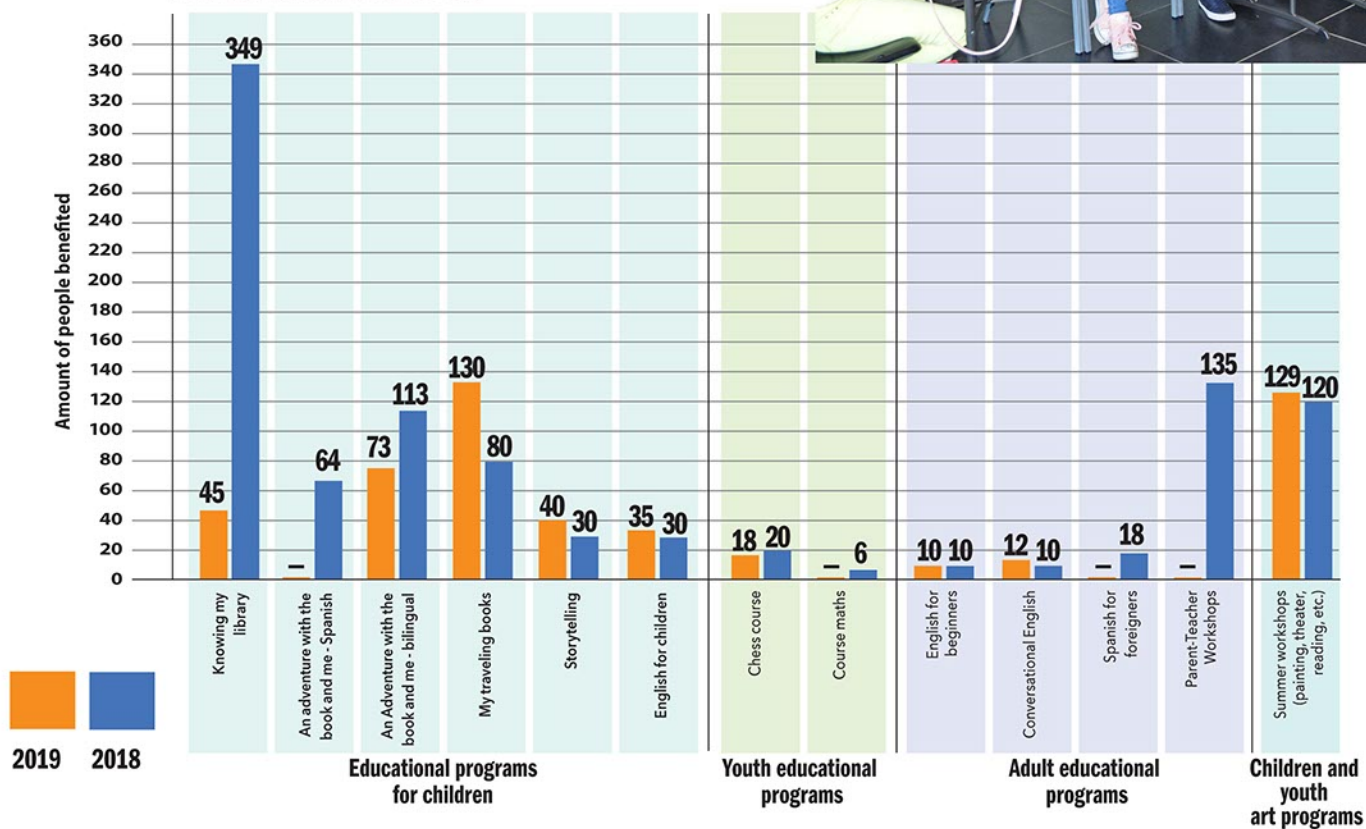


Motivation to read.



Summer reading.

STATISTICAL REPRESENTATION



SERVICES AND USES OF THE FACILITIES

Many students from schools, colleges and / or universities come together for individual or group work, book consultations, newspaper reading. Some use public computers, others use Wi-Fi; Books are loaned to them, either for use in or outside the library. The multipurpose conference room is regularly used for seminars, workshops, film presentations, meetings, organizational trainings, artistic presentations, among others. The library is also a reference point for meetings of partners, friends, professionals and for the public. In addition, many schools in different parts of the province organize group tours to get to know the library, taking advantage of the large number of books and resources available, making this a time and place of great importance for many children.

Some figures on the use of the facilities are presented on the right.

