

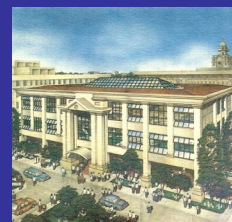


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UST Library organizes an exhibit of *Belens*

T rue to its mission of spreading the light of knowledge, wisdom and f a i t h, the University of Santo Tomas Miguel de Benavides Library is continuously enhancing its collections, delivering effective services and promoting its precious collections. The library also aims to organize worthwhile projects that would educate mankind and would give greater pride to the academe. In the past years, the library has managed to create significant projects such as exhibits of books on Don Quijote de la Mancha, a famous Spanish novel, books of the founder of UST, Fray Miguel de Benavides,

and books on Nick Joaquin, one of the Philippine national artists. The Library also mounted in June 2010 the **Lumina Pandit: an Exhibition of Historical Treasures**, a grand exhibit of exceptionally significant and treasured rare books of the University which was the library's contribution to the 400th founding anniversary of UST.

This year, the library has another remarkable project just in time for the Christmas season and it is titled **Misteryo... Ikaw at ang Pasko: a Christmas Exhibition**. This was launched last November 13, 2012 at the ground floor lobby of the Library. Administrators of the University headed by Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., Rector of the University, contributors to the exhibit, members of the Dominican community, and other guests graced the occasion. It was organized in cooperation with the UST



Clockwise: Fr. A. Aparicio, O.P. as he explains the meaning of the Exhibit; Rev. Fr. Dagohoy, O.P. as he delivers the welcome address; Prof. Jose, Fr. Abaño, O.P., Mrs. Reyes, Fr. Dagohoy, O.P., Ms. Majuelo and Fr. Bautista during the ribbon cutting; A sample from the 61 Belens on display; The loaned life-sized Belen; Entrance to the Exhibit area.

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"Publishers, booksellers, and librarians: a renewed partnership" forum

In line with the Manila International Book Fair celebration, a forum entitled, "Publishers, Booksellers, and Librarians: a Renewed Partnership" was organized by the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI). It was held last September 12, 2012 at the SMX Convention Center. Three (3) notable speakers had been invited for this activity, namely, Mr. Maximo Gomez, president of C&E Publishing House, Mrs. Bing de Jesus, chairman and CEO of F&J de Jesus, Inc., and Prof. Thelma Kim, chief librarian of St. Louis University in Baguio City. Participants included librarians, BLIS students, and booksellers. The topics tackled focused mainly on how to improve the partnership between the publishers, booksellers and the librarians. It was emphasized that the three should have a harmonious relationship and partnership and should collaborate for the betterment and improvement of library collection.

The forum was a success; a renewed and strong partnership among the said groups are expected to increase.

Lady Catherine Relevante-de Leon

Understanding the "Roman" Missal



Rev. Fr. Luanzon, O.P.

This activity aimed to:

- understand the reasons of the changes in the Roman Missal;
- know the changes in the English translation of the Roman Missal;

UST Miguel de Benavides Library Committee on Human Values sponsored a half-day lecture-forum entitled **Understanding the Roman Missal**. This was held on October 19, 2012 at the UST Library Conference Hall. Participants were the librarians and regular staff.

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Spanish book restorer visits the UST Library

It was in a meeting with the Spanish Ambassador to the Philippines, Amb. Jorge Domecq, that Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries, saw His Excellency's interest in helping the UST Library. Thus, Fr. Aparicio thought it an opportune time to mention his plan to invite a professional conservator from Spain to evaluate the present condition of the UST Heritage Library. The Embassy of Spain through its Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo (AECID) gave assurance of financial support for the project.



Ms. Bescansa, as she demonstrates the proper safe-keeping of the large maps.

In view of this, Sra. Maria Victoria Bescansa Miquel, a Spanish conservator/book restorer from the Biblioteca Nacional de España (BNE) had been invited by the UST Miguel de Benavides Library to help evaluate the status of its Heritage collections and the set-up of its Restoration and Conservation laboratory. Through coordination with the Director of BNE, Sra. Gloria Perez Salmeron, things had been facilitated. Sra. Bescansa arrived in Manila on November 17, 2012 and it was agreed that her stay would be up to November 23, 2012.

