

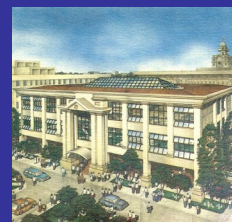


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Lumina Pandit II

In the past 400 years, the UST Miguel de Benavides Library adheres to its mission of spreading the light of education and wisdom through the use of its exceptionally precious and significant collections of books and other materials. The UST Library, being the oldest in Asia, has recently brought prestige to the University by showcasing its historical treasures through its world-class book exhibition entitled **Lumina Pandit** which was inaugurated last June 2010. It was the library's contribution to the quadricentennial celebration of UST. It has made thousands of Thomasians even more proud of their alma mater as they recognized the important roles of the University in the growth and development of the Philippine nation over the centuries.

This year, the University is engaged in the unfolding of another remarkable venture that will give greater pride to the whole Thomasian community. The Library is again in charge of administering this brilliant program called the **Lumina Pandit II** which aims to preserve and share its priceless collections to a wider world. It entails four major components: **Conservation** of rare books and other documents housed in both the Library and Archives;

Digitization of significant collections; **Publication** of catalogues of all historical collections; and **Public Presence** in which activities are planned to promote the program.

Providentially, UST has found its dependable partner i n s t i t u t i o n, the UnionBank of the Philippines, who has expressed great enthusiasm to support and finance this multi-million program until its full completion in three to five years time. The Memorandum of Agreement between the two institutions was signed on April 28, 2011, the exact day of the 400th founding anniversary of UST. The program has officially become a sustainable partnership program between the University of Santo Tomas and the UnionBank of the Philippines.

This academic year marks the start of the Lumina Pandit II. The UnionBank has generously donated a seed amount to gradually start with the pilot phase of the two project components, namely, Conservation and Publication. For the pilot phase of the Conservation, the library aims to restore thirteen titles of important rare Bibles published between 15th to 19th centuries and to conserve some historical documents of the Archives. It also includes the publication of additional catalogues of

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MAHLAP training

The Medical and Health Librarians Association of the Philippines (MAHLAP) in cooperation with Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD) conducted the Online MAHLAP Union List training last August 26, 2011 at the Department of Health in Sta. Cruz, Manila.

Participants in this first training session came from various medical and health institutions from Luzon. Ms. Belle Intia of PCHRD discussed the data encoding procedures, searching the database; and creation of user accounts. Ms. Intia also conducted hands-on training. After session, Mr. Gilbert Santos, the Librarian of DOH National Epidemiology Center (NEC) Library gave the participants a tour to the different libraries located within the DOH compound.

The National Union List of Medical and Health Periodicals was the first major project of MAHLAP which started in the early nineties. It serves as a finding tool and ready reference for researchers on local and foreign medical and health periodicals in the different medical libraries and information centers in the country. The first volume was published in 1990 and it includes Medical and Health Periodicals from 1970 to 1989. After 7 years, an expanded volume was published in 1997, this time, coverage goes back as early as 1900 and updated until 1995. Each journal entry is provided with full bibliographic citations and holding data of each participating library.

The Online Union List was launched in August 2004. It is a cooperative and collaborative product of the MAHLAP and PCHRD, and these are the objectives:

- to update the print and electronic subscription into a web version of the 1996-2002 National Union List of Medical and Health Periodicals;
- to provide a reference tool for quick location of information materials as aid to interlibrary arrangement and document delivery system between and among the medical and health libraries in the country;

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FORUM ON "RESEARCH"

All librarians are encouraged to finish their Masteral studies. As part of this degree fulfillment, a thesis or a research paper is needed. Most Library and Information Science (LIS) Graduate School students encounter some difficulty in choosing a topic to work on. Who would think that LIS can be integrated with other disciplines?

The "Integration of LIS Research Areas with Allied Interdisciplinary Researches" lecture-forum was presented by the Director of Libraries of Ateneo de Manila University, Mrs. Lourdes David last August 27, 2011 at the UST Graduate School (GS) Tanghalang Teresita Quirino.

This forum was hosted by the UST GS students under the guidance of Professors Candida Agcaoili, Nora Claravall and Susan Pador. Members of the panel of reactors were Prof. Carlos Garcia, Ph.D., director of Graduate Research and Ms. Anna Rita Alomo, reference librarian, UST Miguel de Benavides Library. They both cited that research must be multi-disciplinary because this day and age, most subjects are interrelated.

Prof. David said that LIS is interdisciplinary by nature. She also mentioned that most theses, dissertations and published articles in LIS are cited by non-LIS researchers. She also emphasized some areas by which an LIS research can be related to some subjects such as: ergonomics, sociology, computer science and technology, communications, psychology, geometry, gender issues, and health science issues.

To give the participants an idea, she cited sample titles of research papers that LIS students may adopt. A title can be drawn based on the librarian's day-to-day experiences and this could be topics referring to some social issues in librarianship. The forum has opened the minds of the students in their first track of thesis writing, that is, the "selection of a topic."

The lecture-forum has surely attained its objective of inspiring everyone to write a quality research paper and eventually finish the LIS Masteral studies.

Lady Catherine Relevante-de Leon

CONFERENCE ON LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS SERVICES

Last August 29-30, 2011, Ms. Diana Padilla and Ms. Jenneth Capule were fortunate to participate in the first International Conference on Libraries, Archives and Museums Services (I-CLAMs) organized by the Center for Human Research and Development Foundation, Inc. (CHRDF) in cooperation with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA). This was held in CSB Hotel, College of St. Benilde in Malate, Manila and it was attended by librarians, documentalists, archivists, museum curators, records officers, academicians, managers, directors and educators.

The theme of the conference was *Integrating Access to Resources in Libraries, Archives and Museums* (LAMs) across institutional boundaries and categories of information. It was very timely since these three memory institutions are now coming under increasing pressure to provide their users with the power to search across categories of information resources that have been separated by tradition.

