

Summary of Achievements 2016



**"Teach a child to love reading and his world will have no limits".
Anonymous**



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FOUNDATION LIBRARY OF BOQUETE

OUR MISSION

We continue with the clear objective of promoting cultural enrichment through art, the music and the written word. We support the education of our children and young people offering information, educational programs and cultural activities.

VISION

Besides being a library, we strive to be an innovative culture center and source of knowledge that is accessible to everyone.

VALUES

Passion, social responsibility, independence, perseverance and integrity.

Board of Directors and Administrative staff

Board of Directors

Marjorie Ramos Sarnier – President, Samuel Palma – Secretary, Anayansi Menéndez – Treasurer, Price Peterson –Member, Azael Caballero – Member, Newton Osborne – Member, Peter Sterling – Member.



Administrative staff

1)- Lic. Elsa Castillo Miranda

2)- Lic. Kristy Cáceres

3)- Mrs. Luz María Rovira



Dear Friends,

We present you with a overview of administrative year 2016. In these pages, you will get a flashback to the programs, activities, concerts and services that benefited countless people from different regions, ages and social strata.

The Boquete Library reached, with its flagship program, more than 600 children from public and private schools, doubling the number from the previous year.

Logistical planning enabled us to provide each child with a unique experience that encouraged their thinking, feeling, and understanding how the library was created because of and for them. It showed them that in their present reality there exists a beautiful place to study, play, and grow; a place where they can find opportunities.

We can confidently say we pursued our mission, and our momentum has brought about positive changes.

Intellectually, we promoted reading, art, writing, theater, linguistics and science through various activities. Emotionally, we promoted friendship, commitment, empathy and cordiality. By utilizing specialists, who not only possessed knowledge but also demonstrated pure heart, it was possible to expose many children and youth to learning opportunities that otherwise would have been out of reach. With the support of each of you, sponsors and volunteers, we realized our objectives.

The road has not been easy. Doing the best always involves effort, and maintaining quality commands a higher price. However, the reward has no point of comparison.

Sincerely,

Lic. Elsa Castillo M.
Administrative Manager

Marjorie Ramos Sarner
President, Board of Directors

“There are few weapons in the world that are as powerful as a young girl with a book in her hand.”

Malala Yousafzai



FINANCE

FOUNDATION BIBLIOTECA DE BOQUETE			
General Comparative Balance			
For twelve months ending December 31 of 2016 with comparative 2015			
<i>In Balboas (Dollars)</i>			
Assets	2016	2015	
<u>Liquid funds</u>			
On hand	150	26	
In bank accounts	266,616	212,054	
Total	266,766	212,080	
Investments	101,000	101,000	
<u>Property, furniture, equipment</u>			
Primary building	1,023,980	1,023,980	
Book collection	93,871	88,733	
Furniture	60,938	59,661	
Information equipment (computers)	18,677	18,677	
Office equipment	5,044	5,044	
Cumulative depreciation	(342,760)	(270,507)	
Total fixed assets	859,750	925,588	
Other assets	2,205	2,451	
Total assets	1,229,721	1,241,119	
Liabilities and working surpluses			
<u>Current liabilities</u>			
Accounts payable	5,992	5,991	
Deferred donations	75,000	55,000	
Total	80,992	60,991	
Operating surplus			
Private donations	1,180,128	1,223,119	
Cumulative deficit	(31,399)	(42,991)	
Operating surplus	1,148,729	1,180,128	
Total liabilities and working surplus	1,229,721	1,241,119	

