



ANNUAL REPORT

2015



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

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We thank Mr. Howard Hill for providing us with most of the photos in this report



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.



Dear Friends:

We present to you a summary of our progress in 2015. We continue to provide our services, we have increased our collection, we have many new members and have continued the programs promoting arts and education.

There were also major developments such as the Reading Club for children "Semillitas de Lectores". They managed to remain as a group throughout the year, and every Saturday gathered to share works like the Little Prince, Uncle Tom's Cabin, Charlotte's Web, The Courage of Sarah Noble, Rubilito, Abelita and many more books.

The extension programs carried out in some schools as Alto Quiel, Palmira Abajo, La Estrella Los Valles, Down Jaramillo and Palmira Centro, was able to serve more than 300 children. For several weeks of the school year we took them a lot of books to enrich their knowledge, we share with them their readings, we enjoy their love, enthusiasm, and sometimes sadness. The reality for many of these children are broken homes, little food, and poor school performance.

The First Book Fair, an event with more than 3,000 visitors. With the valuable participation of national and foreign authors, publishers and bookstores, storytellers and various literary activities for all ages.

This event managed to become a historic moment for Boquete, extolling our region and the entire community.

Indeed, 2015 is a year that fills us with pride and joy. For that reason we are grateful to all those who in one way or another support us, our users, teachers and principals, children, parents who have placed their trust in us, to all the volunteers who are our support, our friends, especially our donors, enabling what we have achieved.

Lic. Elsa Castillo
Administrator



Dear Friends of Biblioteca de Boquete:

It is with great pride and pleasure that we present our annual report for 2015.

It was a year of firsts, of expansions, and of gaining acceptance in the community. The first "Book Fair" in Chiriqui, that attracted 3000 visitors and many renowned authors. An expansion of our programs for reading with comprehension, both in the library as well as the remote schools. We are becoming a place that the Boquetenos want to visit, stay a while, find a book, bring their children to participate...We are very proud to have become, for many of them, a part of their routine.

Our goals are to continue offering cultural growth opportunities, to upgrade our book collection, to keep in touch with our community in order to better serve their needs.

The board of directors thanks all that contribute during this year. To all our donors, volunteers, and specially our staff we are grateful and hopeful for your continued support.

Please come be a part of an even better year in 2016.

Respectfully,
Marjorie Ramos Sarner
President
Board of Directors
Foundation Biblioteca de Boquete



| FINANCIAL STATEMENT | 2015 | 2014 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| | | |
| <u>DONATIONS AND INCOME</u> | | |
| DONATIONS | 51,150 | 94,255 |
| VALUE OF ITEMS DONATED | 2,699 | 10,100 |
| OTHER | 12,807 | 8,809 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 66,656 | 113,164 |
| | | |
| <u>OPERATING COSTS</u> | | |
| WAGES AND BENEFITS | 36,317 | 26,115 |
| MAINTENANCE COSTS | 10,158 | 11,556 |
| ELECTRICITY, TELEPHONE AND INSURANCE | 5,700 | 6,008 |
| PROGRAMS AND EVENTS | 7,906 | 3,399 |
| OTHER EXPENSES | 5,600 | 6,293 |
| TOTAL OPERATING COSTS | 65,681 | 53,371 |
| | | |
| <u>ACQUISITIONS</u> | | |
| BOOK PURCHASES | 3,775 | 4,715 |
| FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT | 4,036 | 7,938 |
| TOTAL ACQUISITIONS | 7,811 | 12,653 |
| | | |
| <u>ASSETS</u> | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS | 130,938 | 107,547 |
| FIXED ASSETS | 925,588 | 985,389 |
| OTHER ASSETS | 2,451 | 795 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 1,058,977 | 1,093,731 |
| | | |
| ENDOWMENT FUND | 182,292 | 171,947 |
| | | |
| <u>LIABILITIES</u> | | |
| DEFERRED DONATIONS | 55,000 | 25,000 |
| DEBTS TO PAY | 986 | - |
| EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OWED | 5,005 | 2,659 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 60,991 | 27,659 |
| | | |

Programs offered in 2015

The library has maintained programs that encourage "reading" mainly for children.

Storytelling in English and Spanish.

(Weekly)

Directed by our volunteer
Bonnie Adams and
Migdalia Mendez.



Childhood reading Club "Semillitas de Lectores "

This group of children meets
each week to discuss the
assigned book; they have
gathered all year.

Directed by Elsa Castillo M.

"Summer Reading" Program

More than 25 kids read books of their
choice during Summer Vacation. This
program completed its third year and
has kept the children very interested the
reading.

This time the artist, from Chiriqui, Yolma
Miranda provided them with an art
workshop at the end of program.