The conference included plenary invited talks and parallel tracks with contributions outlining developments and emerging issues in the different areas of LAMs. Each talk and parallel track, which lasted one hour, was concluded with a forward-looking talk on the issues raised in the session which I find very helpful especially in carrying out the present project of the library, the *Lumina Pandit II*. The library project aims to preserve the rich historical and valuable books of the University and digitize them to be made available into the web in order to encourage open access to wider user community. Listed below are some of the topics discussed in the conference worthy of considerations for the library:

- *The Greenstone Digital Library Software for Integrated Access to Libraries, Archives and Museums*, by Dr. M.G. Sreekumar, Head, Librarian & Head of Center for Development of Digital Libraries, Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode Kerala, India.
- *Importance of Open Archives Initiatives: Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (OAI-PMH) in*

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Librarians role in nation building

The Philippine Librarians' Association, Inc.– National Capital Region (PLAI-NCR) sponsored a forum entitled “Libraries and Librarians in Nation-Building: Reaffirming the Role of the Information Professional in Fostering Transformational Change.” This was held on September 14, 2011 at the SMX Convention Center, Mall of Asia Complex, Pasay City.

The objectives of the forum were to help the participants:

- provide a venue for a fellowship among librarians and information professionals as they are reminded of their role in making our country a nation of learned citizens and firm believers in the values of family and culture;
- create an understanding and raise awareness among students as future information professionals on the importance of the information profession to the nation's social and economic prosperity; and
- inspire and encourage the audience to do and give their share in creating and fostering transformational change as prerequisite for nation-building.

The resource speaker was Atty. Alex Lacson, chairman emeritus of Kabayanihan Foundation. Atty. Lacson is both prophetic and patriotic. He perceives and proposes changes in life and institutions that are urgently needed even when such changes are resisted by the status quo. And what precisely motivated him is his deep sense of patriotism– his compassionate concern for our country and our people. Librarians in the academe were strongly encouraged by Atty. Lacson to build some projects such as library outreach in certain communities for it is one of the best ways leading to establishing and fostering transformational change for nation building.

He also tackled patriotism in education. He firmly believes that one of the most essential components of education is patriotism, for an education that focuses only on personal advancement or personal success is

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Will librarians fight or flight?

Do we really need to withdraw from situation like “delivering information needs of customers” or respond to change? These are questions that librarians have to think about to seek for their own happiness as it was mentioned in the forum entitled “Fight or Flight: Librarians Response to Demands of Today.” Invited speaker was Ms. Ma. Pri-Ann M. Tinipunan, coordinator, Bachelor of Library and Information Science program, University of Santo Tomas. The forum was sponsored by the Medical and Health Librarians Association of the Philippines (MAHLAP) and it was held on September 15, 2011 at the SMX Convention Center, Mall of Asia, Pasay City in celebration of the 32nd Manila International Book Fair (MIBF).

The speaker mentioned the personal competencies that may serve as guides to measure the competencies of the Information professionals such as:

- Challenges and new opportunities
- The big picture must be viewed

- Effective communication
- Team approach should be employed, that is recognizing the balance of collaborating, leading and following
- Calculated risks must be taken, that is, exhibiting courage and tenacity when faced with opposition
- Creatively and innovative thinking in order to seek new opportunities
- The value of professional networking should be recognized
- Flexible and positivity should be maintained in a time of continuing change

Ms. Tinipunan questioned why librarians become vital in an institution as discussed in the article written by Mary Joan Tooey which was published in the *Journal of Medical Library Association* 97(4) October 2009. She added that librarians who survive and thrive will be defined by their value and indispensability to their individual organizations. All librarians are not likely to be the same, and their value to their institutions is not likely to be defined the same way. With this

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FORUM ON “LIBRARY 2.0”

“Emerging new technologies and new physical environments in a library can have an effect on that library's culture as Library 2.0 fundamentally is about change. Library services are offered to patrons, thus, it encourages participation and inter-action by the user with the library in an internet environment.”

The Philippine Foundation for Library Scholarship, Inc. (PFLSI) and the University of Santo Tomas Library Science Alumni Association jointly sponsored a forum entitled “Library 2.0 Geared Towards the Changing Information Landscape.” It was held last September 15, 2011 at the SMX Convention Center in Pasay City.

The objectives of the forum were the following:

- to help the participants identify the different concepts of Library 2.0;
- to appreciate its different applications; and
- to know how the ideas and strategies of this concept will be applied to the library.

The invited guest speaker was Prof. Elvira Lapuz, a faculty member from the School of Library and Information Studies, University of the Philippines. She started by showing some slides on traditional library settings followed by an explanation of the concept and ideas about Library 2.0. According to Prof. Lapuz, this new trend in the field of librarianship refers to the emerging use of the Internet. The new approaches are more engaging, exciting and interesting, thus, making it more effective and encouraging. She believes that most of the librarians nowadays have their own e-mail address and Facebook account to communicate with clients, loved ones, friends and colleagues more easily and in the fastest way possible. These things are considered a **Library 2.0** approach.

The Library 2.0 has also the following features: it gives opportunity to use technology to search and store information; and it provides dynamic and interactive approach to library customers making one's library available everywhere. A library has no boundaries; it is

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“Do you click before you think?”

The lecture sponsored by the Association of Special Libraries (ASLP) of the Philippines teaches people to be intelligent and vigilant users of the Internet. Entitled “Web Safety & Security,” the resource speaker, Mr. Severo Santos, director of Web Safety PH (WSPH) Training & Consultancy, upholds his advocacy for a safer cyber world. The lecture was held last September 15, 2011 at the SMX Convention Center Mall of Asia Complex, Pasay City as part of the program for the 32nd Manila International Book Fair.

