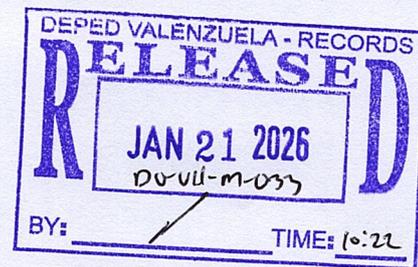




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January 20, 2026

To: Public Elementary School Heads

This is in reference to the attached letter dated January 10, 2026, from Mr. Francis Neil Manapat, Children's Librarian of the Valenzuela City Library (ValACE), inviting all public elementary schools in this Division to participate in the **"World Read Aloud Day (WRAD)"** on February 4, 2026.

Interested schools may submit the required details on or before Friday, February 6, 2026 for the certificate of participation. For other details of the aforementioned 16<sup>th</sup> WRAD activity can be found at the LitWorld website (Link: <https://www.litworld.org/world-read-aloud-day>) or see the attached file for reference, the content of which is self-explanatory, for the information, guidance and strict compliance of all concerned.

In addition, class arrangements shall be made in accordance with the 'No Disruption of Classes' policy, as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005.

For further inquiries, please contact the Valenzuela City Library through 02-8-352-1000 local 2149. Kindly look for Mr. Francis Neil Manapat.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

**NOEL D. BAGANO**  
 Schools Division Superintendent

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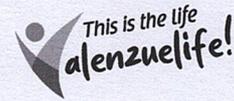


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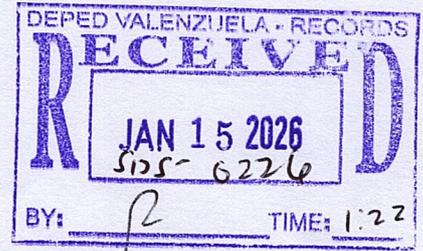


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January 10, 2026

**Dr. Noel D. Bagano**  
Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
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Schools Division Office – Valenzuela



Dear Dr. Bagano:

Warm greetings from ValACE!

The promotion of literacy among children and young adults is one of the advocacies of Valenzuela City Library (ValACE). With this, we would like to humbly invite and encourage every school in the city under SDO Valenzuela to be part of this year's **World Read Aloud Day (WRAD)** happening this **February 4, 2026**.

As an esteemed partner in the advancement of the value of reading, we would like to:

- Request that schools in Valenzuela City set aside time for Read Aloud on February 4, 2026. The book that will be read in Valenzuela on this day is *Ang Taling Hindi Maitali*, winner of the Susulat Ako 2025: 1<sup>st</sup> Story Writing Contest and Guguhit Ako 2025: 1<sup>st</sup> Illustration Contest for the Valenzuelano Youth which may be accessed for FREE at <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/f7251f4d7b.html>. Moreover, teachers and students may read aloud books of their choice together or they may also read the free digital story from the Let's Read website that the National Library of the Philippines will be using.
- Kindly use the hashtags **#ValenzuelaWRAD2026** and **#WRAD2026** in public posts.
- Participating schools are requested to upload their captured moments from the event through this Google Drive folder: <https://bit.ly/WRAD2026photo>. Inside the folder, please create a new folder named after your official school name and upload all photos taken during the event into that folder. Schools are also requested to accomplish this form: <https://bit.ly/WRAD2026GFORM>. Kindly ensure that all information provided is accurate and that the photos are clear and properly organized.
- One participating school will be selected and given a simple token of appreciation for their school library. All participating schools who submit the required details **on or before Friday, February 6, 2026** will receive Certificates of Participation.

More details about the 16<sup>th</sup> WRAD may be read and downloaded at the LitWorld website (Link: <https://www.litworld.org/world-read-aloud-day>)

For further information, Valenzuela City Library may be reached through 02-8-352-1000 local 2149 and look for Mr. Francis Neil Manapat. We look forward to promoting and appreciating the value of reading together with you.

Sincerely,

**Francis Neil Manapat, RL**  
Children's Librarian, ValACE

Noted by: /

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