Outreach to remote Schools

We visited schools distant from the center of Boquete, (Jaramillo Centro, Jaramillo Abajo, Palmira Centro, Palmira Abajo, La Estrella Los Valles, and Alto Quiel). More than 300 children have received the benefits of this program. We provide books to students, changing them every week, further supporting them with reading comprehension. Also, each group is brought to the library to know the facility.

Directed by Elsa Castillo M. and Irene Jaramillo.



Escuela de Palmira Abajo



Escuela Palmira Centro



Escuela Estrella Los Valles



Escuela de Alto Quiel



Escuela Jaramillo Abajo

Educational and Cultural Programs

Thanks to the support of volunteers, students and friends of the library, we have offered educational support programs in areas such as mathematics, Spanish, computer science, English, geology.

Tutoring for young Applicants for scholarships to Zamorano University



English classes for children and adults.



Tutoring in Mathematics and Computer usage





Science club

Art workshops for children

In order to offer a cultural alternative to children and youth, a summer workshops for theater, ballet and mimes was held. Ninety (90) Students received instructions. These workshops were sponsored by the teaching staff of the **Academia de Arte Alitas de Ángel**.

Ballet



Mimes

Theater



Art Class for Children

Offered every other month during the year, so that the students develop their creativity and imagination. Eighty (80) students were benefited. These workshops were offered by volunteers led by Mary Ellen Watts, Annie O'Mohondro.



Description of most relevant activities 2015

Presentation of books by the Author



DEL SILENCIO LA VOZ

Cristina Hernández



INSTÁNTANEAS DE DOLOR

Deborah Wisel



ROWDY AND RASCAL

Sunny Summer



BECAUSE WE COULD

Marni Craig



COMO UNIR DOS CORAZONES

Rosalia Laverde

Celebration of the Child's Month

To commemorate the month of the child, the library offered a storytelling program for children of various ages. In this family day, the children participated developing activities around the stories read. Some children showed artistic abilities.

Also, we had the great presentation of the Grupo De Niños Cantores de Tierras Altas directed by Carmen Alvarado.



First Book Fair



With the motto **"Reading makes you imagine, inspires you, connects you, transforms you ..."**

This dream project was achieved. The community of boqueteños, enjoyed four-day of a literary festival, from 24 to 27 September 2015.

This project exceeded all our expectations.

More than 30 authors,

national and foreign residents, were present, offering educational workshops for teachers and adults, They presented recent works, gave lectures, talks and read poetry.

We counted with the presence of professional storytellers, artists and authors of children's books; offering the best to all the audience, especially kids, all enjoying the readings, the presentation of children's books, puppets and oral narratives. Schools and institutions, contributed with artistic presentations during the event.

More than fifteen of the best publishers and bookstores were present, offering visitors books in different genres.

A total of approximately 3,000 people visited our library, which became the biggest news in our province in those days, because of the importance given to the books and writers.

Children's Books

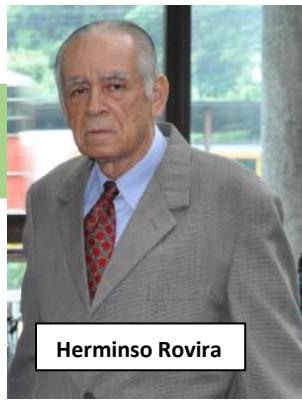


Authors of the Genre Science Fiction and Juvenil



II Roundtable
Fantasy and Science Fiction
Children and Youth by Laura
Nieto and Group
Guest Authors

Authors that presented more recent works





Mario Molina



Mario Zuñiga



Cristina Ho



Guadalupe Batista

Authors that led debates, conferences and workshops



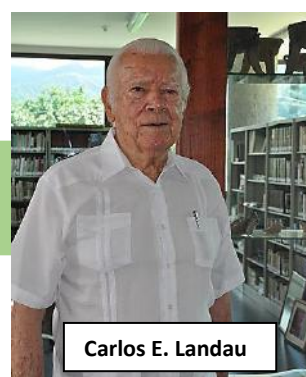
Juan David Morgan



Carlos H. Cuestas



Ileana Gólcher



Carlos E. Landau



Bladimir Víquez



Luz Graciela Joly



César Samudio



Ariel Barría



Carlos Wynter Melo

Genre Poetry Writers



Lil María Herrera



Héctor Collado



Maribel Wang



Elvia Lefevre

Selling Books by Local Publishers and bookstores



Workshops to Encourage Reading



Recycling, Puppets and Painting



Oral Narration for Children and Adults



Artistic Presentations





Mujeres en Flor y algo más por Carmen Caballero



Boquete Art Challenge por Boquete Art Works



Huellas de Color: Cuarta Expo Colectiva por Genarina Tuñón

Art and Photography Exhibits

Held during the year, with the purpose of giving an option to the artists and for us to know their works...



