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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.



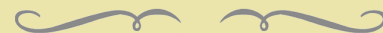
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FINANCIAL REPORT 2017

LIBRARY OF BOQUETE FOUNDATION

General Comparative Balance

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

In Balboas (Dollars)

ASSETS	2017	2016
<u>Liquid funds</u>		
On hand	150	150
In bank accounts	275,592	266,616
Total	275,742	266,766
Investments	101,000	101,000
<u>Property, furniture and equipment</u>		
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
Other assets	6,745	2,205
Total assets	1,206,450	1,229,721
LIABILITIES AND WORKING SURPLUSES		
<u>Current liabilities</u>		
Accounts payable	7,662	5,992
Deferred donations	60,000	75,000
Total	67,662	80,992
Operating surplus		
Private donations	1,148,729	1,180,128
Cumulative déficit	(9,941)	(31,399)
Operating surplus	1,138,788	1,148,729
Total liabilities and working surplus	1,206,450	1,229,721

LIBRARY OF BOQUETE FOUNDATION

State of working surpluses

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

In Balboas (Dollars)

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

LIBRARY OF BOQUETE FOUNDATION

State of working surpluses

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

In Balboas (Dollars)

	2017	2016
Expenses paid		
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
Total:	88,747	73,763
Surplus before other costs	63,344	40,854
(Minus) Costs of depreciation	73,285	72,253
(Deficit) Net surplus	(9,941)	(31,399)

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 Guadalupeño &
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



Art Exposition
"Pyrography in
Wood" by
Marisol Lorette



Musical Group
"Ensemblast
Project" lead by
Isaac Casal



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.



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



Álvaro Rojas S.



Anaís Ileana Morán



Carlos E. Landau



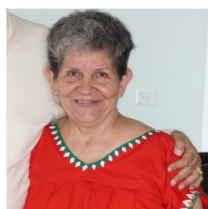
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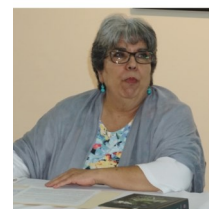
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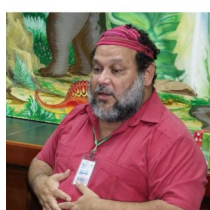
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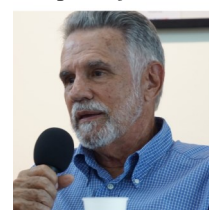
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Joaquín González J.



Juan A. Gómez



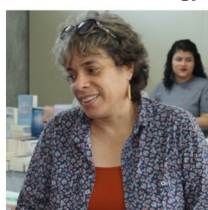
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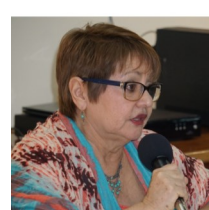
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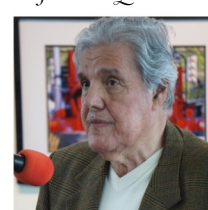
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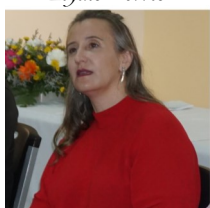
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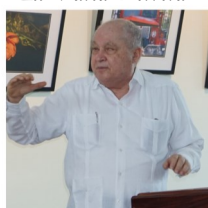
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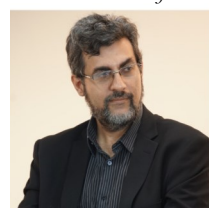
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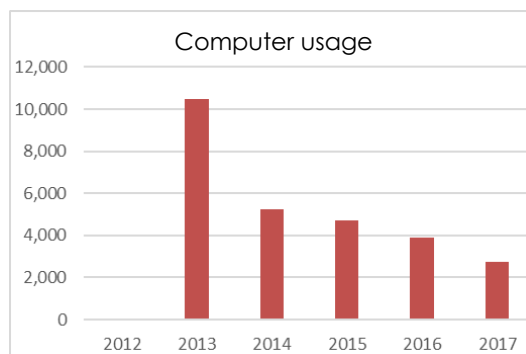
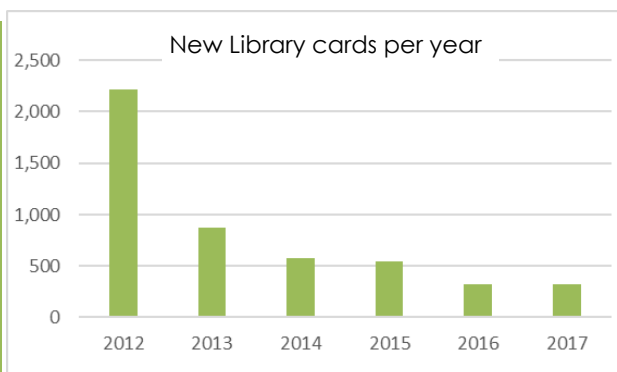
Sunny Summer