FOUNDATION BIBLIOTECA DE BOQUETE			
State of working surpluses.			
For twelve months ending December 31 of 2016 with comparative 2015			
<i>In Balboas (Dollars)</i>			
Donations received		2016	2015
Donations committed		92,496	83,044
Other income		20,689	16,257
Donations in kind:		1,432	2,699
Total donations received		B/. 114,617	B/. 102,000
FOUNDATION BIBLIOTECA DE BOQUETE			
State of working surpluses.			
For twelve months ending December 31 of 2016 with comparative 2015			
<i>In Balboas (Dollars)</i>			
		2016	2015
Expenses paid:			
Salaries and benefits		35,954	36,317
Maintenance		15,466	10,158
Electricity, telephone, insurance		5,689	5,700
Programs and events		8,225	7,906
Other		8,429	5,600
Total:		73,763	65,681
Surplus before other costs		40,854	36,319
(minus) Costs of depreciation		72,253	73,396
(minus) Costs of preceding period		-	5,914
(Deficit) Net surplus		B/. (31,399)	B/. (42,991)

**"Education is the most powerful
weapon for changing the world."
Nelson Mandela**



Most relevant programs, events, and
activities for the year 2016.





EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM "AN ADVENTURE WITH THE BOOK AND I".

“All grown-ups were once children, although few of them remember”. The Little Prince

Reading is the foundation that develops imagination, analytical ability and knowledge of writing and spelling in children. In addition to these and other benefits, it creates connections for them with the environment; it creates a bond between them and those who read to them in the early years, and it fosters in them a love of books. This year our flagship program has helped children gain familiarity with the Boquete Library and form a relationship with our foundation. The children have come to understand the purpose of the library and what it has to offer. And they feel safe in coming. The program reached more than 600 pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade children distributed among the schools of Palmira, Alto Boquete, Josefa Montero de Vásquez, Los Naranjos, Pío XII, El Buen Pastor and Palo Alto. These students, accompanied by their teachers, attended the library, were given a tour of the installation, were read a story, received mixed traditional and multimedia support, and produced a subject-related craft project.

They were also served a snack. Seeing the joy in these children's faces as they left the library, and later observing them return with their motivated parents in hand, was ample reward for all the effort expended. All these children have grown in knowledge under the expert guidance of Rita Carrillo, Melissa Rovira, Nadia Reyes, and also in great measure to the valuable contribution of the **Your Good Neighbors Foundation of Banco General**.

Next year we hope to continue the program so we can keep touching the lives of so many children and inculcate in them, from an early age, the love and good practice of reading.



1-2 Escuela de Alto Boquete - 3-4: Colegio Bilingüe El Buen Pastor - 5-6: Escuela Octavio López Pascal



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1-2: Escuela de Palmira Abajo - 3-4: Escuela Josefa Montero de Vásquez -
5-6: Escuela de Palo Alto - 7-8: Colegio Pío XII

“Learning to read was the most important thing that happened in my life”.
Mario Vargas Llosa

Reading Circle “Semillitas de Lectores” members: Mariana Castillo, Dayanis Rodríguez, Mateo and Pablo Jacome, Leila Belet, Rene Castillo, Marisol and Lilian Amador, Jetse and Jimena Beer, Daniela Higgins.

Here children, apart from being educated with books such as Journey to the Center of the Earth, Baltasar's Circus, Moby Dick and several more, learn through responsibility and friendship to express their ideas freely. They maintain membership in a reading team that has prevailed for the last three years.



“Teaching that makes its mark is not done from head to head, but from heart to heart”.
Howard Hendricks

Storytelling in Spanish and English each week. This hour, more than a program, is a space created to provide the little ones with quality time that, by integrating reading, dialogue, creativity and familiarity, sows the seeds for the love of books in an inadvertent and fun way.



Art workshops for all ages

"When a child shows you a page full of doodles, he is showing you a part of his world, a part of himself". E. Crotti

The programs and workshops offered to children and young people in our community are usually given in the summer or during mid-year vacations. They are possible thanks to the contributions of volunteers who offer their time and knowledge to promote cultural growth. On repeated occasions, entities such as the Superior Center of Fine Arts, and David Folklore of INAC, have offered their support. As you will see below, the workshops are aimed at different age groups.

