



FUNDACIÓN  
BIBLIOTECA DE BOQUETE

# ANNUAL REPORT<sup>2013</sup>



## Mission and Vision

The primary mission of the Biblioteca de Boquete is to provide activities that promote education, training, and development for people of all ages in order to benefit the community. The library also strives for the modernization of services to its users.

In addition to being a library, we strive to be an innovative cultural center where knowledge is accessible to all who enjoy art, music and the written word.





## Dear Friends

On February 4, 2012 the new structure of the Biblioteca de Boquete was inaugurated. This project was organized by residents and foreigners who saw the need to build a new facility. The founders envisioned the library as much more than a building, they saw the need to create an institution different from all that existed in this country.

In this new dimension the Biblioteca de Boquete wishes to promote itself as a cultural center, where, in addition to reading, all can appreciate art in all dimensions. A place where families can enjoy and cultivate the habit of reading and further, promote culture in general.

We have adjusted our plans according to the needs of our population. As we better understand our users, we can focus our efforts to achieve common goals consistent with changing global trends.

We know it is not an easy task, however, we want to create the foundations for a strong and sustainable project that can be a tool to support the development of the members of our community, especially our children and youth.

The library can be viewed as an agent of change, with the aim of improving access for all citizens of this community to the wider opportunities around the world. As Boquete residents, we should feel great pride and gratitude, having one of the best libraries in the country, but mostly, we should love it, care for it and help to improve it each day.

The achievements to date fill us with great satisfaction and encourage us to continue giving our best. These achievements are the result of the efforts of many people who make this project possible. For that, we give them our warmest thanks. To all our donors, thank you for the trust placed in us. To the volunteers, thank you for your countless hours of work on multiple operating activities. To the media who support us, to all the artists who exhibit their work and those who offer us their musical interpretations, to education institutions that have supported us, and to all our friends, we are extremely grateful.

Sincerely,  
Elsa Castillo  
Administrator



To the community:

The members of the board of Fundación Biblioteca de Boquete present for your consideration, the 2013 annual statement.

We thank everyone, especially those who contributed during the year. With only two employees and a few dedicated volunteers, the library has accomplished much. Our greatest accomplishments can be seen in the area of cultural and educational programs for the local children as well as the adults.

We look forward to your continued support during our third year of operations. We are becoming much more than a library. It is our goal to continue growing as a cultural center.

As of now, our funding has allowed us to expand our book collection and to continue the art exhibits and a few musical presentations. We would like to expand this area, specially the musical presentations.

Thank you for your consideration,

Board of Directors  
Fundación Biblioteca de Boquete

### Board of Directors

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## FINANCES

2013

January 1 - December 31, 2013

DONATIONS and INCOME	2013	2012
DONATIONS	65,306	70,602
IN KIND	15,800	-
OTHER	<u>5,096</u>	<u>3,787</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>86,202</b>	<b>74,389</b>

OPERATIONING EXPENSES	2013	2012
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	22,096	21,381
ELECTRICITY AND TELEPHONE	4,089	4,666
MISCELLANEOUS FEES	209	2,076
SECURITY	971	3,109
ANUALIDADES	599	-
OFFICE SUPPLIES	920	1,732
CLEANING SUPPLIES	946	308
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	8,188	9,634
ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE	2,156	3,966
ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE	229	-
GARDENS	377	-
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	1,801	851
BANK CHARGES	508	208
FLETES	911	79
SUPPORT PROGRAMS	1,300	-
SERVICES	1,185	-
MISCELLEANOUS	618	3,353
EVENTS	3,095	1,236
PROGRAMS	<u>762</u>	<u>5,103</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50,960</b>	<b>57,702</b>

ASSETS	NOTES	2013	2012
TOTAL VARIABLE ASSETS	1	93,236	43,963
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	2	1,044,395	1,075,860
OTHER ASSETS	3	<u>2,098</u>	<u>400</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>1,139,729</b>	<b>1,120,223</b>

