

YOLANDA BUS-IN-ACTION PROJECT

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The wrath of super typhoon Yolanda (international name Haiyan) has caused thousands of deaths and massive destruction within the affected regions of the Philippine archipelago. Yet, people found ways to keep moving forward, some poured their emotions through their art skills in a form of drawing or painting. But most importantly, some survivors unleashed all their fears, tensions and experiences by telling all their stories, their only voice that very moment.

With the initiative of the Eastern Visayas librarians headed by Melanie Lyn Calope and with the support of a Japanese librarian from the Assistive Technology Development Organization (ATDO), Mr. Hiroshi Kawamura, Yolanda Archiving Project was realized by collecting survival stories, photos/pictures, drawings of children, and videos in the onslaught of super typhoon Yolanda. Art works depicting Yolanda memories were also collected through a poster making contest organized by the Philippine Science High School-Eastern Visayas Campus (PSHS-EVC) Booklovers and Arts Club.

The Yolanda Bus-In-Action project was organized when the campus director of PSHS-EVC designated the school librarian to spearhead the transformation of the old Yolanda-damaged bus into a depository of the Yolanda Archive. This project was a collaborative effort of the PSHS-EVC scholars, Booklover's Club SY 2017-2018 and the whole PSHS-EVC community.



The Yolanda Bus-In-Action project was inaugurated on October 23, 2017 as part of the celebration of the International School Library Month (ISLM) 2017.



