

# 2017

BIBLIOTECA  
DE BOQUETE



## ANNUAL REPORT

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

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### OUR MISSION

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 concept of an automated library with open shelving.

### OUR VISION

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

### OUR OBJECTIVES

- To be a proactive library
- To give equal access to all
- To have well-informed citizens
- To meet their desire for knowledge
- To be allied with the community to meet their needs
- To provide opportunities for fun and learning
- To encourage people to visit the library regularly



Palmira Abajo School  
Program "An Adventure with the book and I"

"Everything that is valuable in human society depends on the opportunity for development bestowed upon the individual". Albert Einstein

After a hard work and stimulating goals, we have finished the 2017 period rejoiced with the work accomplished. With the satisfaction of getting closer to our goals every day, we make a toast to the results. The Library of Boquete is a multifunctional center, relatively new, that bit by bit, but with a firm step and a lot of effort has come to reinforce the access to the education and to diverse artistic disciplines. In the educational subject, we provide students with: consultation of books and / or wifi with investigative purpose, public computers for the realization of homework, areas of study destined to the execution of individual or group assignments (models, projects, thesis ...), we also allow them to complete hours of social work or voluntary reading. In addition to the above, through courses taught by volunteers, we have provided the opportunity to strengthen the learning of many children in vital areas such as math, English and reading. If we talk about art, users and visitors can enjoy various exhibitions that, month by month, share professionals in different techniques; concerts where quality prevails and, for summer time, free workshops of ballet, art, theater and poetry, among others. In these twelve months, we highlight two milestones of great relevance that seal with a flourish in 2017: First, the program "An adventure with the book and I" which has made it possible for a large number of students from various schools in the district to develop , through a story, the habit of reading, the comprehension of

the text and the context, the inquisitive / deductive capacity and the confidence that the individual needs to share their thoughts when stimulating them to participate. During the year, the impact of this program has been so huge that schools from David requested to participate in the initiative and, with their own means, transported hundreds of children to our facilities. Second, the launch of the second version of the Book Fair Boquete 2017. A great challenge whose ideal is that as many people as possible can converge, in a single venue, with literature, art, music and the theater, without cost barriers, offering the opportunity to admire, know and approach this cultural reality, today, at our fingertips. During the fair, we met authors, artists and professionals focused on various areas and of various ages. In this way, the public opted for their sector of preference. Undoubtedly, it was an arduous logistics coordination, but whose social repercussion is worth all the efforts. Throughout history, we have been able to see how the efforts of a few have inherited health from the following generations. Probably, many of these paladins did not have the opportunity to see the fruits of their effort. But the true value, is not estimated in numbers, it lies in what we give, the seed we sow, the footprints that we leave.

Thank you so much!  
Boquete Library Foundation



## *Our Donors*



Since our beginning, thanks to the support of great people, many lives have benefited from the multiple activities, both educational and cultural, that have taken place free of charge at the Library Foundation of Boquete.

In all this time, none of them would have been possible without the trust and faith placed by our donors.



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*ARTISTS*

*Boquete Art Works  
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Mikes Potts  
Raph Dessau EPD  
Sally Zigmond  
Other various artists*

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*\*Fund created to ensure future operations.*



# FINANCIAL REPORT 2017

## LIBRARY OF BOQUETE FOUNDATION

### General Comparative Balance

For twelve months ending December 31st of 2017 with comparative 2016

*In Balboas (Dollars)*

	ASSETS	2017	2016
<b><u>Liquid funds</u></b>			
On hand		150	150
In bank accounts		275,592	266,616
<b>Total</b>		<b>275,742</b>	<b>266,766</b>
<b>Investments</b>		<b>101,000</b>	<b>101,000</b>
<b><u>Property, furniture and equipment</u></b>			
Primary building		1,023,980	1,023,980
Book collection		96,454	93,871
Furniture		62,340	60,938
Information equipment (computers)		18,677	18,677
Office equipment		5,458	5,044
Solar Panels		32,099	-
Cumulative depreciation		(416,045)	(342,759)
Total fixed assets		822,963	859,751
<b>Other assets</b>		<b>6,745</b>	<b>2,205</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>1,206,450</b>	<b>1,229,721</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND WORKING SURPLUSES</b>			
<b><u>Current liabilities</u></b>			
Accounts payable		7,662	5,992
Deferred donations		60,000	75,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>67,662</b>	<b>80,992</b>
<b>Operating surplus</b>			
Private donations		1,148,729	1,180,128
Cumulative déficit		(9,941)	(31,399)
Operating surplus		1,138,788	1,148,729
<b>Total liabilities and working surplus</b>		<b>1,206,450</b>	<b>1,229,721</b>