Howard Hill



Larry Wilkinson



Carol Delonis



Beth Abrahams

MUSICAL PRESENTATIONS

We enjoyed several musical performances during different times of the year, they are possible thanks to the support of musical groups that always support us.



RANDY PIGGOT

April



PETRIT ÇEKU Y GOHAR VARDANYAN

July



**ORQUESTA INFANTIL Y JUVENIL DE
CHIRIQUÍ**

December

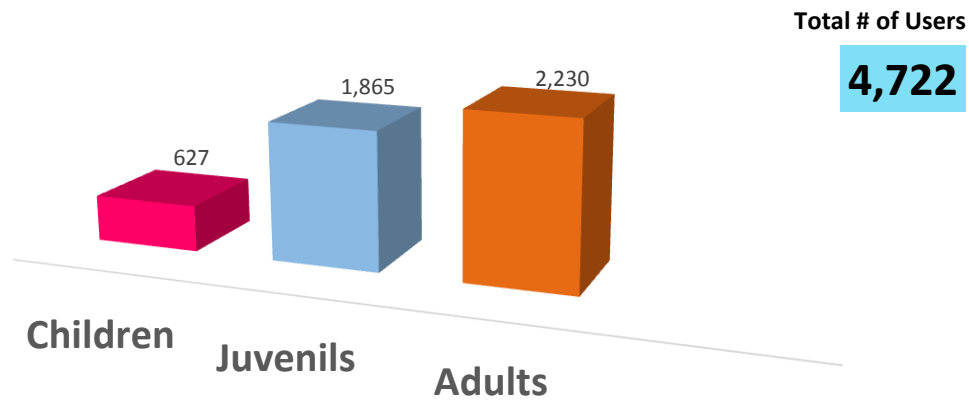


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September

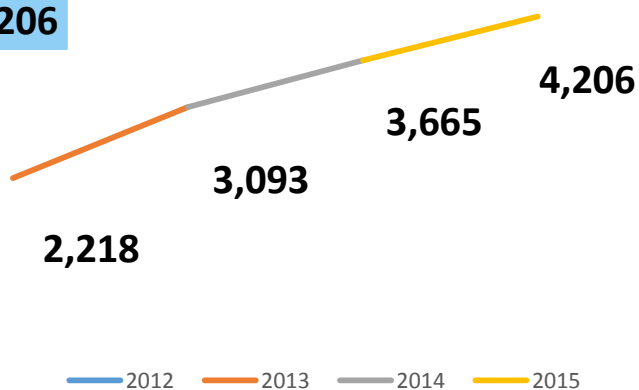
Some Statistics

Use of the Computer Area in 2015



Total # of Users

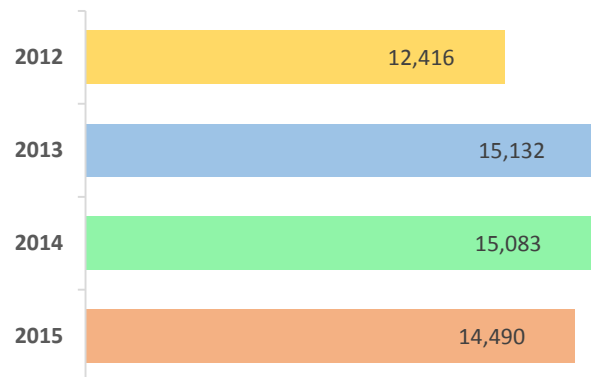
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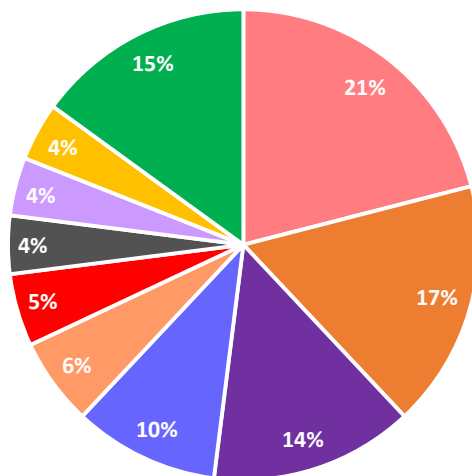
Books Lent