Mr. Santos started with giving the group a brief background of the Internet and other latest technologies bringing everyone’s attention to ‘cloud computing’ which is the current trend because of its function in social networking sites (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, etc.). He explained that ‘cloud computing’ does not require the end-user to actually own a server; the user only needs to register and somebody else will store the data for him/her. Indeed, technology has taken to a whole new level how people communicate, do business, learn, and generally how they live their lives. It is easy to believe that technology is all good, but it can also be a detrimental tool to perform a scam or crime. Since most people are unsuspecting and are not cautious of the way they use technology, it is easier for perpetrators to lure victims.

Cyber online crimes was also a timely topic included in Mr. Santos’ talk. The speaker made his presentation even more interesting by showing video clips of his interviews from documentary shows like “Reporter’s Notebook” and “Failon Ngayon.” Mr. Santos enlightened the group of the dangers of malware (short for malicious software), spyware, data phishing, hacking, and viruses and worms (i.e. Trojan horse, Rootkit & Backdoor), the effects of which include threat to machine and property, loss of privacy or exploitation, unauthorized access to system resources, and other abusive behavior. Social media presence was also discussed as it plays a big role in making or breaking how users would like to be identified and how they present themselves to the rest of the world. As a warning he said “What you are doing online can hurt you and the organization.”

Users can make technology work for them by making sure that their virtual presence is both positive and significant... just “**Think before you click.**”

Angelica Frances Cruz-Ciar

“Librarians as Knowledge Managers”

In celebration of the 32nd Manila International Book Fair (MIBF), the U.P. Library Science Alumni Association (UPLSAA) in cooperation with Primetrade Asia Inc. organized a lecture titled: “Librarians as Knowledge Managers in the Networked Knowledge Economy.” This was held on September 16, 2011.

The Guest Speaker, Mr. Joel Buenrostro, Capability Development Specialist in Accenture, mentioned that *Knowledge*, according to thinkers, must follow three defining criteria. It must be **justified, true, and believed**. It is the confident understanding of a subject, potentially with the ability to use is for a specific purpose.

Knowledge Management is a business philosophy. It is an emerging set of principles, processes, organizational structures, and technology applications that help people share and leverage their knowledge to meet their business objectives. It can refer also to the technology, techniques, or social practices for organizing and collecting “knowledge” so that it is applied at an appropriate time or place.

The following were the topics discussed during the lecture:

- *Building Blocks for Successful Knowledge Management*
- *Knowledge Management Assessment*
- *Knowledge Management Program*
- *Knowledge Management Program Next Steps*

Why such an activity called Knowledge Management? Knowledge is the organization’s most powerful resource. Knowledge exists to be imparted. It also exists to be leveraged. Only by using knowledge in your organization can you and your organization prosper. When people in your organization learn how to put knowledge to work, the whole organization will benefit.

As a learning organization, libraries should provide a strong leadership in knowledge management. The most important mission of the library is to expand access to knowledge for the benefit of its users.

Kaori B. Fuchigami

Magna Carta for library workers : an update

The Roman statesman Cicero once said “the precepts of the law are these: to live honestly, to injure no one, and to give everyone else his due.” The last part is what the proposed Magna Carta for Library Workers wants to accomplish, to give every library worker his/her due.

The forum on “Magna Carta for Library Workers” organized by the Philippine Group of Law Librarians (PGLL) held during the 32nd Manila International Book Fair was a follow-up to last year’s forum on the same topic, introducing and proposing the Magna Carta for Library Workers. This time, the forum focused on gathering inputs, opinions, and suggestions from librarians and library support staff which are meant to be included in the provisions of the proposed Magna Carta.

It was also made clear in this forum that this ‘proposed law’ is very much different from *The Philippine Librarianship Act of 2003* since it will cover not only the basic rights of librarians but the paraprofessional staff of libraries as well. Another important fact bared is that the proposed bill will be sponsored by Senator Antonio F. Trillanes IV, chairman of the Senate Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization.

Due to important deliberations at the Senate of the Philippines on the day of the forum, the esteemed Senator failed to personally appear. He nonetheless sent his Chief of Staff, Atty. Reynaldo B. Robles, one of the founders of the Chan Robles Virtual Law Library, to give the keynote speech and hear out the inputs and suggestions of the forum participants for possible inclusion in the preparation of the draft of the proposed bill. Some inputs provided were on career and recruitment, remuneration and work hours, as well as health measures and benefits of librarians and support staff.

Although it is still a long way before the proposed bill becomes a law, as long as it will include provisions that will be good for library workers, it will surely be worth the wait. It will be a welcome addition to existing Philippine laws on the library profession, especially now that Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) has listed library science as one of the country’s in demand college course.

Jonas T. Sahagun

Spanish Ambassador visits the UST Library

The Spanish Ambassador Sr. Jorge Domecq made his first visit to the Antonio Vivencio del Rosario UST Heritage Library last August 4, 2011 since he began his tour of duty in the Philippines last March. He made his second visit on September 12, 2011 to further appreciate the historical treasures in the library. With him was Sr. Francisco Javier Menéndez, the Education Advisor of Spanish Embassy to the Philippines together with the Spanish First Secretary for Culture, Sr. Antonio Garcia Roger. They were toured around the Heritage Library by the Prefect of Libraries, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Ms. Estrella Majuelo, chief librarian and Ms. Kaori Fuchigami, reference librarian.



In photo are (l-r): Sr. Roger, Sr. Menéndez, Sr. Domecq, Fr. A. Aparicio and Ms. E. Majuelo.