BIBLIOTECA DE BOQUETE FOUNDATION

SOME SERVICES OFFERED	Year 2019	Year 2018
	Amount of people benefited	Amount of people benefited
Public computers	1,643	2,415
Use of WiFi	2,923	2,977
Reading in rooms - adults	579	983
Reading in rooms - youth	331	80
Reading in children's and baby area	607	180
Reading newspapers	492	476
Use of rooms (works, etc)	1,113	1,215
Use of rooms (events, meetings, talks, etc.)	3,337	3,655
Totals	11,025	11,981
Number of books loaned (home)	11,254	12,720

Source: Boquete Library attendance files



Informative conferences.



Reading in children's area.



Use of public computers.



Reading spaces.



Reading in children's area.

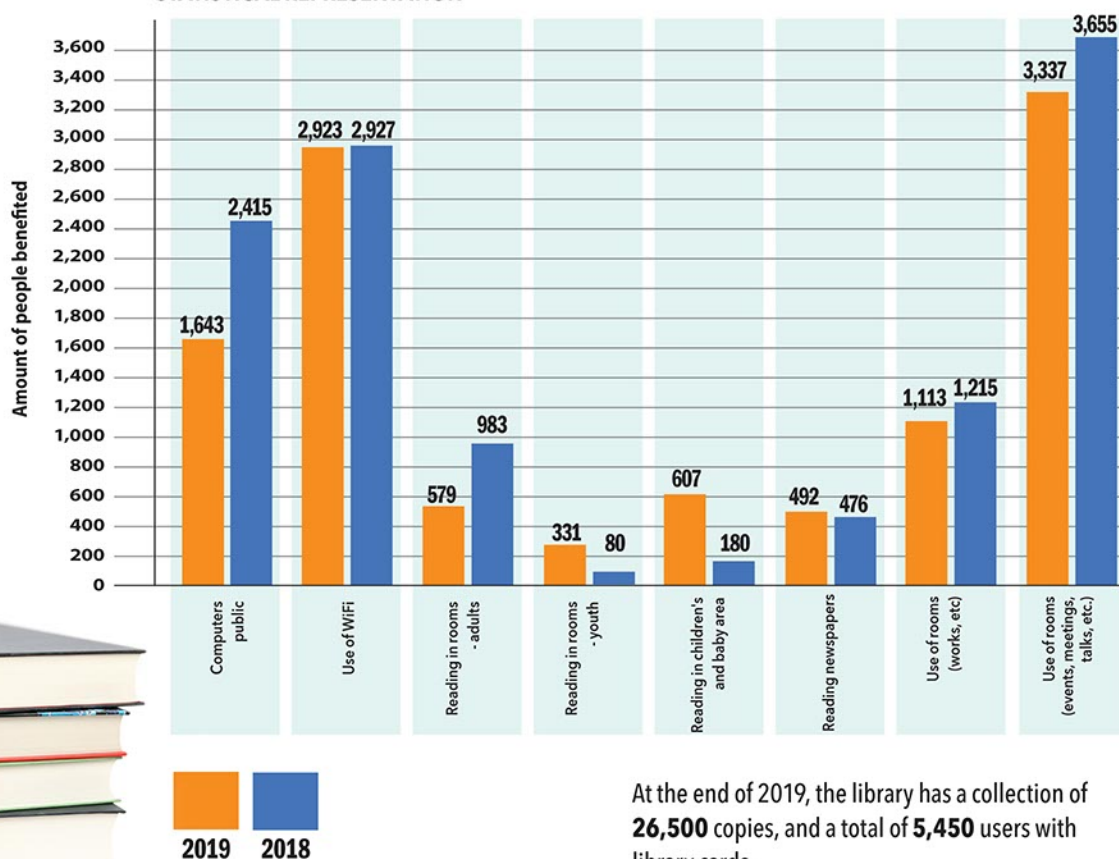


Spaces for work.



WiFi service.

STATISTICAL REPRESENTATION



At the end of 2019, the library has a collection of **26,500** copies, and a total of **5,450** users with library cards.



ARTISTIC EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The vision of the library
contemplates being an
innovative and informative
cultural center, accessible to
all, where art can be enjoyed,
in addition to literature, in its
various manifestations.

