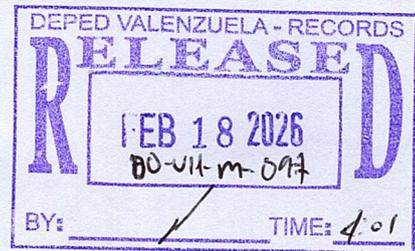




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**Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent**

February 13, 2026

To: Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads

Attached is a letter dated February 10, 2026, from Mr. Francis Neil Manapat, City Librarian I of the Valenzuela City Library (ValACE), inviting learners from Grade 7 to 12 from all schools in this Division to participate in the **“Susulat Ako at Guguhit: 2nd Writing and Illustration Workshop for the Valenzuelano Youth,”** the content of which is self-explanatory, for guidance and reference.

Class arrangements shall be made by the school head in accordance with the 'No Disruption of Classes' policy, as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005.

Other details of the aforementioned activity can be found in the official Facebook page of the Valenzuela City LGU (Link: <https://shorturl.at/wmOPg>). For further inquiries, please contact the Valenzuela City Library through 02-8-352-1000 local 2149. Kindly look for Mr. Neil or Ms. April.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

NOEL D. BAGANO
Schools Division Superintendent

Division Letter No. 055, s. 2026
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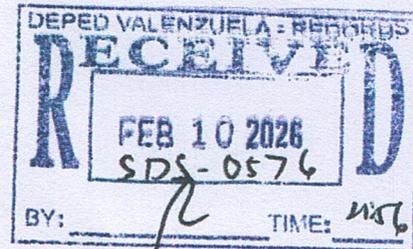
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06 February 2026

Dr. Noel D. Bagano
Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
OIC Office of the Schools Division Superintendent
Schools Division Office – Valenzuela

Dear Dr. Bagano:



Greetings from the Valenzuela City Library (ValACE)!

We are pleased to invite public schools to participate in the **"Susulat Ako at Guguhit Ako: 2nd Writing and Illustration Workshop for the Valenzuelano Youth,"** a project of Mayor Wes and Tiffany Gatchalian, which will be held on **February 28, 2026 (Saturday), 8:00am at Valenzuela City Library.**

This workshop is designed to nurture creativity and strengthen the writing and illustration skills of the youth. The writing (Susulat Ako) and illustration (Guguhit Ako) sessions will be conducted simultaneously. Each interested school may send **one (1) representative** (Gr. 7-12 student) to attend the workshop. Registration is on a **first-come, first-served basis, with only the first 20 participants** to be accommodated. Kindly note that registration will run **until February 20, 2026, or until slots are filled.** Interested schools may register through this link: <https://bit.ly/2026SusulatAkoAtGuguhitAko>.

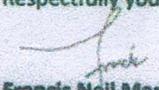
This workshop is also aligned with the 1st phase of the ongoing **"Susulat Ako: 2nd Writing Contest for the Valenzuelano Youth."** In line with this, we also would like to invite **students from Grades 7 to 12** to join the writing contest. Contest submissions will be accepted until **March 22, 2026.** The workshop aims to equip participants with the necessary skills and guidance in developing their stories for **the** contest.

Moreover, the second phase of the project, **"Guguhit Ako: 2nd Illustration Contest for Valenzuelano Youth,"** will be announced after the conclusion of the Susulat Ako: 2nd Writing Contest. The call for submissions and contest mechanics will likewise be released following the announcement of the writing contest results. A storybook will be published at the conclusion of the contests.

For submission and more details regarding the **Susulat Ako: 2nd Writing Contest,** please refer to this link: <https://bit.ly/4a6miur>. Additionally, for further communication, Valenzuela City Library (ValACE) may be reached through **02-8-352-1000 local 2149 or 2152.** Kindly look for Sir Neil or Ms. April.

We look forward to the schools' participation in this meaningful and creative endeavor for the Valenzuelano youth. Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,


Francis Neil Manapat
Librarian
Valenzuela City Library (ValACE)

Noted by:


Rochelle DC Salonga
City Librarian
Valenzuela City Library (ValACE)



CALL for WORKSHOP

A project led by
Tiffany Gatchalian

February 28, 2026 | 8:00am

SUSULAT ARO

📍 5F, Training Hall 5B, ValACE

GUGUHIT ARO

📍 5F, Training Hall 5C, ValACE



REGISTRATION

The 2nd Year of the 2026 **Susulat Ako** at **Guguhit Ako** Enabling Workshop is here! In partnership with **Pandayan Bookshop**, all Valenzuelano youth from **Grades 7-12** are invited to turn their dreams into stories and art.