Ms. Bescansa officially started work in the Library on November 19. Although there was a language barrier since Ms. Bescansa speaks very little English, the assistance of Ms. Anabel de la Paz, Spanish Librarian and a project based employee of the UST Library, proved very useful. Ms. Bescansa was given an overview about the collections, services, activities, and facilities, in the Heritage Library including the area temperature, relative humidity, lighting, physical arrangement of the books and the cleaning procedures that are being

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“UST support staff as pillars in the teaching profession”

Pillar is defined as a “fundamental principle or practice; or as slender, freestanding, vertical support, an upright structure of stone, brick, metal that supports a superstructure; or someone who occupies a central or responsible position, a prominent supporter.”

The UST Human Resource Department sponsored the 2nd Plenary Learning Session for the Academic Year 2012-2013 with the theme “*My Work: A Pillar in the Teaching Profession.*” It was held on November 15, 2012, at the Civil Law Auditorium, Main Building. The learning session was attended by the university support staff.

Mrs. Rowena R. Castro, HRD assistant director, gave the opening remarks and presented the resource speaker, a famous Thomasian alumnus **Carlito E. Balita**, RN, RM, RPT, MAN. Dr. Carl is a multi-awarded media and business personality, educator, and trainer.

He started with the 4 stranger's questions : Where are you going? Why are you going there? How will you know you are there? How will you enjoy the rest of your journey? that served as the key points of his talk.



(L-R) Ms. Balbin, Mr. Balita and Mrs. Morante.

He mentioned also the need to: discover one's strengths, dream big, design life and destiny of being in UST. He presented a successful formula in the acronym UST which stands for U-Unleash Excellence in Core Competencies, S-Synergize for Abundance in the Generous Universe, T-Translate Dreams to Reality and SELF which is an acronym for a successful and happy journey translated as S-Self-Centered Perspective; E-Emotional Literacy; L-Learning Retardation; and F-Failure Paralysis.

He also discussed the Self-Management model which is to: Know Self, Choose Self, and Give Self which lead us to one's purpose (Vision), Mission (Authentic Presence) and Value (Self-Actualization). He said that, “Life is full of potentials; make a stand to make a difference.” He added some learning insights on “What I should do MORE and LESS, When to START and STOP and learn about how to learn to become the best person you can be.”

Atty. Jacqueline O. Lopez-Kaw, HRD director, presented the Certificate of Appreciation to the speaker and delivered the closing remarks afterwards.

It was absolutely an amazing experience having the multi-awarded resource speaker sharing to us all his thoughts and expertise. He ended the session with this inspiring passage, “Give a man a fish; you have fed him for today. Teach a man to fish, and you have fed him for a lifetime.”

Rosemary B. Balbin

UST EVACUATION DRILL

The primary reason for conducting an evacuation drill is to educate the building occupants about the procedures to follow in the event of an emergency that requires evacuation. It must be conducted on a semi-annual or annual basis, with or without notice and under varying conditions.

Drills are effective when they are properly planned and communicated to all occupants. To ensure a safe and successful evacuation drills aside from the designed plan the following factors are needed:

Person. Responsible and trained individuals who can organize and supervise an evacuation drill.

Orientation/Practice. It is very important to orient and practice the different evacuation drills in order to inform the people of what to do before, during and after an emergency.

Strict Implementation. It is mandatory that all occupants of the building during the drill should participate.

The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) through the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) strictly implements the compliance to evacuation drills as stipulated in R.A. No. 2514 also known as the Fire Code of the Philippines 2008.

In compliance to that law and for good working condition, the university Crises Committee headed by Rev. Fr. Manuel Roux, O.P., vice rector for Finance once again issued a memorandum last November 28, 2012 requiring all colleges, faculties, departments, offices, etc. to conduct a cluster evacuation drill on or before December 07, 2012, and soon after all the cluster evacuation drill will have to follow.

In view of this, the Miguel de Benavides Library together with the other occupants of the building (Ed Tech Center, Archives, Reader's Café) conducted a cluster evacuation drill last December 06, 2012. The drill was close to success except for the time requirement which exceeded five (5) minutes due to some unavoidable incidents.

After the cluster drill, the University Crises Committee conducted two (2) general evacuation

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On Reading

Francis Bacon insinuates in his essay "Of Studies" that the basic way to learn is reading. This is to say that WE LEARN MUCH MORE WHEN WE DO READ. As a teacher, it pains me to realize that quite a number of students do not appreciate the value of reading. In fact, they disdain the very thought of having an assignment that involves reading, much more on activity that requires simple research from the library. They fail to realize that all learning activities are actually aided and reinforced through reading. To escape the reading task, which they, unfortunately, consider taxing and time-consuming, they simply copy and paste. They do not even bother to edit. Poor students – I should say. They miss so many opportunities to make themselves better.