The group also had a luncheon meeting with several representatives of the University to discuss about the activities of the Embassy’s Ministry of Culture. In an interview with Mr. Ray Butch Gamboa of the Business and Leisure section of the Philippine Star last June 4, 2011, Ambassador Domecq revealed that the Embassy’s Ministry of Culture continues to give grants every year to deserving Filipino students. They have been doing this for several years now, and talked of his plans to embark on a road show this year in several selected Philippine universities to give assistance for graduate and post-graduate courses in Spain to Filipino students.

Jenneth G. Capule

An author visit



Prof. Iwama as he signs his book.

The Occupational Therapy department of the College of Rehabilitation Sciences of the University of Santo Tomas, in cooperation with its Alumni Affairs Committee, proudly hosted last November 8, 2011, the lecture of Prof.

Michael Iwama from the University of Toronto on “The Kawa Model: Culturally Relevant Occupational Therapy,” tackling the applications of the Kawa Model in the context of Philippine culture. Prof. Iwama is known internationally for his critical work on culture and its implication for knowledge, theory and practice in the field of Occupational Therapy.

He has delivered keynote and plenary addresses at conferences and symposia in North America, Europe, Australia, Asia and South America.

The seminar was well attended by occupational therapy students of the college. Students were able to learn practical applications of the theory to their future practice as an occupational therapist. A number of OT alumni of the college were also inspired to augment their skills and reasoning based on the theory expounded by Prof. Iwama.

As a sole author of textbook titled “The Kawa Model: the Culturally Relevant Occupational Therapy” published in 2006 by Elsevier Press, Prof. Iwama was gracious to sign his book in the UST Health Sciences Library. This book is widely used by the students of the college.

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REVIEW

IUNCTURA: Coping with technology while grounding our roots with the traditional

Young students today spend more time in the internet doing their assignments, researches and personal works. But did you ever wonder what are the advantages and disadvantages of using the internet as a tool to educate themselves better and make most of their free time worthwhile?

As I present these review, I have in mind to view things in two perspectives: to look at the recompense and difficulty of using both technology and traditional way to do research and study. Let us start first with the use of the internet as a means for students to study efficiently. First, let us consider that the information that we have on-line is always updated specially when it pertains to current world news and local information around us. The convenience it gives the user to access the internet anywhere and anytime of the day, you do not have to be a computer expert in order to maneuver in the world of information technology. The ease of use and electronic access gives us a sense of fulfillment in almost all the things that students need to do. Even some Internet sites provide lists of subject expertise wherein it is indicated there that they are willing to answer even

difficult types of questions from students thru their chat box or on-line conversations. In some other school libraries like the Miguel de Benavides library, the library orientation includes instruction in the use of the Internet to be able to access the library website. But this is not restricted to merely "searching" web sites, but also how to assess the quality of the information found. Students also learn how to quickly access the best possible information, from facilities such as the **OPAC** (Online Public Access Catalog), **E-LEAP** (UST e-Learning Access Program-Blackboard Academic Suite) and even for professor's use with the help of the subscribed electronic resources such as the **EBSCO** (Elton B Stephens Company) and other databases. No one can refute the reality that internet use for educational purposes has become a big instrument for students to really perform well in school.

However, please be mindful that internet use has also its downbeat implications. Internet is a powerful study aid but can be annoying, time-consuming or even misleading. Because of diversified information you can get from the cyberspace, doing research often

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the historical collections of the UST Library including the catalogue of the University Archives, and the reprinting of UST Press vintage editions and other publications.

As regards to the digitization, the main goal of this component is to create a trusted digital repository that houses various collections, namely, UST publications, historical collections, UST Concentration Camp publications, Rare Filipiniana (published before 1945), quadricentennial publications, and Archives materials. Acquisition of appropriate equipment, (i.e. book scanner, servers and digital camera) system software, and other materials, including the manpower are necessary to be accomplished for this academic year. However, the library has not started with it as it entails more time to plan to ensure its successful operation. The activities for the Public Presence will be carried out in the next phases of the project.

The University and its Library are grateful to Mr. Justo A. Ortiz, Chairman and CEO of UnionBank, Ms. Maria Gonzalez-Goolsby, Executive Director of UnionBank Corporate Philanthropy and Social Responsibility (CPSR) Unit, Board of Directors of UnionBank, and its CPSR staff who enthusiastically established the role of being the University's partners to bring light to the world through the Lumina Pandit II program.

Diana V. Padilla

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- to encourage resource sharing in a network environment where libraries' serial holdings are accessible and available; and
- to establish a sustainable system of updating the National Union List.

The Online Union List is an aid/tool that facilitates access to medical and health literature sources, hence, it is essential to keep it updated. To visit the MAHLAP Online Union List, go to:

http://mahlap.pchrd.dost.gov.ph/mahlap//unionlist_index.php

Lourdes Faima C. Ramos

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Web-Based Searching and Retrieval for Libraries, Archives and Museums, by Dr. Sreekumar,

- *Archives, Libraries & Museums as a Whole in the Process of Preservation and Use in the Web*, by Mrs. Corazon M. Nera, Chief Librarian, Lyceum of the Philippines University, Manila.
- *Historical Information Extraction in Libraries, Archives & Museums with Special Reference to Southeast Asian Collections*, by Mr. Richard J. Field, Director, Education Services International, London.

This international conference served as a forum for the exchange of views, ideas and experiences on the management of libraries, archives and museums. It also gave the participants knowledge on the existing structural markup standards to describe manuscript and pictorial collections in libraries, art museum collections, and government and university archives.

Jenneth G. Capule

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shallow and incomplete. He added that for education to be complete, it must build not only the person but also the society where he lives in.

At the latter part of his talk, he presented his bestseller book "**12 Little Things Every Filipino Can Do to Help Our Country.**" The message of his book can be considered as concrete, practical, and doable. It leads us to love our country and our people with deep passion and compassion – this is what makes our nation great. He ended his discussion by leaving some questions as challenge to all the participants: 1. What will be your story? 2. How will you use your intelligence today and tomorrow? 3. What kind of Filipinos will you be? 4. What kind of leaders and citizens will you be?