Children:

1: Paper - 2: Experimental art - 3: Origami - 4: Ballet





PIANO WORKSHOP



YOGA



DRAWING AND PAINTING

YOUTH AND ADULTS

Benefits of the Arts

- Stimulate the two hemispheres of the brain
- Strengthen self-esteem
- Promote self-expression
- Develop eye and hand coordination



ACRYLIC ART

TRAINING IN THE AREAS OF WRITING, POETRY, READING, ENGLISH AND OTHER SUBJECTS.

Today's world is becoming ever more demanding. New generations face immense cognitive challenges in a reality plagued by scarcity and lack. Because of this, it's imperative to have sponsors, foundations and other institutions that selflessly support the library in its effort to provide services to our fellow human beings, including all of us. To this end, our programs are aimed at multiple disciplines and offer a range of options, at no cost, to develop various skills in children and young people and to enable them to face the future. The Boquete Library Foundation supports the educational system on behalf of children and young people to fulfill areas where traditional education falters. The writing, poetry, theater and reading workshops dynamically facilitate the assimilation of rules that govern correct writing and spelling, as well as exercise the imagination and generate notions of stage mastery, free expression, and confidence.

English classes



Educational conference by Joel Batista



Poetry Workshop

Topics discussed in the lectures open the conscience and awaken interest in science, arts, literature and other disciplines. It bears mentioning that learning a second language is of recognized importance, and this requirement also has been covered by our programs. Added to the already stated benefits of our workshops, it is essential to highlight the individual growth attributes our participants develop, such as empathy, evolvment of a positive personality, a predisposition to cooperation and mutual support, and a high regard for friendship.

In conclusion, there's no value that can be placed on the satisfaction we receive from having so many users mention to us the peace they encounter in our facility. We are honored to receive their congratulations and their encouragement to keep doing what we do best: to Help.

Reading animation workshop
with Héctor Collado



Theater Workshop



Reading animation workshop
with Héctor Collado



ART EXHIBITS

“Painting is poetry that you see and don’t feel, and poetry is painting that you feel and don’t see” Leonardo da Vinci.

The Fine Arts have been with us all of the 2016 year. The library hosted various exhibitions of paintings as well as photography, covering a wide range of subjects and appealing to all tastes.

Favorable responses were received from those who attended. The public was delighted and enriched by these events.



In honor of the Homeland(1-2)

Featured artist: Mario Ariel Saldaña

Texture and Tones (3-4)

Featured artists: Children and youth from Taller de Arte Matices directed by Genarina Tuñon

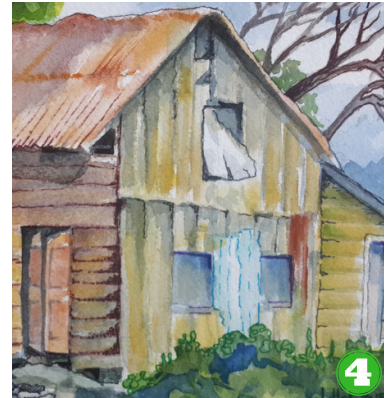
In the Midst of the Bajareque(5-6)

Featured artists:
Adonai Rivera Degracia
Teresa Wong
José Zaldivar Duarte
Vilma Barba
Diana Young



Quilts (1-2-3)

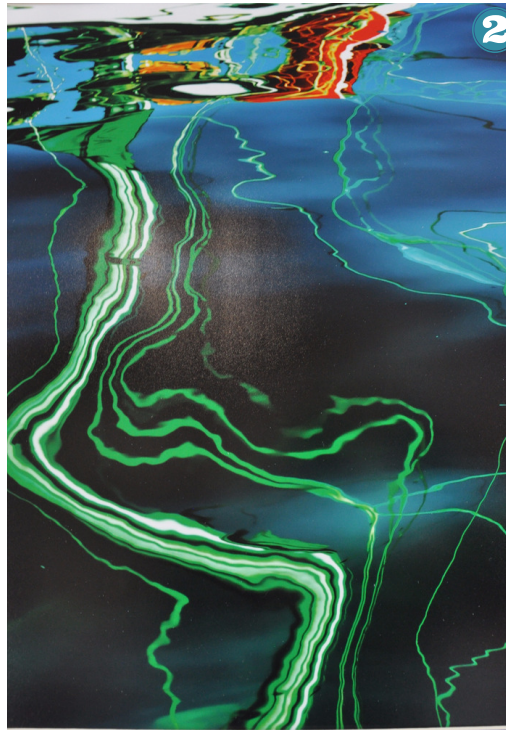
Featured artists: Grupo de
Mujeres de Volcán
Directed by Marianne Brown