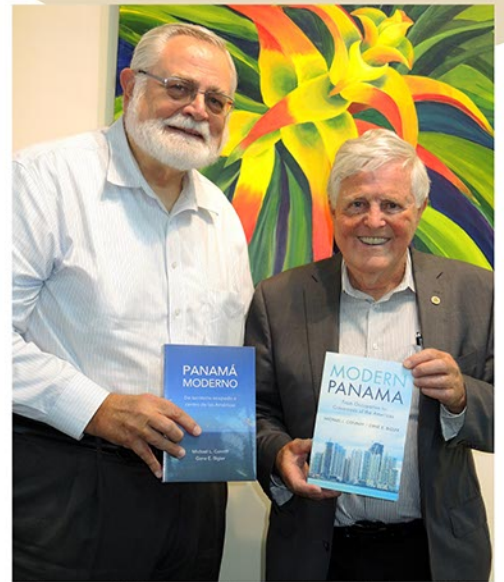
LITERARY PRESENTATIONS

"How wonderful it is that no one needs to wait even a single moment before beginning to improve the world!"

— from the Diary of Ana Frank



"Algo Bonito" by Eliseo Miranda.



"Panamá Moderno" by Michael L. Conniff and Gene E. Bigler.



"Arnulfo Arias El Hombre" by Manuel Cambra - Mireya Moscoso.



"Sin etiquetas" by Vivian Fernández de Torrijos.

III BOOK FAIR 2019

UNDER THE SLOGAN "READING, KEY TO EDUCATION AND A BETTER LIFE"

One of the most ambitious initiatives the library administration has undertaken is to hold an international book fair every two years at its facilities. It represents a major challenge in raising funds to defray expenses and involves very detailed and comprehensive planning and organization.

The fair was held on this occasion in April, for four days, with the aim of ensuring that students from schools, colleges, universities and the general public attended and enjoyed all the planned activities, in a synchronized manner, in the three library floors.



During the fair important dates are highlighted; On this occasion, the main lobby contained a replica tower of Old Panama to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the founding of Panama City, a fact celebrated throughout the country, and we included in the fair repertoire, many activities alluding to the theme. More than 2,400 people participated in the four days in which this fair event took place.



Taking into consideration that we have limited resources and space to accommodate the entire student population of rural schools in our district and we are also aware of the limited resources of those schools, we took the initiative this year to schedule visits by some writers to the schools so that children could meet them. In that way, the authors could share recreational and reading activities with the children, thus managing to extend even more, the Book Fair event into the educational community.



PARTICIPATING WRITERS AND SPEAKERS

A select group of writers of various genres (short story, poetry, fiction, non-fiction, education, biography, history, novel, motivation, among others) gathered at this great literary festival.

In addition, important personalities from the business world and from the country's institutions, offered a series of conferences of great interest to all participants.



Patricia Alvarado and María Clara Pretto.



Consuelo Tomás, Lil María Herrera and Martanoemi Noriega.



Juan David Morgan.



Gloria Young and Anaís Morán Rovi.



Ricardo Ríos.



Rose Marie Tapia.



Ibu Alvarado.



Ariel Agrioyanis.



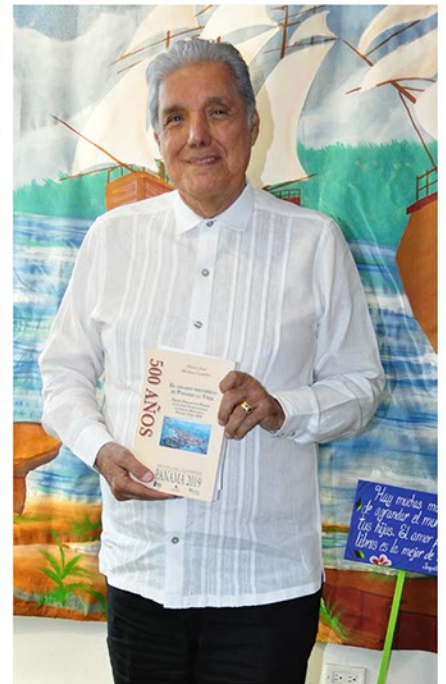
Carlos Fong and Héctor Collado.



Ricardo Puello.



Carlos Wynter Melo.



Mario Molina.



Eduardo Verdurmen.



Peter Sterling.



Benjamin Ramón.



Lucy Molinar.



Leadimiro González.



Daniella Castillo.



Juanpi Dolante.



Dalys Rodríguez.



Brinn Colenda.



Joaquín González.



Fernando Berguido.



Flavia Rodríguez, Esperanza Navarro and Guadalupe Bragín Bélanger authors of La Mansión de 13 Puertas.



Tribute to Big Five (Presenters Alcides Fuentes, Joaquín González, María del S. Robayo, Aura González and Manuel Montilla).

SPEAKERS



Diomedes Santos, winner of the National Public Speaking Contest.



Minerva Lara, Senacyt scholarship coordinator. (Left)



Joel Batista, Ayudinga Foundation.



Paulina Franceschi, consultant and UN representative.