So what are the benefits of reading? Consider this list.

Our vocabulary is widened.

We travel to known and unknown places

without spending much.

We meet people from various cultures, ages and walks of life instantaneously.

We get to share much during recitations and social gatherings.

We exude and project a very intellectual disposition to others because of the facts we know from reading.

We gain friends and possibly fans or admirers.

We become much better in our academics and co-curricular.

We excel in our own fields of interest.

We discover more about ourselves and others.

We achieve a unique sense of fulfillment by simply learning something new.

So what are you waiting for – READ and EXPLORE the VAST WORLD OF KNOWLEDGE. The benefits and possibilities are just but endless.

Maria Teresa C. Casado-Ramos

2012 EHS NATIONAL BOOK WEEK

"Libraries: Effects on Society" is the theme for the National Book Week 2012 which was celebrated by the Education High School (EHS) last November 19-23. A week-long activities were prepared by the EHS/Grade School library in coordination with the EHSians' Book Lovers' Club.

Lecture/Workshop

Inspired by Jorge Luis Borges, an Argentine short-story writer, essayist, poet and translator whose works have contributed to philosophical literature and also to both fantasy and magical realism genres, a lecture/workshop entitled "Drawing Fantasy with Borges" was conducted last November 19, 2012 at the EHS/Grade School library

activity area. It was participated in by the officers and members of the EHSians' Book Lovers' Club. Ms. Anabel de la Paz, a Spanish librarian currently working at the UST Heritage

library was the resource speaker with Mr. Javier Barrientos, a professional pilot, who assisted in the English interpretation of some of the things discussed by Ms. De la Paz. The workshop was an opportunity to discover and learn a piece of Latin American literature through illustration of some of its prominent stories, to encourage the imagination and creativity of the students in the process of drawing and writing, and to encourage reading comprehension among them, at the same, increasing their vocabulary.



Clockwise: Lecture-workshop; Awarding of top book borrowers; Forum on reading; EHS book fair; Fictional book character contest.

UST Library teambuilding and planning 2012

The UST Miguel de Benavides Library held its annual teambuilding and planning activities last October 25-26, 2012 at the Fontana Hot Spring Leisure Parks in Clark Pampanga.

Upon arrival to the place, the group proceeded to the function hall for the planning session. The program began with a Holy Mass officiated by Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries. After which, the program proper began. The heads of the eight committees presented the accomplishment report for the First Semester of A.Y. 2012-2013 as well as their plans for A.Y. 2013-2014. The different library committees with its corresponding chairperson are:

Professional Development : Kaori Fuchigami
Human Values : Michelle San Gabriel
Physical Facilities : Juanita Subaldo
Extension Services : Narcelita Lane Olamit
Information Technology : Ma. Cecilia Lobo
Linkages : Anna Rita Alomo
Collection Development : Nora Matawaran
Research and Publication : Marivic Usita

The library administrators Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries and the Chief Librarian, Ms. Estrella Majuelo, gave their comments and suggestions after each report. Diana Padilla, one of the librarians, took the minutes of the activity. Ma. Teresa Estoya, head Librarian of the Graduate School and Lucy Bermudez, a library support staff at the General Reference Section, acted as emcees.

Part of the teambuilding activities was the "Fun Run" which was organized by one of the UST librarians, Mercy Caña, for the benefit of the *Cottolengo Filipino*, a non-profit religious and non-governmental organization that serves the most poor, abandoned, neglected, surrendered persons with disabilities.



The library staff during the teambuilding activities.

All this would not have been possible without the initiative of the Committee on Professional Development under the leadership of Kaori Fuchigami and support from the Library Administration.

This yearly activity of the Library really brings joy, bonding and a stress-free life to the entire library staff even for just a while.

Ken Aldrin M. Garcia

"To learn to read is to light a fire, every syllable that is spelled out is a spark."

— Victor Hugo

A “Run for Cottolengo Filipino 2012”

William Arthur Ward, a known American writer of inspirational maxim, said that the three keys to more abundant living are: caring about others, daring for others, sharing with others. Hence, the UST Miguel de Benavides Library decided to raise funds by organizing a project called “Run for Cottolengo Filipino,” an orphanage non-stock; non-profit religious and non-government organization licensed and accredited by the DSWD and is owned and managed by the Sons of Divine Providence Congregation.



The library staff poses for a souvenir photo.

