This bill seeks to establish an e-library in the Barangay Hall of Barangay Lapasan in Cagayan de Oro City.

Republic Act 7743 provides for the establishment of “additional public libraries to serve all congressional districts cities and municipalities in the Philippines and reading centers in every barangay except in cities or municipalities where there are existing public libraries or in barangays where there are existing reading centers...”

Further, the Local Government Code of 1991 mandates that municipalities, cities and provinces maintain a public library as part of their basic services and facilities.

Unfortunately, there is no full-implementation of the above provisions of law as there are still many provinces, cities, municipalities and barangays with no access to public libraries or reading centers.

While it would undoubtedly be very costly to put up a public library, especially for a barangay, an alternative would be to put up an e-library with at least 3 sets of computers with access to the internet in the barangay halls. This e-library can be used by the public to do research, get access to e-books and gather valuable knowledge and information.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this measure is earnestly requested.

RUFUS B. RODRIGUEZ
AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AN E-LIBRARY IN BARANGAY LAPASAN IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established an e-library in Barangay Lapasan in Cagayan de Oro City.

SEC 2. The e-library established by this Act shall be located in the Barangay Hall of Barangay Lapasan.
   It shall have at least three (3) computers with access to the internet and shall be used exclusively for educational and research purposes only.
   The use of the e-library shall be free of charge to the public.

SEC 3. The amount necessary for the establishment of the e-library and the purchase of the computers shall be generated from the funds of the Department of Interior and Local Government.
   The maintenance of the e-library established shall be the responsibility and shall be charged to Barangay Lapasan.

SEC 4. All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, rules and regulations and other issuances contrary to or inconsistent with this Act shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,