## LIBRARY OF BOQUETE FOUNDATION

### State of working surpluses

For twelve months ending December 31st of 2017 with comparative 2016

*In Balboas (Dollars)*

<b>Donations received</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Donations committed	125,477	92,496
Other income	24,477	20,689
Donations in kind:	2,137	1,432
<b>Total de donations received</b>	<b>152,091</b>	<b>114,617</b>

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### State of working surpluses

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	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Expenses paid</b>		
Salaries and benefits	41,411	35,954
Maintenance	14,221	15,466
Electricity, telephone, insurance	5,739	5,689
Programs and events	15,367	8,225
Other	12,009	8,429
<b>Total:</b>	<b>88,747</b>	<b>73,763</b>
Surplus before other costs	63,344	40,854
(Minus) Costs of depreciation	73,285	72,253
<b>(Deficit) Net surplus</b>	<b>(9,941)</b>	<b>(31,399)</b>

## EDUCATIONAL

The Reading program **An Adventure with the Book & I** was made for second year in a row. This time, more than 700 kids from different schools of the Boquete community could **tour** the facilities of the library, **listen** to stories with diverse meanings, **imagine** and **create** their own art.



Josefa Montero de Vásquez School



Volcancito School



Palmira Abajo School

## REINFORCEMENT PROGRAMS

English for children  
Facilitators:  
Miguel Acosta,  
volunteer student from  
Instituto Guadalupano &  
Jennifer Zirbes



Math for kids  
and youth  
Facilitator:  
Lic. Efraín Ríos



English for Adults  
Facilitator: Lorna Farrant

## ART WORKSHOPS

### Benefits of art in kids:

Art is a language that can make a child express himself through different elements and it will be creativity and imagination that have a more important role in this whole process. Art for children is a way of life and has many benefits. Therefore, the library offers workshops and artistic courses during the summers, which are free.

Ballet  
Facilitator:  
Nancy Stitt



Theater  
Facilitators:  
Nadia Reyes y  
Luciano Frassa



Reading  
Animation  
Facilitator: Rita  
Carrillo



Arte Acrílico  
Facilitadora:  
Mary Ellen Watts



Dance Group from  
the Program  
"Enlace" of the  
Espacio Creativo  
Foundation



### Benefits of arts in the community:

The arts have the power to improve the quality of life of people and communities. For years, maybe decades, they have been a powerful tool to boost the emotional and intellectual development of those who find in artistic expression, a language and a vertex from which to understand the world and connect with the others.

Art Exposition  
"Pyrography in  
Wood" by  
Marisol Lorette



Musical Group  
"Ensemblast  
Project" lead by  
Isaac Casal





With great efforts, the library organized the second version of the Book Fair, a literary event that produced conferences of more than thirty recognized authors, book presentations, the presence of publishers and bookstores, poetry, workshops and recreational activities, both for children and young people, artistic presentations in charge of diverse schools and recognized artistic groups.

For four days, more than 2,300 people came to the library and many of the participants could take advantage of the wide range of events and programmed activities to make the fair a great literary party of national and international prestige that enhances our community: Boquete.



*Milagros Sánchez Pinzón,  
Honored Writer of the  
II Book Fair*

## II BOOK FAIR 2017

## GUEST WRITERS & SPEAKERS



*Alcides Fuentes*



*Alvaro Rojas S.*



*Anaís Ileana Morán*



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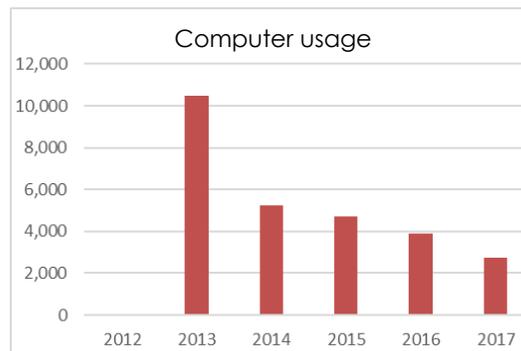
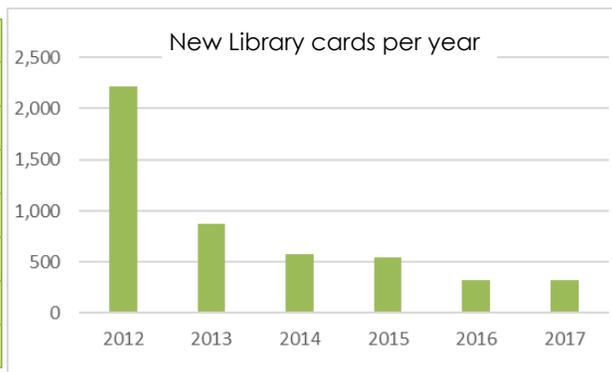
*Sunny Summer*