The objectives of this project were:

- ♦ to raise funds for the Cottolengo Filipino children as part of the Miguel de Benavides Library outreach project;
- ♦ to develop social awareness for our less fortunate brothers and sisters especially those with disabilities;
- ♦ to establish cooperation and camaraderie among the staff of the UST Library; and
- ♦ to recognize and appreciate the benefits of health and wellness through running.

Bamban is a mountainous region situated in the western part of Tarlac where the event was held. The Library staff left vestiges in the place as they participated in the six (6) kilometer run at the terrain of Bamban. The Fun Run started at 6:25A.M. with a prayer led by Raquel Lontoc. A warm up exercises followed

that was initiated by Evangeline Panizal. After the race, the awarding was held in Socobia Bridge. The winners were Joel Palangan who garnered the 1st prize clocking 36:05:01, Mr. Rafael Travilla, won the 2nd prize clocking 45:01:00 & Madonna Alonzo set an exemplary pace for female runners by arriving 3rd place at the finish line. She ran 60 minutes to complete the race. Winners received cash prizes handed by the library administrators. Mr. Palangan and Travilla donated their prize to Cottolengo. Thus, running lightly in the way of the Lord, as we extend our help to the kids of Cottolengo is worth it. The worthwhile experience paved the way of helping the congregation, surpassing the challenging uphill and downhill land area of Bamban to Socobia Bridge.

We would like to extend our gratitude to Col. Nicanor S. Targa, manager, Public Safety Department of Clark Development Corporation, for allowing the use of Sacobia Bridge for this activity. It was really fun walking, jogging and running in the thrilling landscape of Bamban!

Mercy B. Caña

Books from India

His Excellency, Ambassador Amit Dasgupta of India, made a generous donation of seventy nine (79) new books about India (mostly on history, literature and the humanities) to the University of Santo Tomas Miguel de Benavides Library last December 12, 2012.



Amb. Dasgupta as he hands over the donated items to the Library Administrators.

The books were received by no less than the Prefect of Libraries, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P. and Ms. Estrella S. Majuelo, chief librarian. Also present during the event was Prof. Giovanna M. Fontanilla, director of the UST Public Affairs Office.



The memorabilia of Mahatma Gandhi.

On the other hand, the Library gifted Amb. Dasgupta with the **Lumina Pandit Catalogue** of the Library's precious collections. The Public Affairs Office also gave some tokens from the University. His Excellency was also delighted to learn that the Library has a collection of some of Mahatma Gandhi's

memorabilia including a mini sculpture of Gandhi in "walking position." These items have been securely kept in a small cabinet which have been in the Library's possession for a number of years now.

List of donated books from India

- Warikoo, K. (Ed.). (2007). *Afghanistan : challenges and opportunities, vol. 1 : the crisis.*
- Warikoo, K. (Ed.). (2007). *Afghanistan : challenges and opportunities, vol. 2 : the challenge.*
- Warikoo, K. (Ed.). (2007). *Afghanistan : challenges and opportunities, vol. 3 : drugs, production and trafficking.*
- Rajan, K. V. (Ed.). (2012). *The ambassadors' club : the Indian diplomat at large.*
- Anand, R. P. (2008). *Sovereign equality of states in international law.*
- Chandran, D. S. (Ed.). (2008). *Armed conflicts in South Asia 2008 : growing violence.*
- Aziz, A. (2003). *Light of the universe : essays on Hindustani film music.*
- Babu, M. S. (2002). *Motivating bureaucracy.*
- Bansal, A. (2010). *Balochistan in turmoil : Pakistan at crossroads.*
- Bhasin, A. S. (2011). *India's foreign relations – 2011 documents.*
- Bhatia, S. (2008). *Goodbye Shahzadi : a political biography of Benazir Bhutto.*
- Chakravarty, R. (Ed.). (2007). *Bodysmaps : stories by South Asian women.*
- Bond, R. (2002). *A flight of pigeons : a novel.*
- Chaudhuri, A. (2003). *Small orange flags.*
- Contemporary News and Features. (2005). *Yearbook 2005 : India and neighbors.*
- Dasgupta, C. (2002). *War and diplomacy in Kashmir, 1947-1948.*
- Dash, S. K. (2007). *Climate change : an Indian perspective.*
- Das, J. P. (2004). *Sundardas.*
- Devare, S.T. (Ed.). (2012). *Delhi dialogue III : beyond the first twenty years of India-ASEAN engagement.*
- Dogra, R. C. & Dogra, U. (2002). *Thought provoking Sikh names.*
- Fabian, K. P. (2012). *Diplomacy : Indian style.*
- First proof. (2007).
- Gordon, R. C. (2005). *Emerson and the light of India : an intellectual history.*
- Guha, R. (Ed.). (2010). *Makers of modern India.*

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Museum of Arts and Sciences. This exhibit of *Belens* aims to invite its viewers (Thomasian students and the entire community) to meditate on the mystery of the yearly celebration that commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ.