LIABILITIES	2013	2012
DEFERRED DONATIONS	50,000	-
RESERVE LABOR AND BENEFITS	<u>1,691</u>	<u>355</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>51,691</b>	<b>355</b>

#### NOTES ON PRESENTED FINANCIAL FIGURES

##### NOTE 1

Components of current assets:

Petty cash	89	25
Banco General - checking account	-	940
Banco General - savings account	<u>93,147</u>	<u>42,998</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>93,236</b>	<b>43,963</b>

##### NOTE 2

Components of fixed assts:

Buildingl	1,023,890	1,020,850
Books	77,543	54,458
Furniture	43,535	38,768
Electronic Equipment	17,399	14,249
Work Equipment	475	-
Security Equipment	1,000	-
Depreciation	<u>(119,537)</u>	<u>(52,465)</u>
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>1,044,395</b>	<b>1,075,860</b>

##### NOTE 3

Components of other assets::

Employee advances	-	400
Anticipated payments	<u>2,098</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>2,098</b>	<b>400</b>

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# 2013

Let's look at some of our programs:

## PROMOTING LITERACY



### STORY TIME

Last August the library began hosting a weekly bilingual story time for community preschoolers. Volunteer librarian Bonnie Adams shares her love of books with children and their teachers. This program also attracts parents throughout the community. Children have been introduced to a variety of popular children's books and characters. After the story, children participate in fun activities that further promote literacy.

### Guided Tours

Students from schools throughout the area visited the library with the goal of learning about the various opportunities the library has to offer and see what a valuable asset a library is to a community.

During the visits, children listened to a brief explanation about library services and then had the opportunity to enjoy a book of their choosing in a variety of reading areas.

Some schools also had the opportunity to participate in presentations by authors who shared the history of their books.



Escuela Casa Esperanza



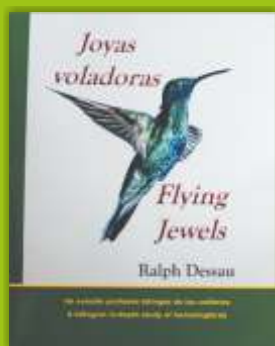
Escuela Elisa Chiari



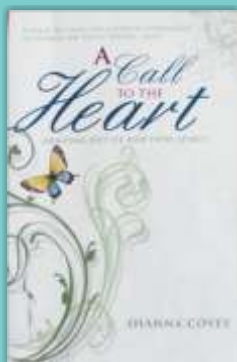
Escuela Kings School

"A library is more than a place to enjoy and learn about books, is space for social gathering, for peaceful coexistence"

# Several book presentations from throughout the year **2013**



**AVES VOLADORAS**  
Ralph Dessau



**A CALL TO THE HEART**  
Shanna Covey



**AGENDA CONCRECIÓN**  
Rebecca Fermín



**MADRUGADOR**  
Pat Alvarado



**Culturama - Cortometraje  
Los Guaraperos 1866**





## Education and Presentations

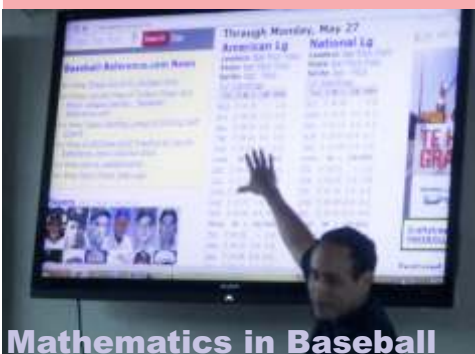
Over the past year, U.S. Embassy, Panama staffers came to the library from Panama City in order to make the following presentations.