*Yadira Roquebert*

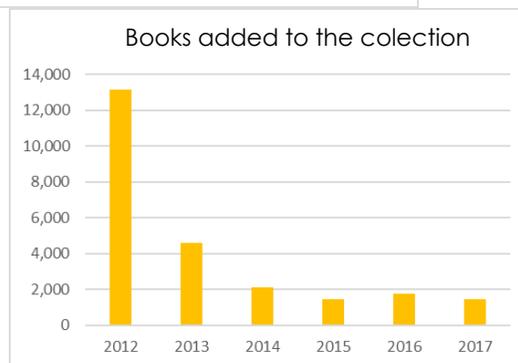
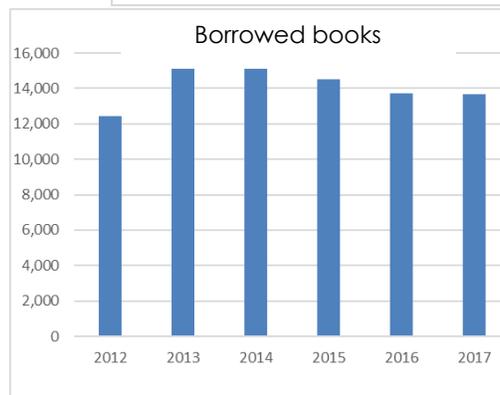
*“Books...windows to the universe”*

Year	Quantity
2012	2,218
2013	875
2014	572
2015	541
2016	322
2017	327
	<b>4,855</b>



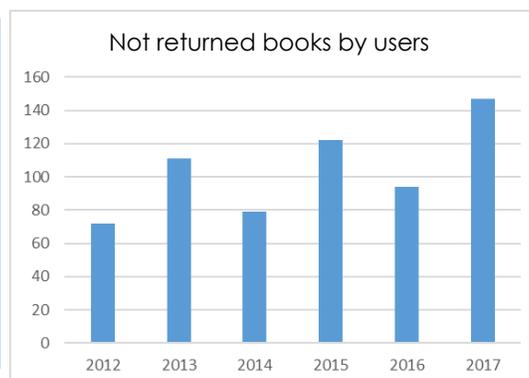
Year	Quantity
2012	0
2013	10,484
2014	5,238
2015	4,722
2016	3,896
2017	2,735
	<b>27,075</b>

Year	Quantity
2012	12,416
2013	15,132
2014	15,083
2015	14,490
2016	13,717
2017	13,672
	<b>84,510</b>