Sixty-one (61) different kinds of *Belens* from various countries were loaned from the personal collection of Mrs. Gloria Ocampo-Reyes. In addition, one life-sized *Belen* owned by San Sebastian Cathedral in Tarlac is also on display. The *Belens* on exhibit are made of materials such as ceramic, fabric, metal, porcelain, resin and wood.

The main entrance of the exhibit is a closed iron gate with the image of *Adam* and *Eve*, giving the impression of repentance for what they have done with the beauty entrusted to them by the Creator. This entrance panel symbolizes that people are out of the *paradise* because they have disobeyed God. Thus, they are now challenged to find the key to re-enter to this place and be with God forever.

There are also stars hanging on the ceiling of the library that form a path leading to the main exhibit hall. It is also designed with background music (Gregorian type) that would give the visitors a temple like environment wherein they can meditate on the true mystery and message of the project.

The exhibit represents four (4) stories narrating the mystery of the Incarnation: the Infancy of Jesus found in the gospels of Matthew and Luke; the representation of Christ's Incarnation (Nativity scene) as first created by St. Francis of Assisi; Fra Angelico's portrayal of the mysteries of Jesus; and the display of the *Book of Hours*, an illuminated Christian devotional book, perhaps the only copy in the Philippines.

Voluntary contributions to this project are accepted and the proceeds will benefit the *Cottolengo Filipino*, a non-stock, non-profit religious and non-governmental organization which aims to serve the most poor, abandoned, neglected, surrendered persons with disabilities. The exhibit will run until February 2, 2013. It is open from Monday-Saturday, 9:00am – 12:00nn / 1:00pm – 5:00pm (except on holidays).

The exhibit would not have been possible without the full support and assistance from the following

people who have been involved in the conceptualization and production of the project: Rev. Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., *exhibit director*; Rev. Fr. Alex O. Bautista, *curator*; Ms. Ma. Theresa M. Fenix, *consultant*; Mr. Matthew Niel J. Hebrona, *graphic designer*; Mrs. Gloria "Dodit" Ocampo-Reyes, *nativity collector*; Mr. Rachie Cuna; UST Museum of Arts and Sciences headed by Rev. Fr. Isidro C. Abaño, O.P., *director*, Asst. Prof. Anna Marie H. Bautista, *assistant director* and the Museum staff; Prof. Regalado Trota Jose, *UST Archivist*; UST Facilities Management Office headed by Rev. Fr. Roberto S. Pinto, O.P., *director* and FMO staff; UST Parish Office and St. Thomas Aquinas Priory; UST Educational Technology Center; UST Office of Public Affairs; The Roman Catholic Diocese of Tarlac; Ms. Estrella S. Majuelo, *chief librarian* of the UST Library, Ms. Diana V. Padilla, UST librarian and the entire library staff.

Diana V. Padilla

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- deepen an understanding of the Liturgy, and
- appreciate the meaning and importance of the Sacred Liturgy in our lives.

Invited resource speaker was Rev. Fr. Roberto Luanzon, O.P. from the UST Faculty of Sacred Theology. Fr. Luanzon discussed the different changes in the English translation of the Roman Missal such as:

- The most obvious change in the new translation of the *Confiteor* is the restoration in English of the Latin triple declaration of culpability for one's sins, accompanied in the new rubrics by restoring the physical action of striking one's breast three times with the right hand -- *mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa* ("through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault").

- In the dialogue initiating the Preface, when the priest says, "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God," instead of "It is right to give him thanks and praise," the people will respond, "It is right and just" – more accurate rendition of the Latin text, "Dignum et justum est."

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• At the Sanctus following the Preface, again a more accurate rendition of the original Latin will prevail. Instead of “God of power and might,” the Latin “Dominus Deus sabaoth” is translated “Lord God of hosts.”

• When the priest holds up the consecrated host before Communion and announces, “Behold the Lamb of God ...” the people will respond, “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.”

Some of the questions raised during the open forum were: 1) when will this be fully implemented; 2) if it will be translated in the vernacular language; and 3) if it is being introduced to other parishes or even in schools. From the discussion, the participants have been enlightened on this subject. One of the reasons for the revision of the Roman Missal is to address the weaknesses and problems of the previous editions. We may have some of these changes but let us all remember that the Holy Mass will remain the same.