Plein Air (4-5-6-7)

Featured artists:
Mary Ellen Watts
Lynn Gohman
Sally Foulke
Cynthia Fletcher
Barbara Wil Wallace
Sally Zigmond

PHOTOGRAPHY



“Photographs open doors to the past, but they also allow us to peer into the future.”
Sally Mann

Ralph Dessau(1-3-4-8)

Arturo Calvo(7)

Bernie Verhoeven(2-5)

Clare Taylor(6-9)

CONCERTS

“ Architecture is music made with stones, and music is architecture made with sounds.”

The wide array of concerts the library hosted in 2016 was a breath of fresh air for music lovers. The performances were high quality and exceeded expectations. Accordingly, we have progressed in the accomplishment of two great goals; establishing the facility as a cultural center, and consolidating the library in people’s minds as a reference point for the arts. Because of great perseverance and determination, we have reached this point and are beginning to see the fruits of our labor.

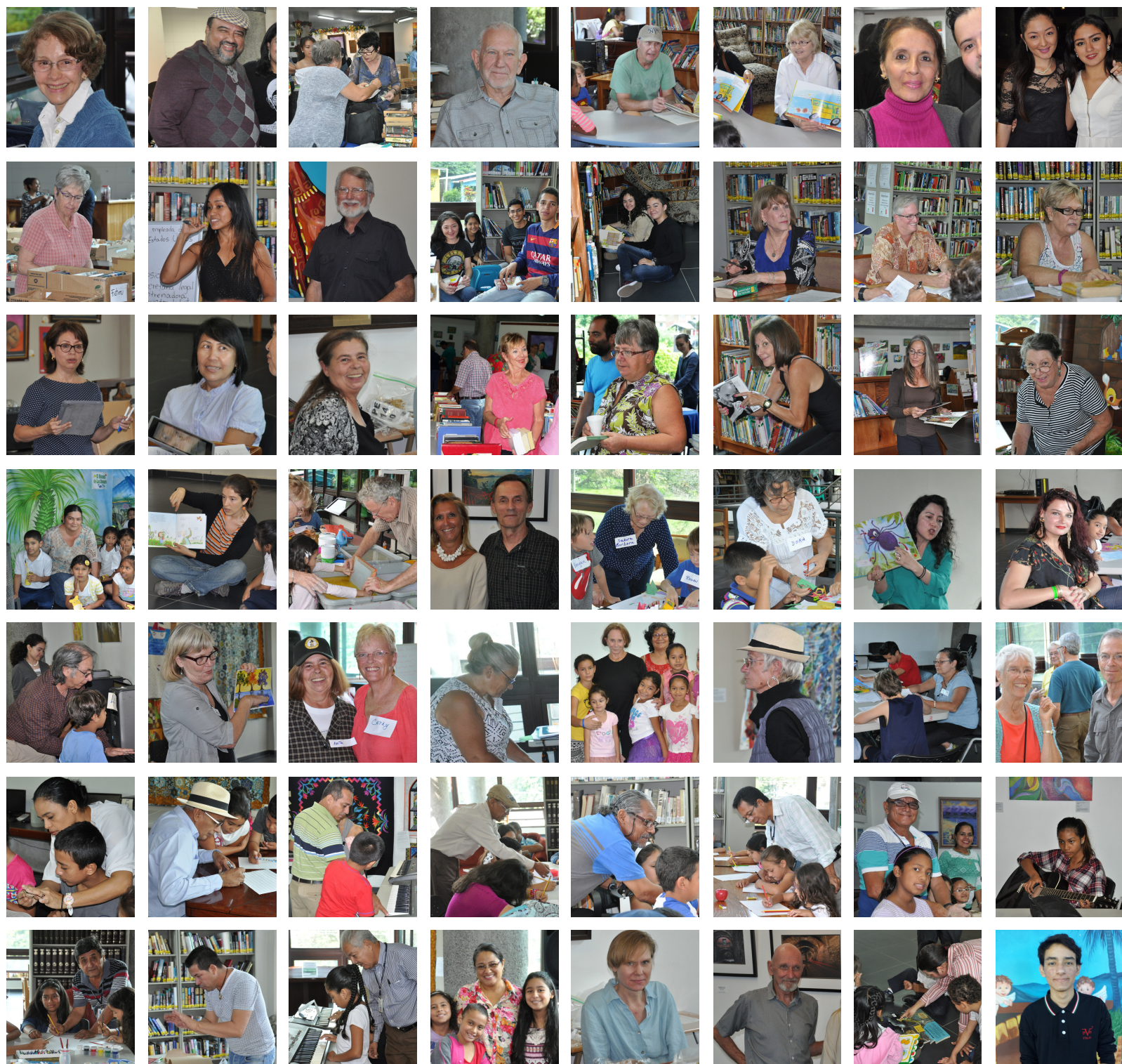