1. **Arbor Day** – Children from several local schools attended a lecture on the importance of trees to our environment before planting numerous plants and trees in the newly established gardens surrounding the building. Each child was then asked to create and submit a drawing depicting what they learned. These drawings were scored by “ReAL Boquete” and hung in the library for everyone to admire. The best of the best were then awarded prizes and recognized in the local press.
2. **Mathematics in Baseball** - Members of local youth baseball teams, age 10 to 15, were introduced to the use of mathematics in baseball. Using Major League Baseball players from Panama as examples, students were motivated to utilize their math skills and learn new ones as they calculated various statistics that abound in the sport.
3. **The Roll of Civil Society** – A lecture was presented to local high school students that highlighted the benefits of volunteering for both the volunteer and the local community.



**Celebrating Arbor Day**

US Embassy, Panama



**Mathematics in Baseball**

US Embassy, Panama



**The Roll of Civil Society**

US Embassy, Panama

# MATHEMATICS

## WEEKLY MATH PROGRAMS

Throughout the year, local volunteers, including Ellen Bolton, Mel Adams, and Ross Blankert, kept the math ball rolling by providing continuing education on subjects ranging from algebra to trigonometry to dozens of local school children.



# ENGLISH

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION

English classes were held at the library for ten months, primarily catering to the adult community. The classes are a valuable addition, opening the door to better job opportunities and supplementing previous studies. These classes were offered in collaboration with volunteers Robert Lawrence and Michael Balance.





# Poetry



Commemorating the month of November, Antonio Singh, from Casa Cultural la Guaricha, introduced locals to the beauty of poetry. During the day, students and teachers from local schools and some “friends of the library” participated in the reading of more than 40 poems.

## Other Activities

- ➔ “Learning and Playing Chess” for children and adults
- ➔ The library has served to connect young students from Guadalupano who are involved in the project called “Young Scientists” sponsored by “SENACYT”.
- ➔ Scholarly expositions – La Escuela Josefa Montero de Vasquez organized an exhibition featuring the use of recycled materials to create artwork as it is being done by the local indigenous Indians.



# Special Collections

In 2013, the library received diverse donations of collectable materials from local scholars.

**Stanley Heckadon Moreno**, who was born in Chiriqui, trained to be an anthropologist, and spent much of his adult life working for the Smithsonian Institute, honored the Boquete Library by donating his personal collection, which includes more than 2500 items, ranging from books that influenced his life, to scientific papers and journals detailing his studies of the history, ecology, and culture of Central and South America.

This unique collection has been housed, thanks to a donation by the **Fundación Buenos Vecinos del Banco General** in a specially designed area on the second floor, which allows access to designated individuals.



The library received an extraordinary donation of a nearly complete bound collection of National Geographic dating back to the early 1900s. This magazine is famous throughout the world for its excellent photography and reporting of cultural and scientific phenomenon. To have a collection such as this is equivalent to having the important stories from around the world spanning the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It is likely a one-of-a-kind collection here in Panama. Thank you **Dean and Lesa Hoover** for your donation.





# Advancing the Arts

## Educational Program for Children

In 2013, El Centro de Estudios Superiores Escuela de Bellas Artes del INAC, lead by Lic. Leslie Samudio and her team, taught a variety of cultural art classes for local youth. More than 120 children attended the classes, which included ballet, music, drawing, painting, pottery and folkloric dance.



Another large contributor to the arts was **Sra. María Elena Watts** who taught painting classes to over 30 children over a 4 month period. These classes were supported by Bouqete Art Works with the donation of supplies for the children.





## Course on Christmas Crafts for ladies

Taught by members of Dirección Regional del INAC, fourteen local women participated in a six week course where they learned how to make a variety of Christmas crafts.



## Art Exhibitions:

The library hosted a variety of art exhibitions in the 3rd floor gallery. These exhibitions provide the opportunity for local artists to promote their work. In addition, visitors have the opportunity to view the rotating exhibits and purchase work.

### February 2013: Art Inspired by Music



### May and June 2013: Collection of Artists from Valle la Luna





## July 2013: Volcán Quilters



## August 2013: Trazos de Color



## September y October: Boquete Arts Works





## November 2013: Pintoras Boqueteñas (Boquete Painters)



## Photography Exhibits

Each month, members of the Boquete Photography Club display their work on the first floor of the library. Hundreds of visitors have the opportunity to view these magnificent collections.