Michelle M. San Gabriel

Spanish book restorer... from page 2

done. She immediately documented her observations by taking photos and writing down notes. Then, she gave the staff some points to consider for the improvement of its lighting facilities, book arrangement, furniture and equipment through a power-point presentation that she has prepared.

On her second day of work, Ms. Bescansa continued the discussion on the preventive conservation activities, procedures and equipment needed; proper training of the library staff on restoration work; how to properly exhibit the rare books; and how the *Anoxia Process* helps eliminate insects in the books. She recommended some methods that could be adopted in order to expedite the restoration process. Some tools and chemicals that could be used in performing the work were also suggested.

She also made an assessment of the condition of some books to be restored and recommended the method that could be performed to properly restore each item. Among the twenty (20) books presented, she has selected the initial items that need an immediate restoration. She was also advised to pay a visit to the UST Archives.

On the following day, Ms. Bescansa devoted time for a workshop with the library staff on how to restore the different cuts on paper. The group also showed the library's collection of old maps that need to be organized. She saw the need of teaching the staff on the effective safekeeping of the said materials and demonstrated the proper way of doing it.

Ms. Bescansa paid a courtesy call to Mr. Vicente Sellés Zaragoza, Coordinador General of AECID. The five-day visit of Ms. Bescansa to UST Heritage Library has been a productive and an experience worth treasuring. This activity has made the staff more aware of the imperative measures that need to be undertaken for the improvement of the section. Above all, it made them realize how important it is to continuously perform their responsibilities to help the UST Library achieve its mission of *preserving the past for the enlightenment and benefit of the present and future generations*.

Diana V. Padilla

UST evacuation drill from page 3

drills, one in the morning and another in the afternoon of December 12, 2012.

In general, the drill has been successful, although comments and suggestions are always expected and welcomed. Some observations that should be taken into consideration for the next evacuation drill are the following: the general alarm should be loud enough to be heard; megaphones should be in good working condition; and information dissemination should be done on time.

Evacuation drill is preparing everyone in cases of emergency like fire and earthquakes, and this to be really effective, it must be practiced frequently so that everybody should become familiar with the situations. Involving everyone could be a positive step in overcoming complacency and making the drill a success.

Juanita D. Subaldo

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Forum on "Reading"

"*Laughter Behind Reading*," a forum held also last November 19 at the EHS/Grade School library activity area. Prof. Eros Atalia, a contemporary writer who is known for his humorous works and at the same time, a professor at the UST Faculty of Arts and Letters, was the invited speaker. This was participated in by the Book Club officers and 3-Simplicity class. The forum focused on the reality behind reading and writing stories most especially the ones authored by Filipinos. The humor and predictability of Filipino stories were also discussed. Sir Atalia emphasized that to be able to write a good story, one must first read a lot because through reading, one's vocabulary and imagination widen.

Book Fair

A 3-day book fair was held from November 20-22, 2012 at the Albertus Magnus Building (fence area). Four (4) local publishers participated, they were: Anvil, Fully Booked, Great Books Trading, and Philmont Academic Solutions, Inc. The objective of this undertaking is to make books on various fields accessible to students and faculty members to help them choose appropriate materials for their reading needs, interests, and intellectual development.

A short program was organized on the opening of the Fair. Mr. Joed Ivan Mata, EHSians' Book Lovers' Club president, gave his welcome remarks. Rev. Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries, delivered his inspirational message. To formally open the book fair, Fr. Aparicio, led the ribbon cutting and assisted by Ms. Nora Matawaran, head librarian of the Serials Section. In addition, the EHSians' top "10 Book Borrowers" for the period from June-October 2012, were awarded. They were:

1. Mary Dhina M. Franca (3-Honesty) : 222 books
2. Patricia Mari M. Samin (3-Honesty) : 214 books
3. Reign Charm B. Ragutana (3-Simplicity) : 203 books
4. Naomi Z. Alariao (4-Dignity) : 166 books
5. Denise B. Samson (3-Honesty) : 123 books
6. Airrairie C. Manuel (3-Simplicity) : 108 books
7. Ma. Angelica C. Banzon (3-Simplicity): 104 books
8. Daniella B. Clemente (2-Responsibility) : 99 books
9. Avery Danielle M. Lapid (3-Honesty) : 93 books
10. Maria Cylvaile Espinosa (3-Simplicity) : 88 books

NBW Highlights

The highlights of the National Book Week celebration were series of contests such as storytelling, fictional book character display cosplay, bulletin board display, take a "shot@reading," and the "bring me contest." These were held last November 21 at the Albertus Magnus Auditorium, from 1:00-5:00PM. It was attended by the EHS students with their respective pre-service teachers.

