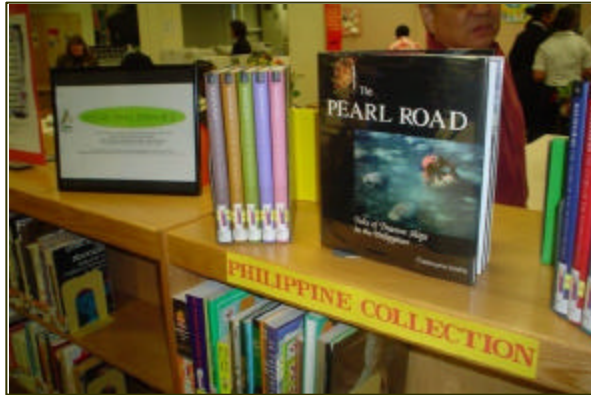




READ PHILIPPINES

A joint project of the
Philippine Consulate General, New York
and the Filipino-American Community



The existing
READ
PHILIPPINES
Collection at
Passaic High
School Library
in New Jersey.

Kilala ba ng

anak ninyo Ang Ibong Adarna? Ang Pagong at Ang Matsing? Si Jose Rizal?

There is more to Filipino culture and information than the most familiar Filipino ballad, a hit Tagalog movie, or your favorite Filipino restaurant on the next block...True, these provide some information about the Filipino culture, but they are not enough.

Through the READ PHILIPPINES Project, the Philippine Consulate General in New York hopes to develop in young Filipino-Americans, their friends, and the community at large greater interest and awareness of the Philippines and its values, history and culture.

Since the Read Philippines campaign was launched in November 2002, the Consulate has worked closely with the Filipino-American community and together, donated over 500 books, videos and CD- ROMS to school and public libraries in the tri-state area where many Filipinos study or reside.

With your help, your children can now go to their school libraries, and they will not only read about Abraham Lincoln, but about Emilio Aguinaldo as well. They will know their JFKs as well as their Ninoy. After all, they are Filipinos too.

You can help put quality books and other materials about the Philippines and Filipinos in the library nearest you.

With titles like "Mga Kuwento Ni Lola Basyang," "Noli Me Tangere" to "The 20 Speeches That Moved A Nation," this initiative will help teach young Filipino-Americans about their heritage.

Read Philippines collections are currently available at the following locations: (*denotes pilot library)

New York:

Queens Public Library - Elmhurst Branch*
Philippine Pastoral Center in Manhattan

New Jersey:

Jersey City Public Library - Five Corners Branch*
Philippine Community Center in Jersey City
Passaic High School Library*
Clifton Memorial Library
Paterson Public Library

Connecticut:

University of Connecticut Library in Storrs*

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New York:

New York Public Library – MidManhattan
New York Public Library for the Performing Arts at Lincoln Center
New York Public Library – Donnell Library Center
Queens Public Library - Flushing Branch
Filipino American Human Services, Inc (FAHSI) Library

New Jersey:

Bishop Ahr High School – Edison

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Morris Town Public Library

"We highly encourage Filipino Americans from other communities to replicate what have been started in pilot libraries. Read Philippines is a continuous campaign. We hope that the collection of books initially turned over from our book shower and initial book/check donors will continue to grow through the continued response of the Filipino American community." - Consul General Linglingay Lacanlale

"The Read Philippines project that the Philippine Consulate General, New York started and now Filipino associations are adopting is a wonderful initiative," stated Deputy Director Thomas Alford for the Queens Library in Flushing. "I am delighted to accept your very generous donation on behalf of the Queens library."

"Many Filipino Americans like myself did not grow up with access to readily available literary resources about our culture, history and language. It is important for us to be aware of and learn from our past in order to pave our way towards a bright future. It is only fitting that we adopt this program so that today's youth and future generations can benefit from a greater understanding of our heritage and culture." - EmyLou Solomon (Read Philippines Co-Project Manager for CORE, an organization of young Filipino professionals in New York that recently adopted the project)



Consul General Linglingay F. Lacanlale opened the 6th Read Philippines collection at the Clifton Public Library on 13 September 2003. With her are Clifton Mayor James Anzaldi and Clifton Public Library Director Christine Zembicki.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

1. Donate Books.

?? Donate Philippine books you own.

?? Buy books from a bookstore of your choice, or any Philippine book distributor in your area, such as Tatak Pilipino (201/798-0288), Casa Victoria (201/216-1055), or The Philippine Cultural and Educational Services: (425/646-9142 or philces@earthlink.net). Please see back for the List of Recommended Titles.

?? Bring back a book or two from your regular visits to the Philippines.

2. Send checks to the Philippine Consulate General, 556 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10036, payable to Read Philippines.

3. Adopt a library and become a *Read Philippines* Coordinator in your neighborhood library. (This applies to organizations and individuals.) Please contact the Philippine Consulate General.