Anna Rita L. Alomo



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Librarians become vital by: 1) aligning themselves with the missions, goals, and priorities of their institutions, administrators, and key stake-holders and then suggesting programs that support those missions and goals; 2) providing information and competitive intelligence supporting administrative goals and concerns; 3) doing relevant research and sharing the results; 4) promoting themselves, their expertise, and services; 5) getting out of the library and embracing potential new roles such as information literacy, consumer information outreach, and support of accreditation activities; 6) divesting themselves of old services that are no longer meaningful or take up too much time for very little return and networking with colleagues and extending beyond a comfort zone to become a life-long learner.

There are four ways in which we can apply all these in our respective institutions, namely, anticipate, retool, adapt, and monitor.

How do we respond then to the challenges of the library profession? The forum was a learning opportunity for all and it was very well said that “if you do not change, you can become extinct because noticing small changes early helps you adapt to the bigger challenges that are to come.”

Marivic G. Usita

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no longer a library found in one place but it reaches out to everyone and invites them to create ideas to be shared with one another. Prof. Lapuz emphasized that librarians should choose the tools appropriate for their library operations in order to offer new library approaches to their patrons. As these tools are available in the Internet for free, anyone can make use of them and can be freely applied to library operations. At the end of her talk, she encouraged the participants to promote Library 2.0 and Librarian 2.0. An open forum followed after the discussion.

The lecture was informative and was well attended by librarians and students of Library and Information Science.

Marilou G. Palermo

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leads to non-productive and even confusing searches. You need to choose carefully among the variety of information you receive that will eventually help you in your studies. Please take note that even though you have chosen cautiously, oftentimes, only current information is available online and that there is a need for you to pay certain fees for you to access specialized information needed. And because anyone can create a web site – there is no governing body that checks if the information supplemented is accurate, current or valid.

So, how does the traditional (library use) help you effectively in your studies? Well, let us look at things from two standpoints again. Libraries follow a planned program for the acquisition of library materials. Different library resources have all been individually selected and recommended by teachers, professors, students, librarians and even other professionals to provide specifically the school's educational needs and objectives based on selection criteria. A catalogue of the library resources exists (may it be the traditional card catalogue or the OPAC) so that everyone can find virtually everything in the library. As Librarians are qualified teachers and trained librarians, there is always someone who is ready to help you find the information, understand difficult topics, and locate books from what the internet has to offer.

Print and non-print materials are arranged by standardized classification system which can be found in the different sections of the Miguel de Benavides Library (such as Filipiniana, General Circulation, Music, Religion, etc.) Some information not found in the internet can only be found in print copies particularly old books for libraries keep and conserve books in pristine conditions always. Perhaps the only pessimistic side of library usage that I can see is that users have limited time accessing library books and borrowed materials must be returned always on time. Sometimes students also have a difficult time finding another copy of the book needed if there is a great demand for it for their researches and studies. After looking at the affirmative and the negative sides of using the internet and the library, I clearly propose that there is a need for all of us to balance things in what we do. “**iunctura**” – to combine things together harmoniously. There is really a need for students and even educators to utilize two resources effectively. We must be able to make the most out of the things that technology gives us but not neglecting the things we have used to gain knowledge and wisdom from the past.

Joseph M. Legaspi
Values Teacher
HS Faculty Member

Library updates

SELF CHECK-OUT MACHINE



The U S T Miguel de Benavides Library is proud of its new acquisition, the Self Check-Out machine. This was acquired only last November 2011 and is now installed at the lobby of the Library near the

Circulation section. Hopefully, this will solve the problem of long queue of borrowers especially during peak hours. It is to be noted that this

machine is used only for borrowing books, provided too, that the student does not have an overdue account, otherwise, the mechanism will not work.

The machine is still in the dry-run stage. The staff members at the Circulation desk continue to monitor the functionalities as well as the students adaptability to this. There are still few adjustments and technicalities that need to be fixed in the books as well as in the students ID in order to make them compatible with the machine for their proper checkout.

The Library is positive that students will find this machine user-friendly and time saver. Students do not have to fall in long line anymore.

Madonna Remedios V. Alonzo

IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES

“Library facilities should be attractive and designed to provide safety, and promote operational efficiency and effectiveness of use.” This is one of the principles in planning the library’s physical facilities of which the Miguel de Benavides Library also considers. Just recently, the fourteen (14) Individual Study Rooms and the four (4) Discussion Rooms, both at the right wing of the library, had undergone minor renovations. The walls and ceiling are painted with bright colors which add sensory excitement to the library.



Individual study rooms

In addition, there are new bold signages and adequate lighting installed on the said rooms.

During the opening of the second semester, the rooms are already functional. The Library receives positive feedback from the patrons; they find the ambiance cozy, interesting and suited for their reading, research and study needs.



Discussion rooms

Anna Rita L. Alomo

EHS celebrates “National Book Week”

Libraries have to be pro-active in looking for ways to let students know that they are not boring. This does not only mean integrating technology to its services but providing activities that will enhance their learning experience. The EHS/Grade School Library’s celebration of the 77th National Book week with the theme “Aklat para sa Kaunlaran” = “Libraries for Progress” provides different activities that do not only encourage students but likewise inspire them to love reading.

The officers of the Book Lovers Club facilitated the following activities undertaken in connection with the event:

Book Fair

A 4-day Book Fair was participated by *Anvil* and *Fully Booked*, the purpose of which is to bring books on different fields accessible to students, and to stimulate the reading skills of the students. Part of the program held was the awarding of the top ten (10) frequent library users for the current school year. They are: Banessa Victoria Burdeos with 170 books borrowed; Mary Dhina Franca (166); Gillian Mae Ilad (150); Kate Anne Legaspi (119); Patricia Mari Samin (119); Jairahrishi Gayatao (97); Reign Charm Ragutana (95); Denise Samson (91); Carlo Casing-casing (86); and Airraine Manuel (74). They received prizes courtesy of *Fully Booked*.