Author visit

Guest speaker was Ms. Yvette Natalie Tan, a freelance writer whose works (mostly horror) have been published in different publications such as The Philippines Free Press, Philippine Daily Inquirer, Rogue magazine, and Philippine Genre Stories. She talked about her passion for writing horror, fantasy and suspense stories. She also presented her debut fiction collection entitled *Waking the Dead and other Horror Stories* (Anvil, 2009), which is comprised of ten stories, mostly written with a very liberal use of fantasy elements.

Ehsian henyo: the library edition

The Library version of the famous Pinoy Henyo of Eat Bulaga. The activity aimed to test the deductive reasoning and creativity skills of students through assessing their knowledge of library-related materials and resources. Eight (8) pairs of student participants represented their respective sections. Awarded the EHSians' Henyos for 2012 were Naomi Alariao and Eulla Jane Libaton of 4-Dignity.

Film showing

I Am Number Four, a fiction made into a film was chosen as feature film by the EHSians' Book Lovers' Club. Through this activity, students were allowed to observe and somehow connect and compare the film with literature. This was also an opportunity for students to relax while watching a "feel-good" movie after a tiresome week-long activity.

The week-long activities, although a little tiresome and exhausting, was a success. In behalf of the Library Administration, I would like to congratulate the EHSians for their dynamic participation. May they continue to value the growing significance of reading as well as the importance of the library as a place for learning.

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Estrella S. Majuelo



New assignments

Effective the second semester of A.Y. 2012-2013, another set of librarians and support staff have been transferred to new working environment. The new assignments are as follows:

LIBRARIANS:	Previous Position	Present Position
Jenneth G. Capule	Head Librarian of Heritage Library	Cataloger – Technical Section
Diana V. Padilla	Administrative Office	Acting Head Librarian – Heritage Library
Lourdes Fatima C. Ramos	Asst. Head Librarian of the Health Sciences Library	Head Librarian – High School Library
Michelle M. San Gabriel	Head Librarian of the High School Library	Head Librarian – Ecclesiastical Faculties Library
SUPPORT STAFF:	Previous Position	Present Position
Gary Lapid	Ecclesiastical Faculties Library	Civil Law Section
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Lourdes Fatima C. Ramos

MISTERYO: ang mga batang Aeta at ang Pasko

The above title is a rephrase of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library's Christmas exhibit entitled "**Misteryo... Ikaw at ang Pasko**" which runs from November 13, 2012 to February 2, 2013.

Last November 25, 2012, the UST Library through its Committee on Community & Extension Services chaired by Ms. *N a r c e l i t a* Olamit, organized an outreach activity for its partner community in Bamban, Tarlac.

Lourdes Fatima Ramos headed a group of librarians, namely, Anna Rita Alomo, Chona Manguilin, Maynard Vitug, and yours truly, conduct outreach activities in the community. The group prepared a warm-up dance using the Kapampangan language as means of instruction for them to easily follow the steps. This

was followed by a simple lesson about different shapes and figures where the children were divided into two (2) groups to do some art works.



As a cool-down activity, everybody was invited to sing. The children gave a good rendition of the popular "*Bahay Kubo*." At the end of the activities, packed snacks were distributed.



These acts of giving and sharing take a deeper meaning especially during Christmas season. Call it ignorance, but it is a mystery to me thinking how these aetas celebrate Christmas. Do they celebrate it at all? What more could we do to share the "*Misteryo ng Pasko*"?

Little as they seem to be, hopefully, we have done part to encourage others to follow.

Jonas T. Sahagun

Christmas with the Aeta kids

“Christmas season – a time for children’s merrymaking, wish lists and hoping Santa Claus will stuff their stockings with gifts and toys.”

The Library Administrators together with some of the UST librarians and people from the Gawad Kalinga went to Sitio San Martin last December 8, 2012. The activity was led by Narcelita Lane Olamit, chair of the Committee on Extension Services. Other librarians who participated were Nora Matawaran, Marivic Usita, Juanita Subaldo, Edward Puzon and Ma. Fevie Macasaet. In their own little way, the group played Santa Claus and prepared a simple Christmas program with the Aeta kids and some adults.