# MUSICAL CONCERTS

Sila Marion from France, accompanied by her trusty accordion, ended her tour of Central America and Panama, in April, with a diverse musical performance at the library. Guests were entertained with her singing, dancing and playing of various musical instruments.



In May, Grupo de Cuerdas de la Unachi, a children's musical group, commemorated the birth of Panamanian composer Gonzalo Brenes. The children performed various pieces under the direction of Prof. Ovidio Castillo..



**International guitarists**, as part of the celebration of X Encuentro de Guitarras en Panamá, performed a concert at the library in June. The public was very pleased of the interpretations of these international guitarists.





**Isaac Calidonio**, delighted us with his unique voice in the month of August, giving a special touch to the presentation of "Concreción" by the Venezuelan writer Rebecca Fermin.



**Grupo Gatma**, regaled us in August with a diverse musical presentation.



**José Cáceres**, performed a Christmas concert in December to an audience of more than 60 people.



## BOOK SALES

During the year, Amigos de la Biblioteca organized three book sales. Run by volunteers these sales were popular and necessary fundraising events. The books are sold at affordable prices for the whole community.



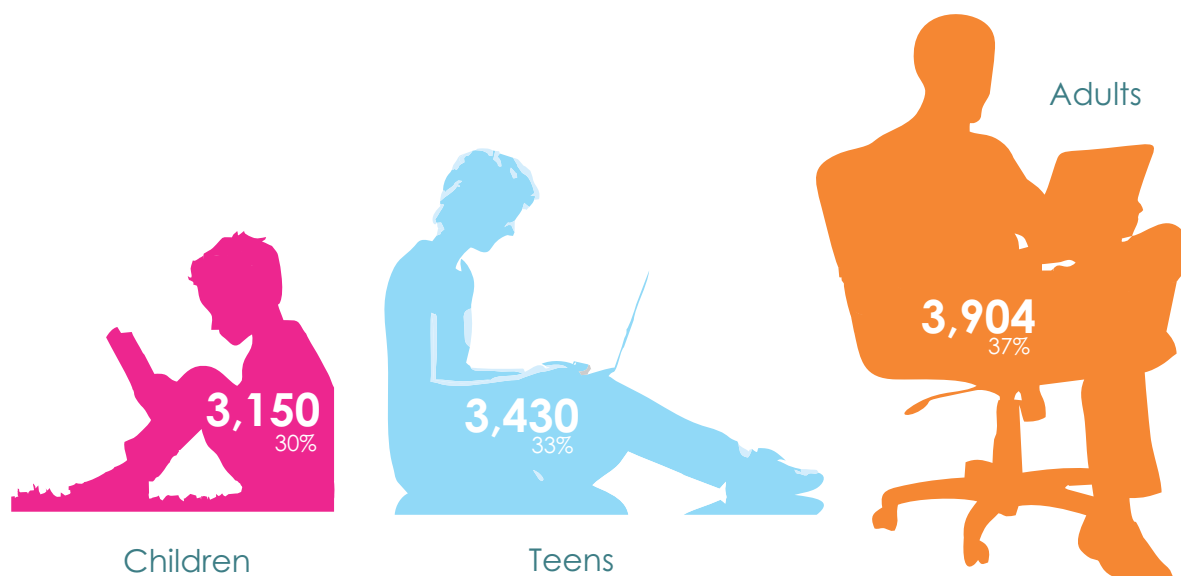
BOOK SALES

# STATISTICS

## Computer use Stats

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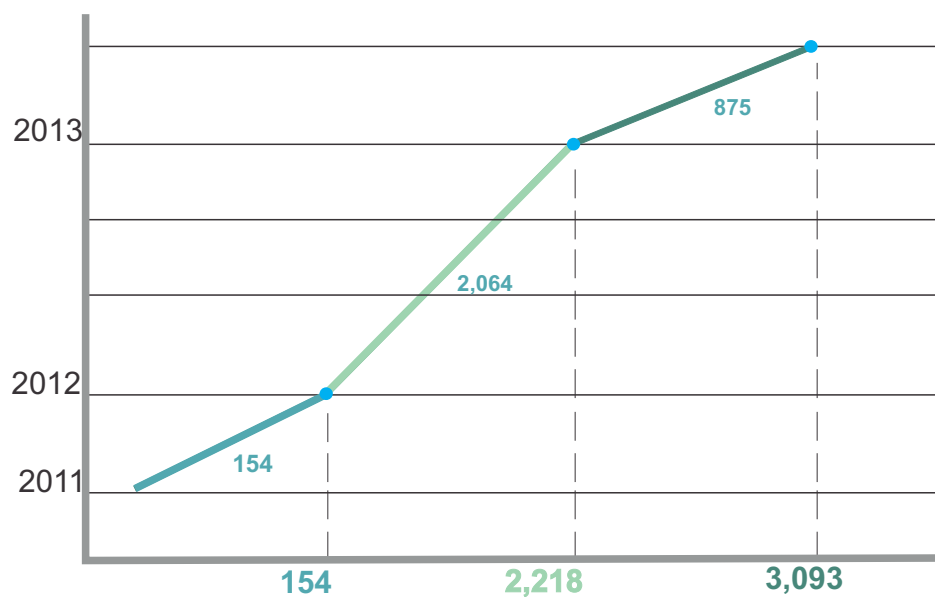
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## Registered Users

Total Registered Users

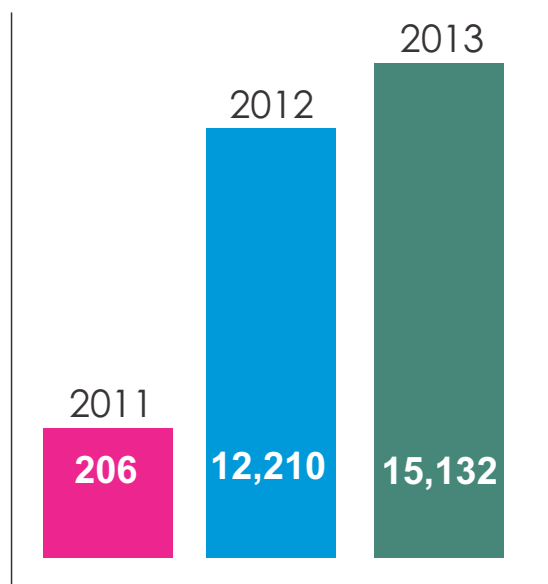
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Total Users	3093
Under 10 yrs	316
10 - 18 yrs	926
18 - 30 yrs	624
31 - 50 yrs	555
50+ yrs	672