1-Child and youth orchestra of Chiriqui, managed by Xiomara González 2- International guitarists Matt Palmer and Petrit Ceku 3- Camerata of Alfredo de Saint Malo 4-Chamber Music Group Clarinon of Panama 5- Classical Guitar Concert directed by Emiliano Pardo Tristán 6-Musicians group Fundación Danilo Pérez

VOLUNTEERS 2016

"Sometimes we feel that what we do is just a drop in the ocean, but the ocean would be less if it were missing that drop." Mother Teresa of Calcutta

What is it to be a volunteer? Reflecting on it, we identify with what Basilio Pérez de Mendiguren would say: "Being a volunteer is a manner of existing, of being in the world, of living ...". We are fortunate to be able to count on exceptional people who support true volunteerism and who work on behalf of good causes. In reality, what wouldn't be possible if everyone were to join forces? There's nothing left to say except, "Thank you for being who you are!"



DONORS 2016

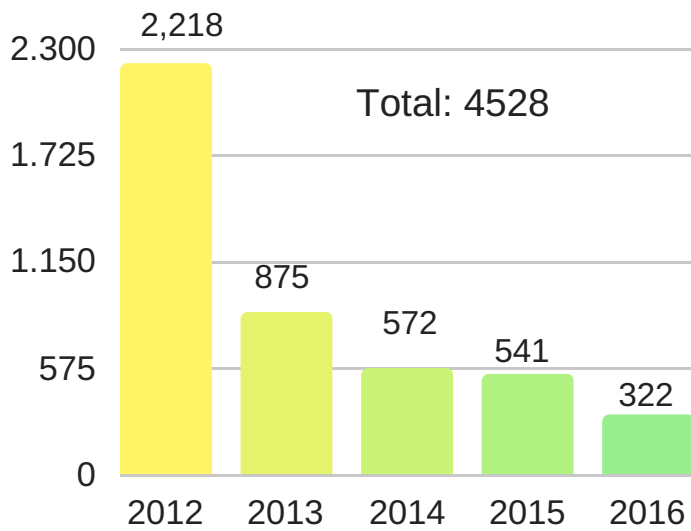
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Cary Gordon Trantham
Herman y Miriam Bern
Anabel Lozada
Various Artists

