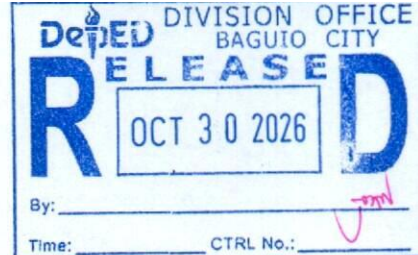




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SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BAGUIO CITY



October 29, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. **74 1 - 2 0 2 6**

2026 READING MONTH/BUWAN NG PAGBASA CELEBRATION

To: Chief Education Supervisors
English and Filipino EPSs
Public School District Supervisors
Public School Heads/Principals
School Reading Coordinators
All Others Concerned

1. Relative to the continuous implementation of the ARAL Program and the annual *Celebration of the National Reading Month/Pambansang Buwan at Araw ng Pagbasa*, the following reading-related activities including initiatives are recommended for the month of November.
2. This month-long event is aligned to the ongoing regional theme, "*Reading is a bridge to a future full of hope/Tulay ang Pagbasa sa Bukas na Puno ng Pag-asa.*" Likewise, this is consistent with the theme of the National Book Week, "*Basa, Salin, Daloy*". "Basa" represents the start of knowledge; "Salin" represents sharing and passing on stories or translations, and "Daloy" represents the continuous flow of culture, ideas, and lifelong learning.
3. The said activity aims to support DepEd's efforts to foster a reading culture and enrich literacy skills among Filipino youth. Below are the scheduled and suggested activities. Please be guided accordingly.

<i>Suggested Activities</i>	<i>Date, Venue and Participants</i>
Division Philippine Informal Reading Inventory (Phil IRI) LAC Session	*November 7, 2026 at SDO Training Hall *Phil IRI Coordinators (1 for each school including integrated schools, 75)
Reading Month Culminating Activity through a Book Fair c/o LRMS	November 26-27, Manuel Quezon ES Gym (open to all including Private schools)
Topics on the following: *From Reader's Mind to Writer's Pen *Turning Text into Talk *Balay Aral *Inspirational Talk (Dream Beyond the Horizon-Inspiring Young Minds through Stories, Science and Hope)	*November 27, SDO Training Hall, participants are School Heads/Principals (75) *November 28, SDO Training Hall, participants are Reading Coordinators (75)
*Library Visit at Baguio City Library and Library Hooked on Books (HOB) *Establishment of Library HOB	*November 2026 onwards (Quezon ES, Gibraltar ES, Fort del Pilar ES, Quezon Hill ES, Elpidio Quirino ES) *November 12-14 at Bonifacio ES and November 26-28 at DAES
Barangay Pagbasa	*November, Barangay Halls/Reading Corners *Barangay Officials, Volunteers/Teachers, Tutors, Learners



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-Mystery Readers of a Filipino Children's Storybook
-Book Donation Drives
-Peer-to-Peer Reading Programs
-Setting up Reading Pantries where materials are accessible to all
-"Book Talk" Sessions where learners share their favorite books
-Read-a-thons
-Poster-making during art classes
-"Five Words a Week (FWAW)/A Paragraph a Day (APAD)/Library Hour a Week" Programs that encourage pupils/students to learn and master one word daily for five days a week and to read aloud one or two paragraphs each day before classes start, helping develop communication skills
-"Big Brother/Big Sister/Kaklase Ko, Sagot Ko/Shared Reading," where older learners or independent readers mentor those at a struggling reading level
-Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) which dedicates 15 to 20 minutes daily for reading books or other materials available in the school

November, Schools
School Heads, School Personnel,
Teachers, Pupils/Students,
Partners

4. For inquiries and clarifications, kindly contact Juliet C. Sannad, EdD-CID Chief, through the number 619-3491.
5. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is desired.


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