## Books Borrowed



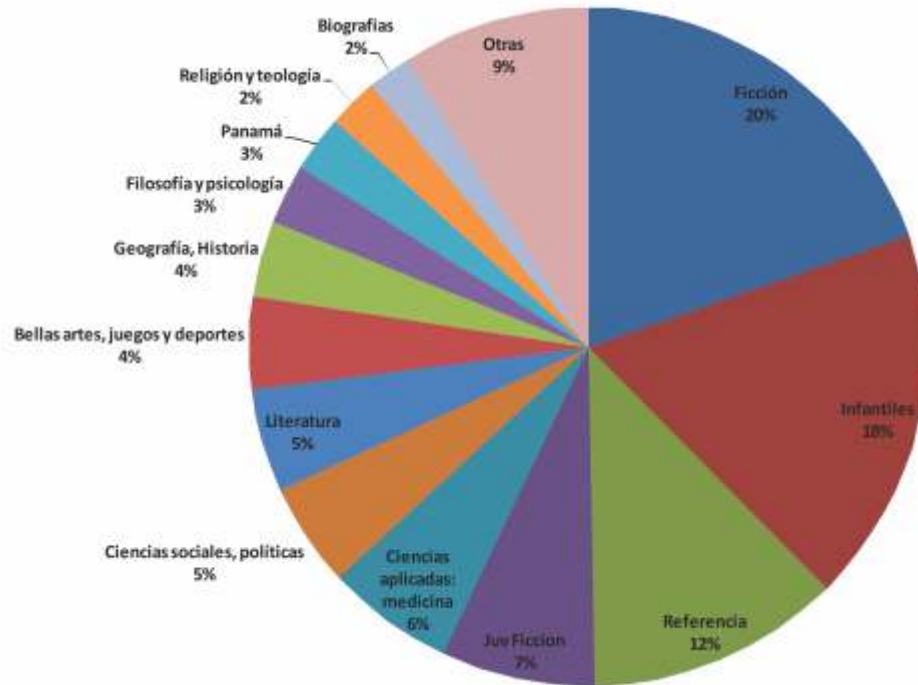
## 10 Most Popular Titles

	Clasificación	Nombre del Libro	Autor
1	Fic COE	El manuscrito encontrado en Accra	Coelho, Paulo
2	Fic MAR	Juegos de Tronos	Martin, Gorge R.R.
3	INFA azul C	Cuentos de princesas: La Sirenita	Campos, Pilar
4	Juv Fic COL	Juegos del Hambre 2: En llamas	Collins, Suzanne
5	863 SAN 2011	Leyendas Chiricanas	Samudio, César
6	Juv Fic COL	Juego del Hambre: libro 1	Collins, Suzanne
7	Juv Fic amarillo KIN	Diario de Greg 3: ¡Esto es el colmo!	Kinney, Jeff
8	Fic COE	Las Valkirias; La Batalla por el mundo	Coelho, Paulo
9	Juv Fic GIE	Esmeralda 3	Gier, Kerstin
10	Juv Fic DAS	Maze Runner / Correr ó Morir 1	Dashner, James