Forum on Debate

A forum on debate was participated in by the Book Lovers’ club officers and some members from the third (3rd) year level. The objectives of the activity are: to understand the debate process; to play a variety of roles in a debate; and to follow the rules and procedures of a good debate. Invited speaker was Mr. Jeroen Jon de Leon, a member of the debating team from the College of Commerce – Economics who was awarded “Best Speaker” in 2010.

Book Discussion

Book discussion has always been part of the EHS National Book Week celebration. The book by Nicholas Sparks *At First Sight*, a sequel to *True Believer*, was the students’ choice for this year. The objectives of this activity are: to be able to value reading as a way of learning and studying; to respect others with regards to independent thinking to be able to give opinions and values; to reflect on their roles as readers across these texts through group conversation; to be able to use one’s reading skills that would enhance students’ quality of life and to support lifelong learning. This activity encourages students not only to be critical readers but to be good writers as well.

The Guest Speaker was Mr. Ernest Raymund Simeon, a

student from the Ecclesiastical Faculties and a book lover himself. The discussion made one realizes that life is short so it must be live to the fullest.

Fr. Romulo Rodriguez, O.P., J.C.D., the EHS Regent, gave an inspirational message by sharing his life and experiences. He also encouraged the students to be mindful of their studies and emphasizing that “reading really makes a difference.”

Vampires vs. Wizards: Battle of the Readers

The battle between two houses – Vampires and Wizards, were formed during this year’s celebration of the National Book Week. The objectives of the activity are: to use the library as a source of information for the topic being debated;

to develop argumentative ability and competitive value; to participate effectively in situations where decisions must be made; to interact with peers in the context of a social and intellectual activity; and to realize the simultaneous opportunities for leadership and group participation.

The activity was attended by Book Lovers’ Club officers and members. The debate participants for the Vampires were: Aaron De Guia (1-Responsibility), Avery Lapid (2-Honesty), Charlotte Lomibao (3-Justice) and Kate Legaspi (4-Respect) while Abigail Santos (1-Piety), Noel Zorilla (2-Simplicity), Naomi Alariao (3-Dignity) and Gillian Roperro (4-Patriotism) represented the Wizards.

After the debate, the Adjudicators composed of Mr. Benedict David, Ms. Carol Angeline Perez and Ms. Michelle San Gabriel, gave the strengths and weaknesses of each House. The Vampires defeated the Wizards with an average of 83.52 against 82.92.

Author Visit

Through the sponsorship of *Anvil Publishing*, the Education High School was able to invite the author, Ms. Beverly Siy, Bebang, executive officer of Filipinas Copyright Licensing Society, Inc. (FILCOLS) who has written poetry and short stories of different genre. The activity was attended by senior students from Patriotism and some Book Lovers’ Club members from the 2nd year level.

In her presentation, Ms. Bebang gave pointers and shared her struggles as a writer in order to find ways to enhance one’s writing. She emphasized that reading and visits to the library really help especially if one aspires to become a good writer.

Arlene P. Matias



The 77th National Book Week

“Books to a reader are so much more than just books – they are dreams and knowledge, they are a future and a past. Books, absolutely, are legacies a great genius leaves mankind which are passed on from generations to generations, thus, continuously assisting in its growth, development, and progress.”

The U S T Miguel de Benavides Library continues to carry out its undertaking of encouraging reading and literacy to all members of the University through the use of its abundant collection. In realizing this goal, the library through its Collection Development Committee headed by Ms. Nora Matawaran, once again organized a mini book fair in connection with the celebration of the 77th National Book Week with the theme “Libraries for Progress.” This was held last November 24-26, 2011 at the Exhibit Area, ground floor lobby of the UST Library.

Four book dealers were invited to participate. They are: F & J De Jesus Inc., Fastbooks Educational Supply, Inc., Goodwill Bookstore, and Higher Learning Books and Office Supplies, Inc. They exhibited a wide array of books on various subjects and disciplines. Faculty members and students had the opportunity to select and purchase books which they think could further support their t e a c h i n g and learning experience. A reading area was provided for the comfort of those who may way want to read or browse the books.

In addition, the awarding of the 3rd batch of “Top Book Borrowers” among the members of the academe was held right after the opening. Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries, and Ms. Estrella Majuelo, chief librarian of the University were present to hand in the awards. Below are the awardees with the corresponding number of books they have borrowed for the SY 2010-2011.

Awardees	College/Faculty	Books Borrowed
Ms. Leanne Fleur Dorothy Curaming	UST High School	88
Ms. Karen DL Salas	Arts & Letters	356
Seminarian June Arvie Bello	Ecclesiastical Faculties	125
Prof. Emmanuel Batoon	Faculty Member - AB	218

Raquel B. Lontoc

Childhood memories through literature

Under Proclamation No. 267, October is declared as “National Children’s Month.” In line with this, the EHSians Book Lovers’ Club had a head-start of a c t i v i t i e s, with the theme “Reminiscing Our Childhood Memories through Literature.” Several contests were held, namely, the On-the-spot Literary Writing, Fictional B o o k Character Cosplay, Indie Film Making, and Library Jingle Making/Chorale Singing. These were held on September 6, 2011. Most of the contests were held at the Albertus Magnus auditorium except for the literary writing which was held at the EHS/Grade School Library activity area.