The key responsibilities of coordinators:

- o To initiate the setting-up of the Philippine collection in your local public or school library
- o To solicit book donations
- o To maintain and update the collection.
- o To address inquiries and concerns regarding the *Read Philippines* section in your adopted library

Note:

When adopting a library's Philippine Collection, one becomes a coordinator, not a librarian. The keeping and logging of books remain the library's responsibility. The coordinator merely becomes a Read Philippines contact person for the library, the community, and the Philippine Consulate in case of additional donations, information, or events connected with the Read Philippines section in your adopted library.

4. Request your local library to acquire books and other materials about the Philippines. If you work in a library, you may also recommend the set-up of a Read Philippines collection in your place of work.
5. Seek funding from the government and other institutions to provide support for the Philippine collection in your library.

***Donors are requested to fill out the donation sheet.**



The first Read Philippines Collection was established on December 14, 2002 at the Queens Public Library in Elmhurst - a neighborhood known for its many Filipino residents. *In photo are Consul Millicent Paredes, Library Manager Linna Yu and Councilwoman Helen Sears.*

List of Recommended Books

#	BOOK TITLE	#	BOOK TITLE
	REFERENCES	31	20 Speeches that Moved a Nation
1	Kasaysayan: The History of the Filipino People (Volumes 1 – 10)	32	Native Resistance: Philippine Cinema and Colonialism 1898-1941
2	New Vicassan's English-Filipino Dictionary		ENVIRONMENT
3	Dictionary of Philippine Culture and Values	33	Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippines
4	U. P. Cultural Dictionary for Filipinos	34	Plantas Medicinales
5	Conversational Tagalog		TRAVEL
	ARTS & CULTURE	35	Cebu: More than an Island
6	Treasures of the Philippine National Museum	36	26 Days Around the Philippines
7	Lugar: Essays on Philippine Heritage and Architecture	37	Ecotourism in the Philippines
8	20th Century Filipino Artists	38	The Dive Sites of the Philippines
9	National Artists of the Philippines	39	Exciting Philippines: Visual Journey
10	Gongs and Bamboo: A Panorama of Philippine Music Instruments	40	Philippines, A Manifold Land
11	Sayaw: Dances of the Philippines		CHILDREN'S LITERATURE
12	GLIMPSES: Peoples of the Philippines	41	Best of Lola Basyang
13	The Tinge of Red : Prehistory of Art in the Philippines	42	Penpen de Sarapen
	LITERATURE	43	Philippine Folk Literature: The Riddles
14	Noli Me Tangere	44	The Girl Who Turned into a Fish
15	El Filibusterismo	45	Why Piña has a Hundred Eyes
16	Florante at Laura	46	The Termite Queen
17	The Best Philippine Short Stories of the 20th Century	47	Ibong Adarna (in Filipino)
18	Filipino Writing: Philippine Literature from the Regions		HISTORY
19	Hiyas ng Panitikang Pilipino	48	Who's Who in Philippine History
	POPULAR HISTORY AND CULTURE	49	100 Events that Shaped the Philippines
20	Pasko! The Philippine Christmas	50	Rizal Without the Overcoat
21	Kneeling Carabao & Dancing Giants: Celebrating Filipino Festivals	51	Six Young Martyrs
22	Filipino Personality: Indigenous and Cross-Cultural Studies	52	La Solidaridad
23	Bandila	53	Bonifacio's Bolo
24	Philippines: The People	54	Luna's Moustache
25	Philippines: The Land	55	Mabini's Ghost
26	Philippines: The Culture	56	Discrepant Histories: Translocal Essays of Filipino Cultures
27	Mindanao: A Portrait	57	Kasaysayan: The Story of the Filipino, Revised Edition 2001
28	The History of Burgis	58	Jose Rizal: The Man, The Hero, A Filipino (VHS)
29	Philippine Social History: Global Trade and Local Transformations	59	Aguinaldo's Breakfast and More Looking Back Essays.
30	Great and Famous Filipinos	60	Filipinas: Isang Kasaysayan (CD-ROM)

Please visit www.pcgny.net for more book titles.

DONATION SHEET

Last Name _____
 Mr. / Ms. First Name _____
 Organization (if any) _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Cell # _____ Home # _____
 E-mail Address _____

Donate Books

Book #(s)/Title(s) _____

 Quantity _____

Donate Cash

Please make checks payable to Read Philippines
 Amount Enclosed _____
 Check No. _____
 Bank _____

Adopt A Library Establish a Read Philippines collection in your library of choice.

Organization / Individual
 Library: _____

Receive Read Philippines Accommodate a collection in your library.

Library: _____
 Position in Library: _____

Return this form with your book contribution to any *Read Philippines* Coordinator, or The Philippine Consulate General: 556 Fifth Avenue NY, NY 10036.

Check contributions must be sent to the Philippine Consulate General.

For more info, visit our website at www.pcgny.net, e-mail philconsulateny@mindspring.com, or call 734-1330 ext. 310: Agnes / ext. 601: Carissa