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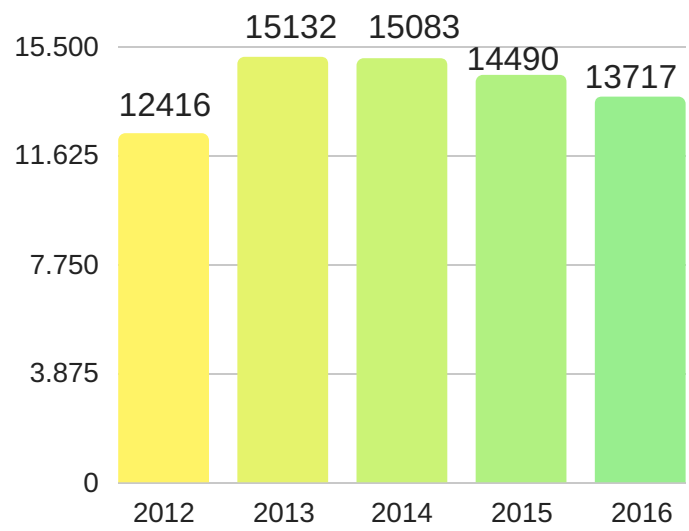
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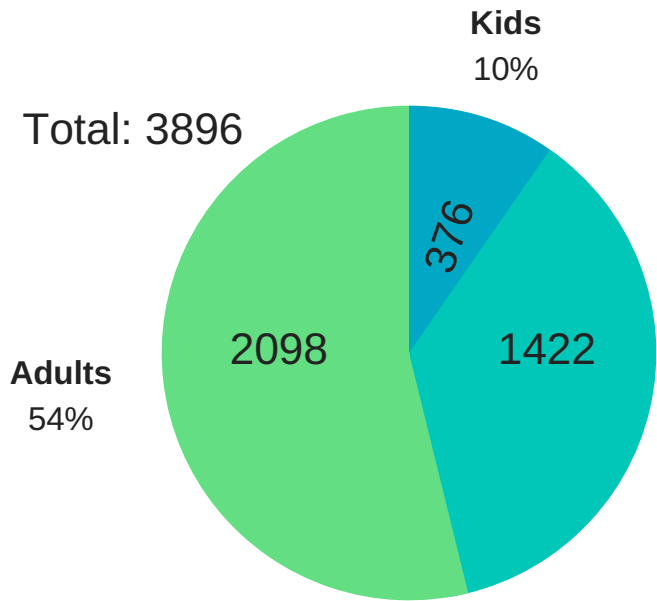
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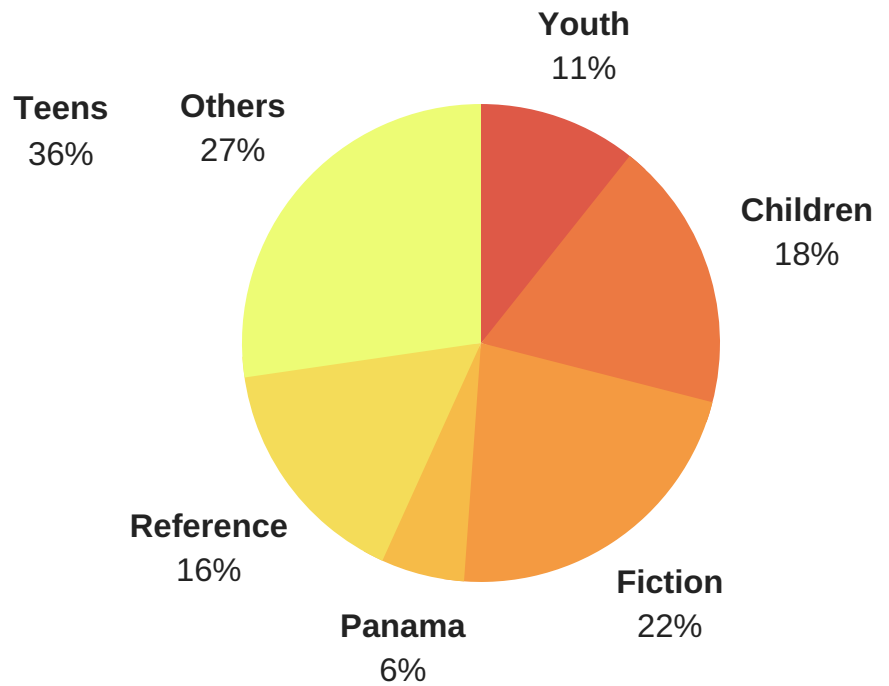
Loaned books