For each contest, three (3) students represented each section. The panel of judges for the different activities were composed of the UST Prefect of Libraries, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., C o l l e g e of Education faculty member, Ms. Rose Marie Cordura, U S T Librarians, Mrs. Marivic Usita and Mrs. Lucila Adriano, Ms. Michaela Icasas, former president of the B o o k Lovers’ Club, Mr. Francis Gabriel Evangelista and Ms. Mary Eliza Ann Gonda, Fox Anthem Production staff, and Mr. Renz Pangilinan, famous fashion stylist, hairstylist and w i n n e r of EHS project runaway.

F a n t a s y and reality! How can a kid differentiate one from the other? The picture depicts that through books, children could dwell in another world called imagination and through this, imagination can be seen as boundless and timeless, which is why books are gateways to another world and a passage to a dreamland.

Arlene Matias

Transcending beyond limitations

The UST Miguel de Benavides Librarians' Recollection was held on October 17, 2011 at the SPC Vigil House, Katikling, Taytay, Rizal. For this year, the theme is "Living in Fullness Everyday."

The goal of this activity is to challenge librarians to take in their work as a ministry and not merely a job to be done. It is a challenge for the librarians to put this ministry into their workforce because this has an impact on their integrity and in their relationship with one another. It calls for everyone to recognize God and put him at the center of their working life through re-ordering their priorities and behavior.



Fr. Austria together with the UST Librarians pose for a souvenir photo.

The recollection master was Fr. Dexter Austria, O.P., Regent of the UST High School. One of the highlights of his talk is about "growing old gracefully." He encouraged each one to explore the daily happenings in his life and to enjoy every entity that the world offers. "Living life to the fullest is the best goal that a person can dream to achieve. It is about moving forward and making unpredictable things possible. Life should be more adventurous, vibrant, and one that will give an idea of finding one's inner identities and transcending beyond one's limitations.

"To forgive is to set a prisoner free and to realize that it was you," these were the words of Lewis Smedes which struck us most. One can probably relate this quote to one's life by realizing that you are both the gatekeeper and prisoner, and that it is only you who can leave your prison cell and who can give the key to set you free. It is like looking back and learning from the past events and emulating what one has learned in the present; never to look back again to grieve but rather, to look back in order for you to correct your mistakes.

Everyone who listened to the words of Fr. Dexter felt the enthusiasm roving around the room. The knowledge that we gained from the activity was impressive as we pondered on how we can grow old gracefully.

The afternoon session was devoted to personal reflections through prayers and confession. It was followed by the Holy Mass.

The retreat made us realize that there are so many things to achieve in life, and while we are able to do them, we should make sure that we live each moment to the fullest. We have to toss out those old ideas of growing old and look forward to the new version of an older adult – one who is strong, persevering, optimistic, and active.

Michelle M. San Gabriel

Library Christmas Party 2011

Christmas every year has its own unique presentation of happiness for every individual, showing joy that our Savior is born. As part of the celebration of the birth of Christ, the U S T Miguel de Benavides Library celebrated its annual Christmas party organized by the Committee on Human Values headed by Ms. Michelle M. San Gabriel. It was held last December 17, 2011 at the lobby of the library.

All the library staff gathered together to take part in this yearly event. The celebration started with an opening prayer and the blessing of the Christmas tree by Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., the library Prefect and Ms. Estrella Majuelo, the chief librarian. The program officially started as Mrs. San Gabriel delivered her welcome remarks. An intermission number showcasing a dance remix was prepared by Ms. Mercy Caña together with the staff from the Technical section. This was immediately followed by an eating relay contest which made the audience burst to laughter as the participants showed their agility and fondness to relay and eat the food. The whole event was filled with raffles of different kinds such as cash, grocery items and appliances.

A dance contest was also initiated with the title "**Kayo nyo bang kumendeng? Kayo na, sayaw na!**". This was participated in by groups composed of working scholars and staff from the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Circulation sections and the combined group of the High School and Education High School libraries. The Circulation group was declared the winner.

Another intermission number exhibiting singing and dancing to the tune of "All I Want for Christmas is You," was presented by the Science and Technology section staff.



Fr. A. Aparicio as he serenades the library staff.

An inspiring message was given by Fr. Aparicio, after which, he serenaded the staff using his flute with his rendition of 'Silent Night'. Everybody joined in the singing.

To everyone who made this event a success, our sincerest gratitude and may God bless us all!

Michelle M. San Gabriel

UST librarians reach out to Cottolengo

Last November 27, 2011, the UST Miguel de Benavides Librarians visited the Cottolengo Filipino, Inc., an orphanage located at Gloria Vista Subdivision in San Rafael, Montalban Rizal, as part of its outreach activity.

Cottolengo Filipino is a non-stock, non-profit religious and non-government organization licensed and accredited by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). It is owned and managed by the Sons of Divine Providence Congregation founded by Saint Luigi Orione, an apostle of charity and father of the poor. Its aim is to serve the most poor, abandoned, neglected, surrendered persons with disabilities. Its mission and goal is to give the special children a home to live and the possibility to be rehabilitated.

To date, the institution is helping a total of 85 children in two groups: 40 abandoned disabled children with multiple disabilities (physical/mental) who live in the center, and 45 poor disabled children from the nearby community who come daily to receive free special education in their SPED center and also basic medical assistance and physiotherapy.

Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries, and the 13 librarians were welcomed by Ms. Maritess Bautista, a social worker at Cottolengo. The group donated basic necessities such as milk, noodles, biscuits, canned goods, toiletries, etc. and the children were also provided snacks. The group also had some bonding moments with the kids. Heartfelt and touching moments could not be averted because of the sensitive conditions these special children are into.

Nevertheless, despite their disabilities, some of the orphans are just so amiable. Sometimes, one can just wonder if these children are really the ones who are unfortunate because regardless of their state, still, there always seem to be genuine happiness, enthusiasm, and contentment on their faces.