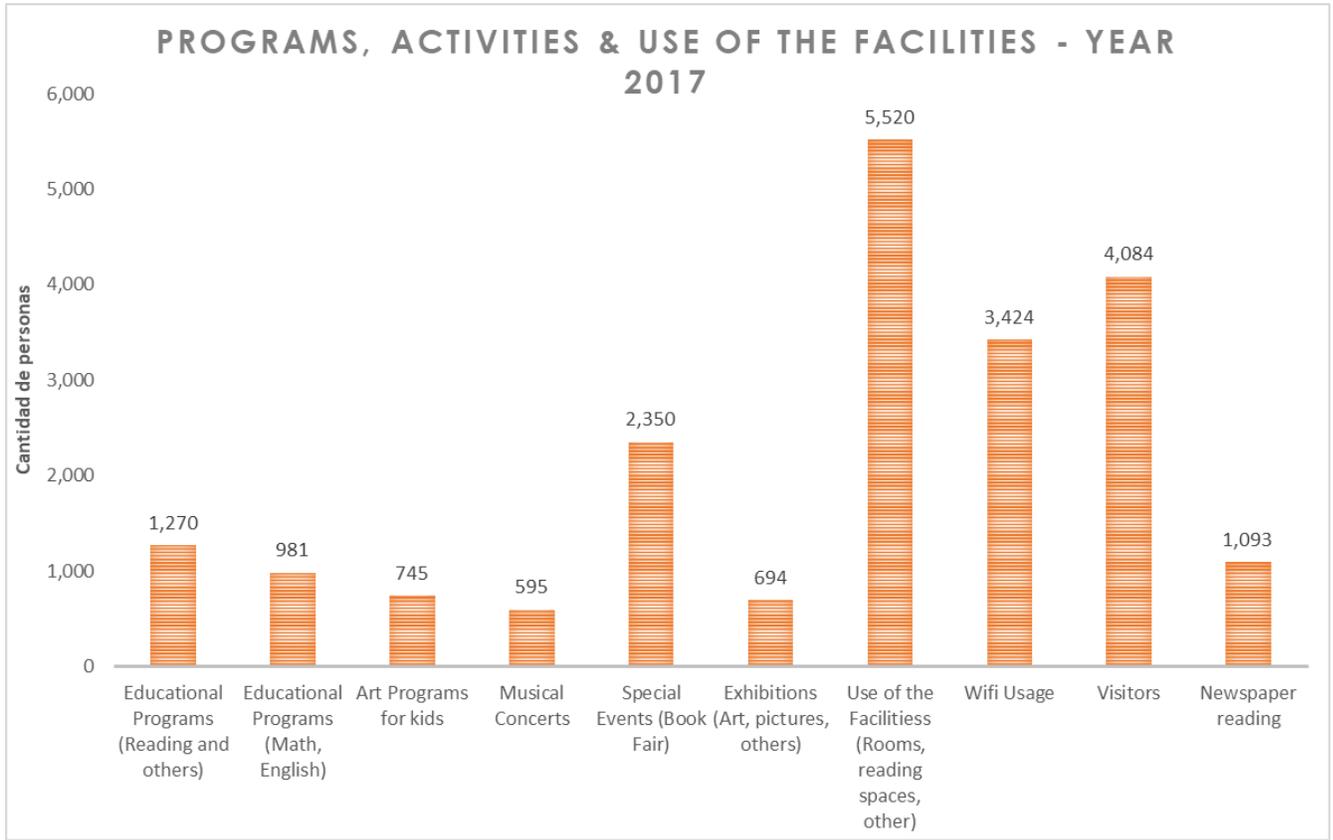


Year	Quantity
2012	13,134
2013	4,613
2014	2,123
2015	1,467
2016	1,740
2017	1,468
	<b>24,545</b>

Year	Quantity
2012	72
2013	111
2014	79
2015	122
2016	94
2017	147
	<b>625</b>



Source: Data collected from the Boquete Library

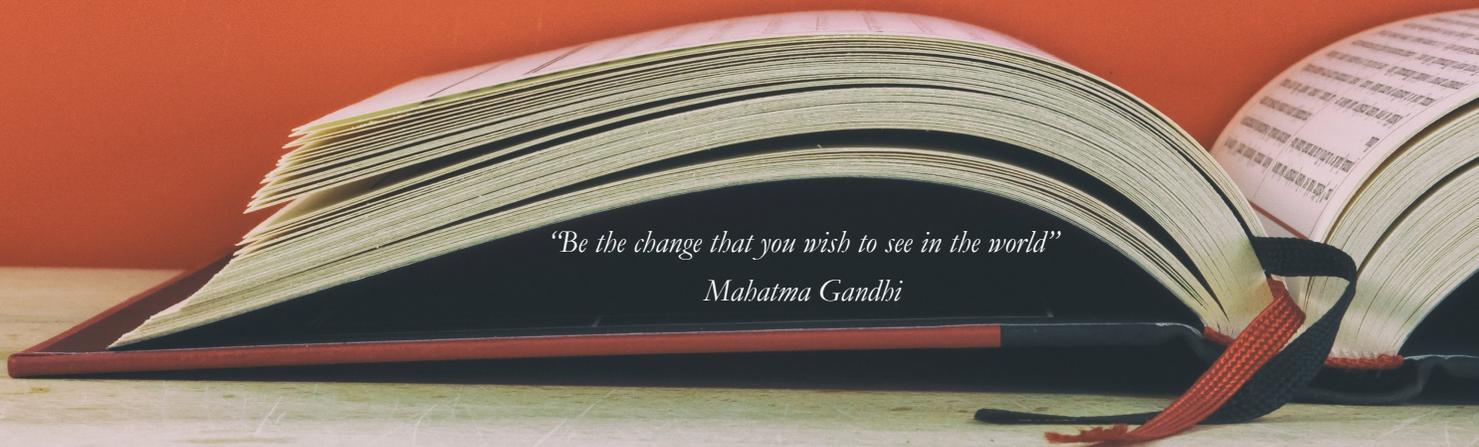


Source: Data collected from the Boquete Library

Educational Programs	Educational Programs (Math, English)	Art Programs for kids	Musical Concerts	Special Events (Book Fair)	Exhibitions (Art, pictures, others)	Use of the Facilities (Rooms, reading spaces, other)	Wifi Usage	Visitors	Newspaper reading	Total
1,270	981	745	595	2,350	694	5,520	3,424	4,084	1,093	20,756

## *Volunteers 2017*

The library is part of the community because of those who, with a lot of affection, contribute their grain of sand... thanks to your joy, initiative and hard work we can achieve the goals in our way.



*"Be the change that you wish to see in the world"*

*Mahatma Gandhi*

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS & STAFF

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Administrator

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Assistant

*Luz María Rovira*  
Assistant



*Daniel Peterson*  
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