Use of the computer center 2016



Collection classifications



Services and Activities in figures

Participation in activities and programs 2016

CONCERTS		EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS				
Musical Group	Attendance	Course / Workshop	Instructor	Attendance	Hours	Group Benefit
Emiliano Pardo Tristán	65	Information Technology	Howard Green	10	8	80
Guitarristas Internacionales	110	Children's Poetry	Zoe Lubin	12	12	144
Camerata Alfredo de Saint Malo	120	Youth Poetry	Zoe Lubin	10	12	120
Fundación Danilo Perez	95	Writing	Mariam Wyrkoop	9	12	108
Clarinón de Panamá	130	Theater	Cheryl Branz	40	2	80
Orquesta Infantil y Juvenil de Chiriquí	120	English, Beginners	Doris Crisostomo	10	64	640
		English, Conversación	Lorna Farrant	6	64	384
Total:	640	Spanish for foreigners	Janeth Martinez	12	16	192
		Reading Animation	Héctor Collado	120	2	240
		Storytelling	John Ross	10	48	480
		Reading Circle	Elsa Castillo	10	40	400
		Summer Reading	Elsa Castillo	15	16	240
		School Program	Rita Carrillo - Nadia	610	2	1220
		(Prekinder, Kinder & 1st Grade)	Reyes y Melissa Rovira			
		Conference- Ayudina	Joel Batista	120	2	240
		Conferences - Serendipia	Ela Spalding	110	2	220
		Total:		1.104		4.788
ART EXHIBITS		ART PROGRAMS				
Name of Exhibit	Attendance	Course/Workshop	Instructor	Attendance	Hours	Group Benefit
Acolchados de Volcán	120	Acrylics	Mary Ellen Watts	15	12	180
Algo personal	150	Experimental Art	Barbara Wil Wallace	15	12	180
La magia del color	135	Arts & Crafts	Cathy McCoy	15	12	180
Laboratorio de Arte y Ciencia	110	Ballet	Nancy Stitt	12	12	144
En memoria de Ralph Dessau	75	Origami	Marlenis Vargas	12	10	120
Colores en medio del Bajareque	75	Yoga, Children	Doris Crisostomo	16	12	192
Textura y Matices	125	Yoga, Youth	Doris Crisostomo	12	12	144
Plein Air	105	Construction Paper	Chris McCall	15	10	150
En Honor al mes de la Patria	75	Clay	Bellas Artes - INAC	18	24	432
Estudiantes de Arquitectura Exhibit	90	Drawing & Painting, Children	Bellas Artes - INAC	15	24	360
Canvas Art Works	50	Drawing & Painting, Youth	Bellas Artes - INAC	16	24	384
Photography Exhibits--- varied	650	Drawing & Painting, Adults	Bellas Artes - INAC	15	24	360
		Piano	Bellas Artes - INAC	12	24	288
		Guitar	Bellas Artes - INAC	12	24	288
Total:	1.760	Total:		200		3.402
OTRO SERVICIOS - USO DE SALA DE CONFERENCIAS						
Activities	Organization	Attendance			Usage Hrs	
Informational Meetings	Varied	400			2.000	

Source: Monthly Participation reports.
Fundación Biblioteca de Boquete



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

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE.



You can become one of our donors and change the lives of many people.



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