Lic. Isis Rivera de González - MICI.

Lic. Anabella Barria, Banco General of Panama.

TRIBUTE TO WRITERS CARLOS E. LANDAU AND PATRICIA ALVARADO



ACTIVITIES DURING THE FAIR

The cultural agenda was planned to offer options for all ages: for adults and reading enthusiasts, a full agenda of literary presentations of various genres, young people benefited from various conferences and discussions, robotics workshops, modeling and printing in 3D, workshops on literary creation, drawing, chess, music; the youngest had countless storytelling activities, painting workshops, theater performances, mimes, and more.



Reading spaces.



Conversational music.



International Puppet Group.



Storytelling.



Artistic presentations.



International Puppet Group.



Poetic recital.



Literary creation workshop.



3D printing workshop.



Robotics workshop.



Book sale.



Senacyt stand.



Drawing workshop for young people.



WRITERS VISIT THE SCHOOLS

Thanks to the support and interest of some writers, dozens of children were able to enjoy literary activities in their schools.



CONCERT SEASON

Music has always been part of our annual agenda. Starting in 2018 and during the year 2019, we reinforced this segment. Thus, each month, our select audience enjoyed unforgettable presentations. For concerts, we offer the opportunity to purchase a membership that covers entry to all performances for twelve months counted from the date of purchase. Thanks to this initiative, nationals and foreigners can have access to high-quality classical music performances, without leaving Chiriquí.



Federico Díaz (Argentina) and Pen Trio Group (USA.)



Moa Children's Orchestra.



Recital of Guitars and Violin Group from Russia and Mexico.



Consort Musik.

Year 2018
10
CONCERTS
with a total of
929 attendees

Year 2019
12
CONCERTS
with a total of
880 attendees



Clarinón from Panama.



Camerata Alfredo de Saint Malo.



Easy Casal.



Santiago Choral.



Baylor Wood Wind Quintet USA.



*Katarina Peers
Polish Pianist.*

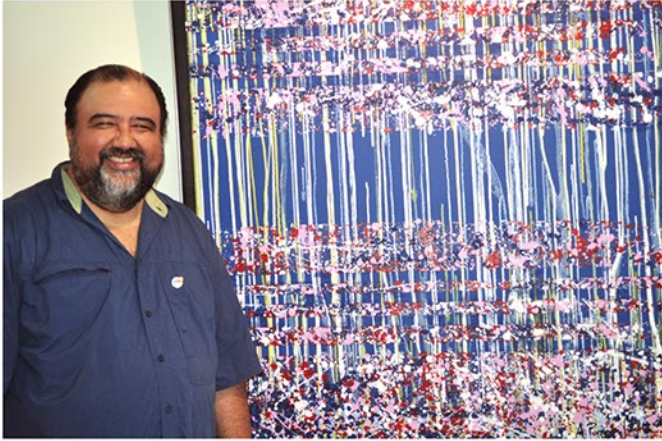


Trio Monet Costa Rica.



*Emiliano Pardo Tristán, Diana Durán
and Domingo Muñoz.*

ART EXHIBITIONS AND PHOTOGRAPHS



Art The Garden of the Doraces - Antonio Singh.



Art La Eneida - Emilio Reyes.

Our gallery was adorned with the talent of numerous worthy artists. These last two years, we have exhibited: quilts, photographs, paintings, both realistic and abstract, drawings, sculpture, and other artistic forms. Each month, individually or collectively, the library provides users and visitors with the opportunity to appreciate the talent of national and / or foreign artists.

2018



Chiriqui Bird Photography - Frances Bath.



Inca Photographic Exhibition Garcilaso de la Vega.



Photographic Exhibition of the Chinese Embassy.



Art, Steel and Color - Mary Ellen Watts.

2019



Full Photography - Edward Satterblom.



Collective Art Boquete - Isaac Benítez, Mario Macías.



Martini photograph
Patrick Reynolds.



Triad Art - Elsie Acosta.

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND ARTISTIC PRESENTATIONS

Among other initiatives of the library, we can highlight: activities for children ("Magic on the Way" with the magician Dino, presentation of the book Rowdy and Rascal, contemporary dance by "Voces de Papel", dramatization of the rabbit Pedro, the play "Goldilocks Doesn't Wanna Go to School", among others), Storytelling (every Saturday of the year), Film screenings (Icarus Festival, Peruvian films, others), and the sale of new and used books in excellent condition and varieties.



Musical Tales with Nadia Borislova.



Ambassador People's Republic of China presents photographic sample of his country.