Accumulated total

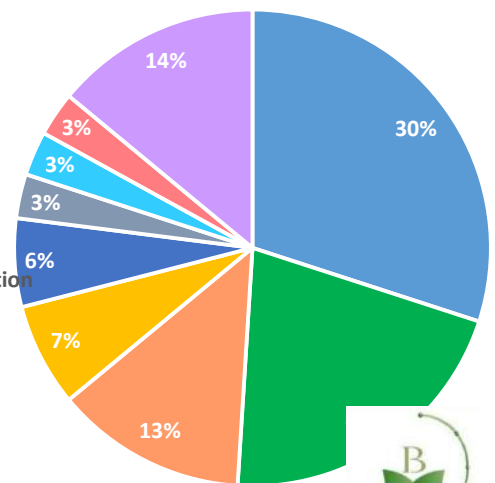
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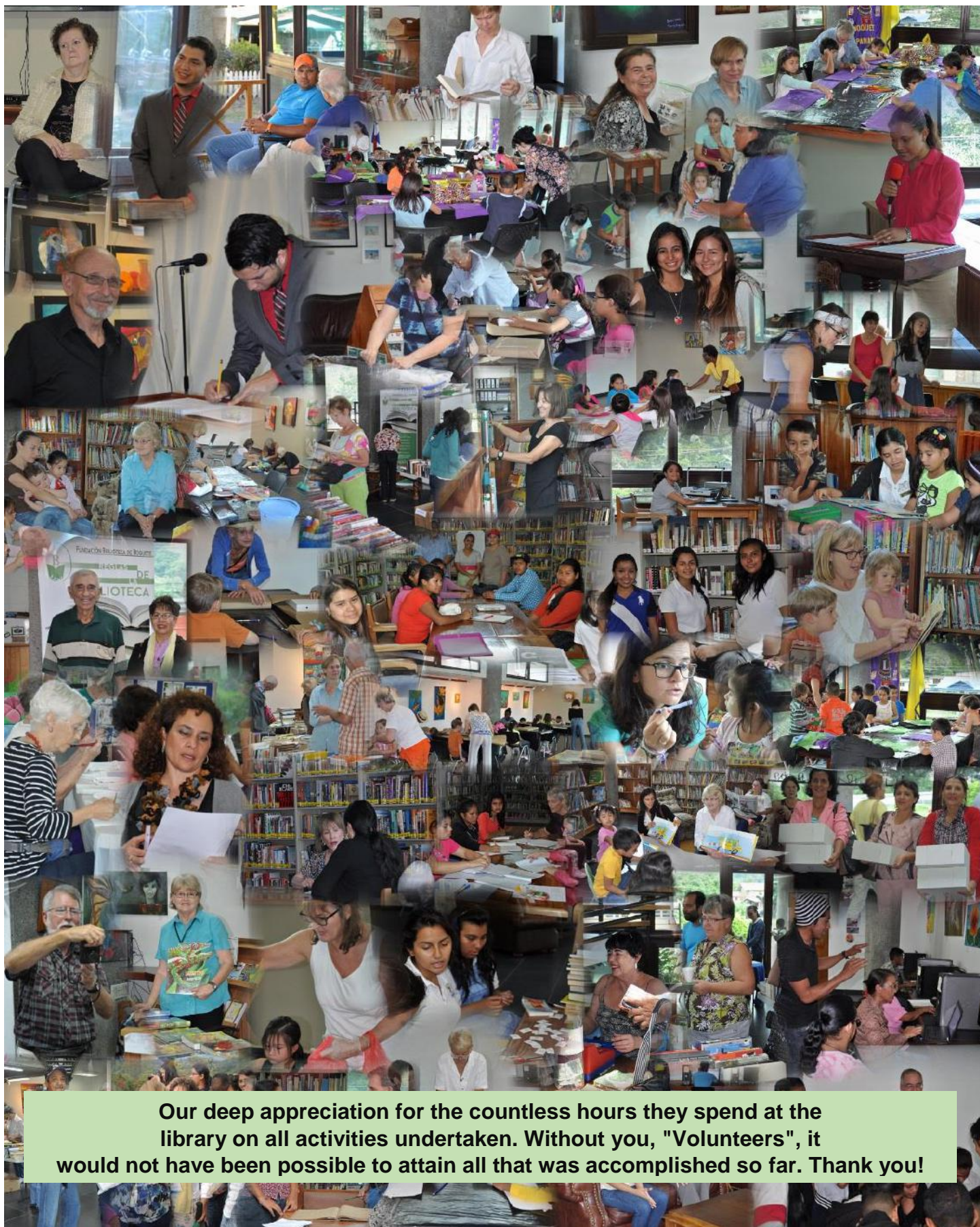


- Fiction
- Children
- Reference Juvenile
- Juvenile
- Health & Administration
- Panama
- Education
- Literature



- Children
- Fiction
- Juvenile
- Reference
- Health & Administration
- Self- Help
- DVD
- Art & Sport
- Other





Our deep appreciation for the countless hours they spend at the library on all activities undertaken. Without you, "Volunteers", it would not have been possible to attain all that was accomplished so far. Thank you!

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