Yadira Roquebert

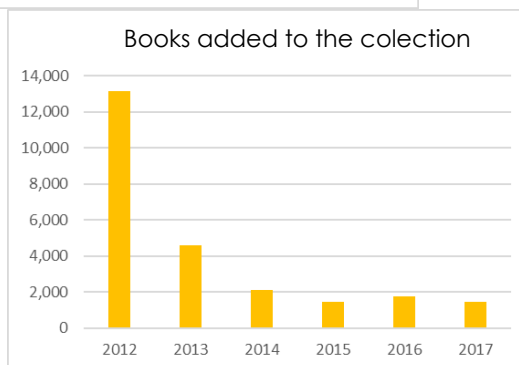
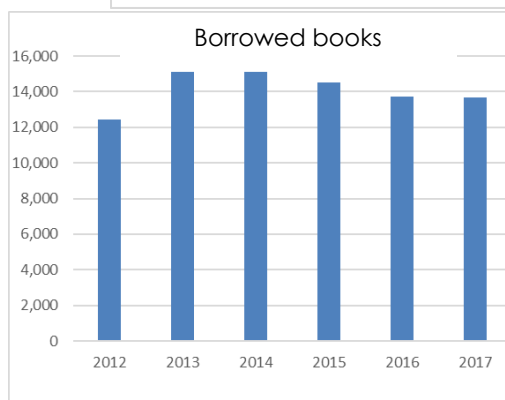
“Books...windows to the universe”

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



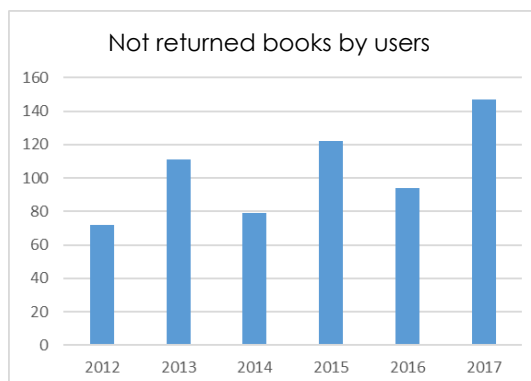
Year	Quantity
2012	
2013	10,484
2014	5,238
2015	4,722
2016	3,896
2017	2,735
	27,075

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

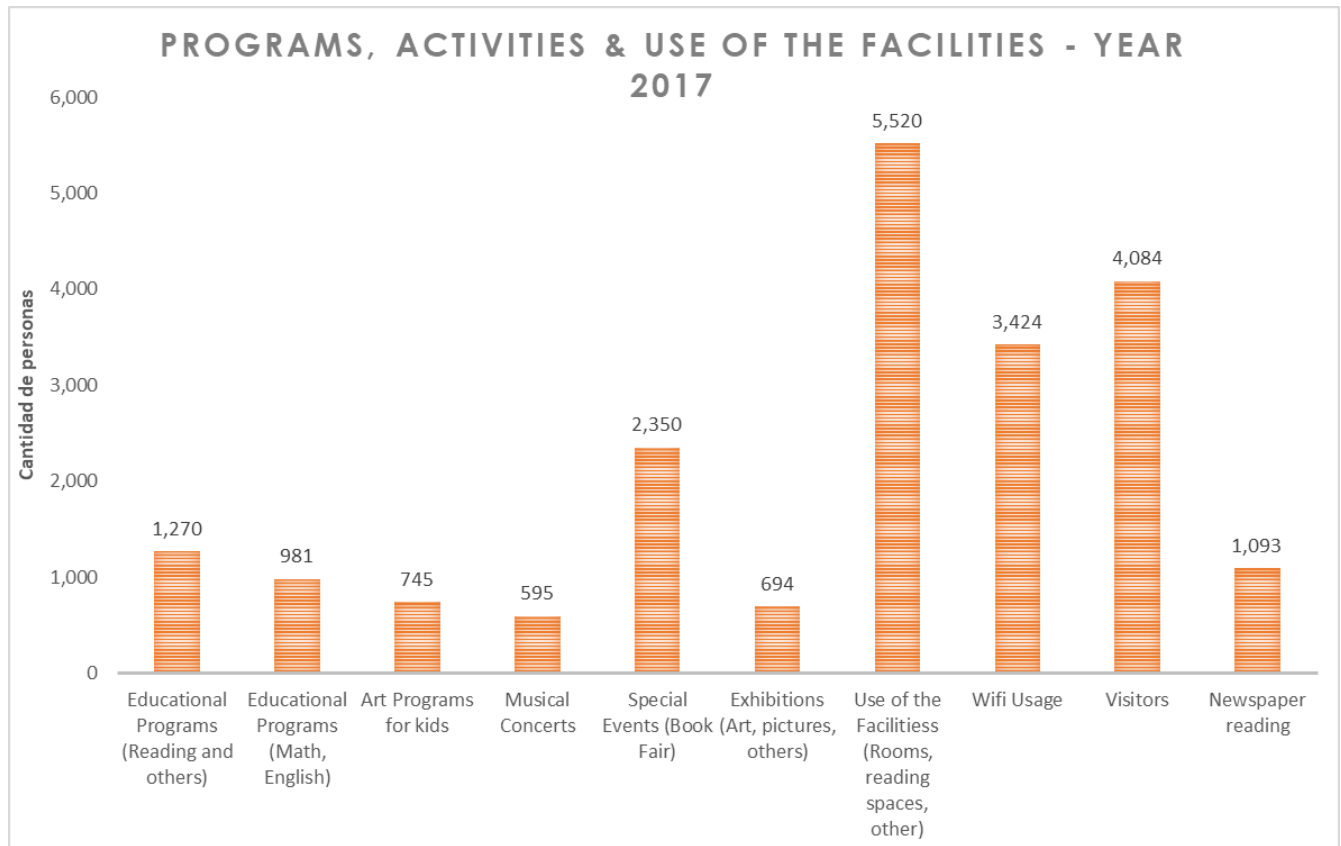


Year	Quantity
2012	13,134
2013	4,613
2014	2,123
2015	1,467
2016	1,740
2017	1,468
	24,545

Year	Quantity
2012	72
2013	111
2014	79
2015	122
2016	94
2017	147
	625



Source: Data collected from the Boquete Library



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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

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