Ambassador of England meets with English residents.



Ambassadors from Peru and Spain present a photographic exhibition El Inca Garcilaso de la Vega.

BOOK SALE



Dramatization of the story El Conejo Pedro by students of the BTA College.



Presentation of the children's book Rowdy y Rascal.



Theater Play "Goldilocks Doesn't Want to Go to School" by Casa Cultural La Guaricha.

STORYTELLING



Every Saturday throughout the year.



Contemporary Dance "Voces de Papel"

COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL REPORTS 2019-2018

Comparative Balance Sheets

For twelve months ended December 31st, 2019, with 2018 comparative numbers
(Numbers in Balboas)

ASSETS	2019	2018
Circulating		
Cash on hand	150	154
Cash in Banks	162,180	367,698
Total current assets:	162,330	367,852
Investment	2,801,000	101,000
Properties, furniture and equipment		
Main building	1,023,980	1,023,980
Acquisition of Books	103,237	101,923
Furniture	64,483	63,658
Computer Equipment	20,305	19,540
Work team	7,480	6,696
Solar panels	32,099	32,099
Accumulated depreciation	(561,543)	(492,398)
Total Fixed Assets	690,041	755,498
Projects in Process Boquete Park	7,406	–
Other assets	2,515	2,518
Total assets:	B/. 3,663,292	B/. 1,226,868

LIABILITIES AND OPERATING SURPLUS	2019	2018
Current liabilities		
Debts to pay	6,779	7,773
Donations for deferring	–	70,500
Total liabilities:	6,779	78,273
Surplus of operations		
Donated share capital	1,148,595	1,140,020
Accumulated (deficit)	2,507,918	8,575
Surplus in operations	3,656,513	1,148,595
Total liabilities and surplus from operations:	B/. 3,663,292	B/. 1,226,868

Surplus Status

For twelve months ended December 31st, 2019, with 2018 comparative numbers
(Numbers in Balboas)

DONATIONS RECEIVED	2019	2018
Regular donations	85,553	129,789
Other income	42,405	47,594
Investment donations	2,550,000	–
Donations in kind:	2,317	2,433
Total donations received	B/. 2,680,275	B/. 179,816

Surplus Status

For twelve months ended December 31st, 2019, with 2018 comparative numbers
(Numbers in Balboas)

PAID EXPENSES	2019	2018
Salaries and benefits	44,658	43,453
Maintenance expenses	6,298	6,215
Electricity, telephone and insurance	3,766	3,702
Educational programs	4,659	9,625
Various events	26,634	11,929
Other miscellaneous expenses	17,980	20,076
Total:	103,995	95,000
Surplus before other expenses	2,576,280	84,816
(Less) depreciation expense	69,146	76,360
(Less) Previous period expenses	(784)	(119)
(Deficit) Net surplus	B/. 2,507,918	B/. 8,575

*“Without libraries,
what do we have?
Neither past nor future.”*

— Ray Bradbury

➤ DONORS 2018-2019 ➤



OTHER DONATIONS



➤ DONORS OF THE 2019 BOOK FAIR ➤



➤ ENDOWMENT FUND DONORS ➤



FUND CREATED TO SECURE FUTURE OPERATIONS.

GRATITUDE TO THE VOLUNTEERS

2018/2019

Dear Volunteers:

I wish to express my deep appreciation to each of you who volunteer your time, your special talents, your commitment, your energy, to support the many and varied programs of the library, which would not be possible without your direct contribution. The library has only three employees, however, with your participation and the participation of other volunteers, we are able to offer many different types of activities, workshops and other uplifting experiences to all age groups in this community, and especially children to expand their consciousness, as they grow to maturity. We cannot overstate the value of all your efforts to help improve the quality of life and appreciation of culture in Boquete. Collectively, you make the library a more active, vibrant, and friendly place for people of all ages to enjoy learning and growing. Just know that each of you has touched lives in ways that will continue to be important in those lives for years to come. Many thanks!

With sincere gratitude,

Elsa Castillo M.
Administrator





FUNDACIÓN
BIBLIOTECA DE BOQUETE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Daniel Peterson - **President**
Samuel Palma Cattán - **Secretary**
Anayansi Menéndez - **Treasurer**
Price Peterson - Azael Caballero - Alfredo Tovar - **Members**

PERSONAL

Elsa Castillo M. - **Administrator**
Kristy Cáceres - **Assistant**
Luz María Rovira - **Assistant**

Phone: (507) 720-2879

• eventosbibliotecadeboquete@gmail.com • www.biblioboquete.com

  @BibliotecadeBoquete