Following the activities with the children, Fr. Julio Cuesta Ortega, the Spanish chairperson and president of Cottolengo Filipino, toured the group to the different sections of the orphanage such as the SPED classroom, the workshop room, and the beautifully constructed multi-sensory room which is a collaborative project between the institution and Jollibee Corp. to provide rehabilitation care to children with special needs.

The librarians left the orphanage with a different kind of fulfillment in their

hearts. The distinctive immersion and involvement activity was a success, a pursuit worth experiencing. The librarians in fact, were totally clueless not thinking that the day would be a day full of fun and realization.

The activity was organized by the Extension Services Committee spearheaded by its chair, Ms. Lani Olamit with the assistance of Ms. Diana Padilla, one of the UST librarians, who personally visited the place and coordinated with the institution.

The group then proceeded to Ms. Padilla's residence also in Montalban, where they were warmly welcomed by the latter's family who prepared a sumptuous lunch for them.

Raquel B. Lontoc



A precious pal for keeps



“A man’s wealth can be measured not just by having an enormous amount of money in a bank, neither living in a luxurious mansion, nor riding in a multi-million classy coupé, but also by having wonderful family and genuine friends

who sincerely care, support, and love him completely.”

In my almost 4 years of stay in the UST Library, one of the wonderful things that happened to me was meeting true friends who truly made me feel wealthy. I am rich with happiness, satisfaction, and love in my daily work because of the presence and guidance of my newly set of pals who I truly treasure, and one of them is Raquel Lontoc whom I consider like a sibling and a mentor.

Mommy Kel as she is fondly called by people close to her was born in Tondo, Manila on June 24, 1978. She is the second in a brood of four of Daniel and Felicitas Bunda. She was married to a loving husband, Paul Jeffrey Lontoc in October 2004. They are blessed with two adorable children, namely, Enzo, 6 yrs. old and Izzie, 2 yrs. old.

Raquel finished her primary and secondary education at the Immaculate Conception Academy of Manila and obtained her Bachelor’s degree in Secondary Education major in Library Science, minor in Mathematics at the University of Santo Tomas in 1999. In college, she was the 1st runner up in the prestigious LIS (Library and Information Science) Quiz Bee, an inter-collegiate/University competition.

Her first work experience was at the SyCip Gorres Velayo & Co. Information Center where

she worked as librarian for three and a half years. Afterwards, she worked as Human Resource Professional in the same company from 2003-2006. In 2006, she decided to stop working to give more time to her growing family. In June 2008, she joined the UST Miguel de Benavides Library as cataloger. Her dedication, perseverance, and passion towards her work are truly commendable. She is cheerful and easy to get along with. She also strives to enhance and upgrade her professional knowledge through formal and informal means. She is currently enrolled at the UST Graduate School taking up her Master’s degree in Library Science.

What then are the special attributes of Raquel that others do not know? Kel is a certified OC (Obsessive-Compulsive) person. She wants to make things as perfect, organized, and clean as possible. She easily gets uneasy when the stuff at home or in the office is disorganized. She also loves organizing events and parties and really makes good at it.

In terms of talents, Kel is good at sketching having gifted with an artistic mind. She is also a graceful dancer just like Lady Lee, a former country child star who happens to be her cousin.

Mommy Kel is a little “snobbish” but in a funny way, and you will love her for that! She displays a good sense of humor by cracking jokes and acting like finicky lady which makes her friends burst into laughter. At times, she tends to nag her friends and sometimes her husband. As a friend, I don’t take it against her; in fact, I do appreciate her for that. I feel her genuine concern for people who are very dear to her.

She is also a God-fearing person and a devout Catholic who never misses a first Friday Mass every month and makes it a point to hear Mass every Sunday with her entire family.

Kel is a thoughtful, generous, supportive and an adoring pal. For me, she is a perfect example of a friend one would cherish forever.

Diana V. Padilla

Library staff in motion

One of the goals of the UST Librarians Association (USTLA) is to engage its members in artistic and recreational activities that would bring solidarity among its participants and at the same time, could enhance their totality as individuals. Thus, last semestral break, the USTLA officers grabbed the opportunity to conduct a fun and engaging activity that the group enjoyed and benefitted from. It was entitled “**Library Staff in Motion**” held last October 13, 20 & November 3, 2011. It was a three-day session of aerobics held at the UST Quadricentennial Square, from 5:15pm-6:15pm.

The activity aimed to value the importance of exercise for a healthy lifestyle; to revitalize and to improve one's body and state of mind through exercise; to develop the habit of regular workout; and to develop camaraderie among the members. The association invited not just its member librarians but also some interested library support staff who made this activity truly encouraging.

Ms. Maria Zarah Vivas, faculty member of the UST High School, was invited as the activity's wellness instructor. Ms. Vivas played a major role in motivating the participants to follow the exercise and dance movements that would give complete body workout.

The USTLA officers are very grateful for the heart-warming support showed by the library administrators, librarians, support staff, and Ms. Vivas which made this simple and yet healthful activity possible.

Diana V. Padilla

USTLA Activities

The UST Faculty Union Christmas party was held last December 9, 2012 with the theme “Pasko ng Pagdiriwang: Pasasalamat tungo sa Kapayapaan, Kasaganahan, at Kaisahan.” The librarians joined the event, wearing the traditional Mindanao costume. The group was represented by Mr. Edward Puzon and Ms. Kaori Fuchigami for the Lakan at Lakambini contest.



“Parol ng Liwanag”

The Library, through the efforts and initiative of the UST Librarians' Association (USTLA), won the 1st place in the *Videong Musikal ng Pagkakaisa* contest and 2nd place in the *Parol ng Kapayapaan* with its entry lantern entitled “Parol ng Liwanag.” These winning pieces both reflect the library's mission of spreading the light of knowledge, wisdom and truth in the past 400 years and beyond.

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