### THE LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND

House bill 5379, an act establishing the Braille department in the National Library

# HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT

The division is house at the ground floor of the east wing of the building

It was on July 5, 1995 when the transfer of the collections to its new room was completed and the division was open to the public.

#### PLAN ROOM OF THE LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND DIVISION

**AUDIO ROOM** TAPES SECTION **READING AREA** LARGE PRINT SECTION SERIALS CORNER COMPUTER **BRAILLE** ROOM COMFORT STACK AREA ROOM

#### 2006

Library for the Blind was merge to the reference Divisions.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

The Library for the Blind Section will serve as an information and research center for special clientele,

#### **FUNCTIONS**

- Keep custody and preserve the collection of the section.
- Recommends to acquisition of materials, supplies and equipment for the section.
- Organizes the resources of the section.
- Maintains reading room services and loans out to its resources to users.
- Prepares Braille guide and indexes for the collection.
- Prepares statistical reports of the section.
- Encode/edit Braille books in Koha solution.
- Produces master copy from selected titles to augment the collections.
- Transcribe and format braille material.
- Scan print material for e-book.
- Edits and converts proofread e-book in to audiobook.
- Produce audiobook.
- Transcribe and emboss materials requested by library users.
- Assist blind library users in their research needs.
- Orient library visitors/students on educational tour.
- Answer queries through telephone/in person.
- Attend seminars, meetings and training on official business.
- Other related duties assign from time to time.

#### **COLLECTIONS**

- Braille collection
- Talkingbooks/audiobooks
- Large Print Collection

## POLICIES OF THE LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND

#### READING ROOMS SERVICES

- 1 Reading room services from 8 A.M to 5 P.M., Monday through Friday exept on public and special Holidays.
- 2 The collection is available to registered visually impaired and blind members who have reached the secondary or collegiate level.
- 3 General reference books in Braille, audiobooks/talkingbooks are for room use only.
- 4 The Section maintains an open shelves system.
- 5 Two titles are borrowed at a time.
- 6 All consulted materials must be placed on designated tables for the librarian to file.
- 7 Services like embossing and audio recording are in first come first serve basis.
- 8 Clients must provide Braille paper and blank CD's and tapes for their own use.

#### LOAN-OUT MATERIALS

- Audiobooks/talkingbooks can be loaned out to registered members for a duration of two weeks, subject to renewal as requested by the users.
- Only duplicates from master copies are to be loaned out to members.
- A maximum of three titles in Braille books, large print and audiobooks/talkingbooks can be loaned out.
- Loaned out materials are non-transferable.
- Audiobooks/talkingbook other than fiction/shortstories may be loaned out for a week subject to renewal as requested by the users.
- One title of large print fiction/novels can be loaned out for a week.

### THANK YOU....