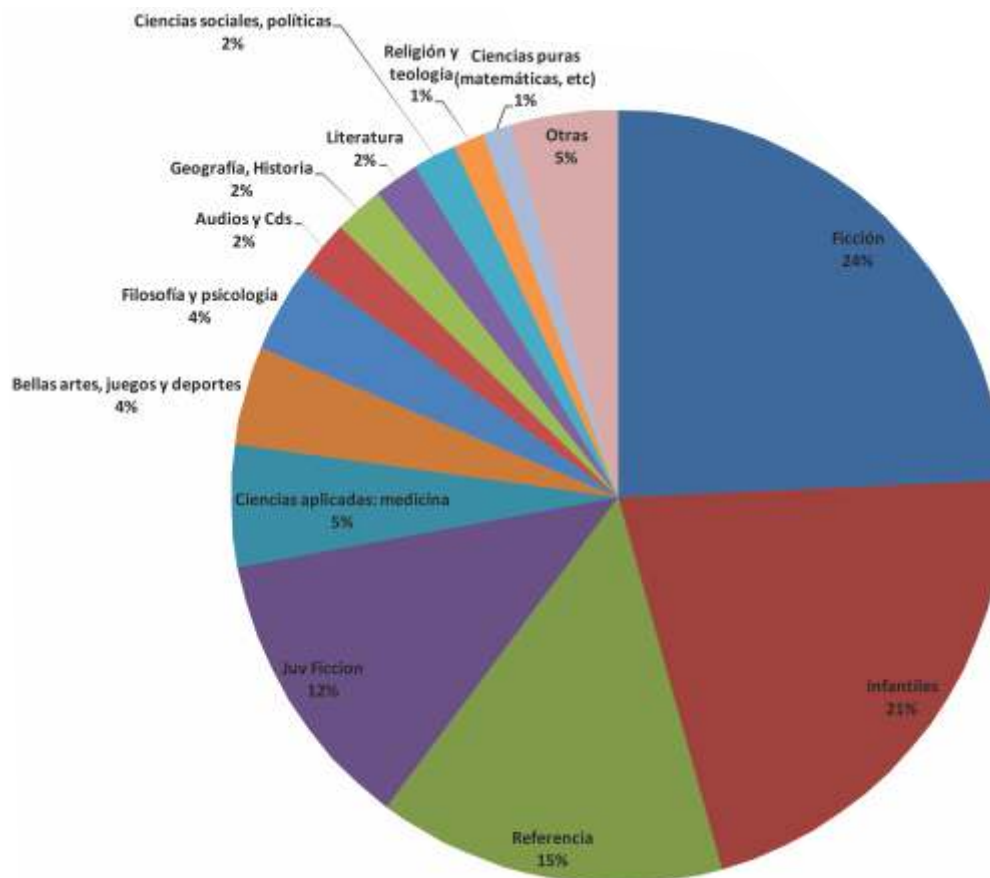
# Top Readers of 2013

Clasificación	Checkouts	Edad	Nacionalidad
Bunge, Stefan	112	8	Panameño
Miranda S. Raiza M.	108	30	Panameño
Neuschwanger, Danny	101	69	Extranjero
Smith, Vernon	88	76	Extranjero
Abrahams, Frank	80	85	Extranjero
Schulte, Cathernine	78	46	Extranjero
Violette, Donald	77	76	Extranjero
Quiel M. Ocdalis	75	35	Panameño
Pittí M. Yuri S.	74	22	Panameño
Kyrene, kyrene	73	71	Extranjero
Taiar, Nora	71	45	Extranjero
Rojas C. Allison D.	70	15	Panameño
Bell M. Iveth C.	69	24	Panameño
Rodríguez Quiroz, Yarle	68	12	Panameño
González, Mirna	67	40	Panameño
Morales, Emilio N.	65	11	Panameño
Miranda, Elisa	64	34	Panameño
Castillo, Vanessa	60	21	Panameño
Crofutt, Jeffrey	59	58	Extranjero
Easley, Clark C.	59	71	Extranjero

# Library Collection by Category



## Collection Use by Category 2013

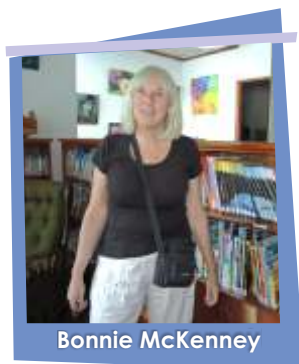




# Some Volunteers



Loesje Sherwood



Bonnie McKenney



Bonnie Adams



Deborah Frey



Dee Horn



Mary Evan Swope



Margie Frame



Marguerite Ann Heffer

Volunteers are an integral part of the operations at the library. They perform multiple tasks and their help is indispensable to the functioning of the library. To them, we extend our gratitude for their effort and all the time they spend.

## Other Volunteers

Jane Abrutyn  
Mark Keating  
Valerie Keating

Ann Kane  
Sally Zigmond  
Sandy Dillon

Carlos Fernández  
Craig Bennett  
Bev Stern

# DONORS

The Fundación Biblioteca de Boquete, is grateful for the donations from individuals, corporations, foundations and other organizations. Your support enables us to provide better educational and cultural opportunities to our community.

## Founding Benefactor

**Fundación Patricia Price Peterson**

## Major Benefactor

Fundación Alberto Motta

Club de Leones de Boquete

Fundación Buenos Vecinos del Banco General

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## Benefactor

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 Prairie Ridge High School  
 Clark Easley  
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Marni Young  
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 Vivianne Lachaud  
 Volcan Quilting Guild  
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 Robyn Cole

## **Libros:**

### **Colecciones Especiales**

Dr. Stanley Heckadon  
Dean y Lesa Hoover  
Robert Shaw

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Radio Chiriquí  
Jackie Kuo





***“A book can change a life,  
A library can change a community.”***

***“Un libro puede cambiar una vida,  
Una biblioteca puede cambiar una comunidad.”***

