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DepEd encourages reading among children through Marikina Library Hub

The Department of Education's goal of making every child a reader got a big boost with the opening of the Library Hub in Marikina City which DepEd Secretary Jesli Lapus and Marikina Mayor Ma. Lourdes Fernando inaugurated yesterday.

The Library Hub is also known as the "warehouse and wholesale" library which exclusively serves public elementary and secondary schools. The hub provides supplementary reading materials in plastic bins that are sorted by subject area or theme. There are about 70 Library Hubs established in the different schools divisions in the country.

The supplementary reading materials include story books and children's books which teachers used to buy as teaching aids. These books are different from reference or textbooks.

The Hub houses of story books and children's books and where children can also hold other educational activities. It aims to develop love and habit of reading among grade school children. It also aims to improve the children's reading comprehension skills.

"We are glad that one of the best managed local governments in our country recognizes the very vital role of a library hub by for our students in the area" Lapus said.

According to Lapus, the Library Hub has 25,000 books worth P3 million. These are value-laden children's books for preschoolers up to Grade VI and high school students. Currently, there are 135 local titles and 139 foreign titles available in the hub.

"When our local government officials like Mayor Fernando provide the needed support for education, we are more confident of the sustainability of the interventions to improve the learning outcome of our students," Lapus added.

The DepEd also said that there are currently 35 sites being renovated for use by the Library Hubs. The site and the renovation of the area are contributed by the local government units while the DepEd provides the books, furniture and training for teachers who will man the hub.

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