Valenzuela City Library



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SUSULAT AKO: 2nd Story Writing Contest for the Valenzuelano Youth

1 Ang patimpalak sa pagsulat ng kuwento ay bukas sa lahat ng mga estudyante mula Baitang 7-12 mula sa pampubliko at pribadong paaralan sa lungsod ng Valenzuela.
Ang mga bata o kamag-anak hanggang sa ikatlong antas ng consanguinity o affinity ng mga empleyado ng Valenzuela LGU, organizers, at hurado ng patimpalak ay hindi karapat-dapat na lumahok.

2 Ang kuwento ay dapat orihinal at para sa kanilang mga kapwa bata.

3 Ang paksa ay dapat umikot sa tema ng **pangarap ng batang Valenzuelano**. Ang pangarap ay madalas na inilalarawan bilang pinanghahawakang mithiin o ambisyon—isang pananaw sa hinaharap na nagbibigay ng layunin, motibasyon, at direksyon.

4 Ang kuwento ay maaaring isulat sa wikang Filipino o Ingles at hindi lalagpas sa 800 salita.

5 Ang teksto ay dapat i-type (font size 12) at ilagay sa 1-2 pahina ng short bond paper.

6 Bawat entry ay dapat may kasamang orihinal na book cover. Ang tradisyunal o digital art ay tatanggapin. Portrait orientation ang tatanggapin na book cover.

7 Ang paggamit ng Artificial Intelligence para sa kuwento at book cover ay hindi pinahihintulutan.

8 Bawat entry ay dapat may pahina tungkol sa may-akda (About the Author page) na naglalaman ng 1 talata na naglalarawan sa estudyanteng manunulat. Ilagay rin sa pahinang ito ang pangalan, edad, address, numero ng telepono, paaralan, at school ID. (Tingnan ang format sa Registration Google Form.)

9 Magkakaroon ng workshop sa pagsusulat ng kuwento para sa mga estudyanteng sasali sa patimpalak. Ito ay gaganapin upang tulungan sila sa pagsusulat ng kuwento ngunit hindi kinakailangan ang pagdalo sa workshop upang sumali sa patimpalak.

10 Isang (1) entry lamang bawat estudyante ang tatanggapin.

11 Ang mga paaralan ay maaaring magpadala ng multiple entries.

12 Ang entry ay maaaring ipasa sa Valenzuela City Library. Pakihanap si Sir Neil o Ms. April. Bilang alternatibo, ang entry ay maaaring i-scan nang malinaw at ipadala ng naka-PDF sa <https://bit.ly/SusulatAko2026>.

13 Ang deadline ng pagpapasa ng mga entry ay sa Marso 22, 2026, Linggo.

14 Ang mga nanalo ay iaanunsyo ng Abril 2026. Ang mga nanalo ay makakatanggap ng mga sumusunod:



Gantimpala para sa
Batang Manunulat

Cash Prize na **Php20,000**
laptop, sertipiko

+ **Php10,000** para sa paaralan



Dalawang (2)
Karangalang Pagbanggit

Cash Prize na **Php10,000**
sertipiko

+ **Php5,000** para sa paaralan

Ang kuwentong mananalo ang magiging batayan para sa Guguhit Ako: 2nd Story Illustration Contest para sa mga kabataang Valenzuelano. Ang mabubuong aklat ay babasahin ni Tiffany Gatchalian sa isang storytelling event. Ang mga nagwaging entries ay magiging bahagi ng ValACE Collection at magiging available sa publiko.

Para sa karagdagang mga katanungan, maaaring bisitahin o kontakin ang Valenzuela City Library sa valenzuelacitylibrary@gmail.com at 02-8-352-1000 loc. 2149 o 2152.



SUSULAT AKO: 2nd Story Writing Contest for the Valenzuelano Youth

Theme of Story: **Dream (Pangarap)**

Bukas sa lahat ng mga estudyante sa Baitang 7-12 mula sa mga pampubliko at pribadong paaralan sa Lungsod Valenzuela

Gantimpala para sa Batang Manunulat

Cash Prize na **Php20,000**

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Dalawang (2) Karangalang Pagbanggit

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REGISTRATION

Release of Mechanics

February 4, 2026, Wednesday

Call for Workshop (Susulat Ako & Guguhit Ako)

February 5 to 20, 2026

Enabling Workshop

February 28, 2026 (AM)

Reading of 1st Book Winner

February 28, 2026 (PM)

A project led by **Tiffany Gatchalian**