Excitement was visible on everyone’s face, hence, the program started immediately. Mr. Puzon supervised the Christmas card making contest with ten (10) children joining. It was amazing to discover the creativity from the works of these kids. The first placer received 100 pesos; second and third placers received 50 pesos each. 20 pesos was given as consolation prize.

While outside the library, the other librarians conducted parlor games. Food and gifts were distributed afterwards.



Librarians distribute food to Aeta children.

Then last December 13, 2012, as part of their scheduled Christmas tour in the University, the “Makibata” organized by the

University Student Organizations’ Coordinating Council (SOCC) in coordination with the Office for Student Affairs & the UST-Simbahayan Community Development Office (formerly OCD), visited the UST Miguel de Benavides Library. The Makibata carolers (group of Aeta children accompanied by two adults) joyously serenaded the library staff with Tagalog Christmas songs and rendered dance numbers. Cash gifts were distributed to them afterwards.



Library staff poses with the kids for a souvenir photo.

It was indeed a great and touching experience. Christmas is more than just the joyous thoughts of family gatherings and delicious food. It is also about sharing from our hearts what we have to our less fortunate brothers and sisters, hopefully, not only during this season but for the rest of the year.

*Narcelita Lane T. Olamit
and Ma. Fevie V. Macasaet*

*“Christmas! ‘Tis the season for kindling the
fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial fire of
charity in the heart.”*

— Washington Irving

UST Library Christmas 2012

Once again the UST Library staff gathered last December 22, 2012 to celebrate and feel the spirit of Christmas. This annual gathering is always being looked forward to by the staff since this is their special way to share love and joy with people they work with in the library. With all the fun during this event, the staff never forget the real essence of the celebration, that is, to acknowledge God's profound love for humanity through His only begotten Son, Jesus.

A prayer of gratitude opened the program followed by the opening remarks given by Michelle San Gabriel. The activity was hosted by two working scholars, April Dantes and Kim Castro, who made the affair much more exciting through their energetic and funny antics.

One of the highlights of the party were the raffle draws where cash prizes ranging from Php200.00 to Php1,000.00 were given away to lucky winners. Major prizes were awarded during the latter part of the draws. Parlor games also attracted so much fun and laughter from the crowd.



Library working scholars as they display their dancing prowess.

The last part of the program was the dance contest wherein four (4) teams (*Social Sciences, Science and Technology, Humanities, and Graduate School*) participated and danced to the

tune of the popular dance craze "Oppa Gangnam" style. Each group gave its own unique style of the "Gangnam."

For their extremely energetic performance, the working scholars from the Science and Technology Section brought home Php2,000.00 as grand prize. The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th places won Php1,500.00, Php1,000.00, and Php500.00, respectively.



Best in "Christmas Costume" participants.

Another engaging activity was the best in Christmas costume. Kaori Fuchigami and Edward Puzon, exerting their best efforts for aptly dressing up for the party, won the competition; the Prefect of Libraries, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., even joined this contest wearing a "Palestinian" costume. Towards the end of the program, Fr. Aparicio had his own "quiz bee" challenge shelling out cash prize for every correct answer.

After the closing remarks, the event ended with a prayer and the usual "community singing." It was indeed another day of sharing, fun and unending graces.

"All for the greater Glory of God!"

Michelle M. San Gabriel



Ms. Balbin during her oath-taking.

Ms. Rosemary Balbin, a support staff assigned at the Health Sciences Library, was one of those who made it to the 2012 Librarians Licensure Examination given by the Board for Librarians last November. Out of 812 examinees only 379 passed the Board

"Cheer to the new librarian!"

Exam. With this, the UST Miguel de Benavides library family would like to congratulate Ms. Balbin for a job well done. She truly deserves this after having earned this second degree, struggling hard times, pressures of work and studies.

Ms. Balbin took her oath last December 6, 2012, fulfilling her dream of being a full-pledged librarian after working in the library for almost 15 years. This made her attest to continue her chosen career to more years of service in the UST Library with love and dedication.

Marivic G. Usita

'Til we meet again!

There is this saying, "Goodbyes are not forever. Goodbyes are not the end. They simply mean, we'll miss you and until we meet again."

This we say as Ma. Luz C. David, or Boots as she is fondly called by colleagues, availed of the optional retirement effective October 31, 2012. She has served the University of Santo Tomas Library for thirty (30) years since January 21, 1982.

As an appreciation for her lengthy service to the University, specifically to the Library, UST Librarians Association (USTLA) organized a simple despedida for her last October 17. It was held at the Chicken Rice Shop located within the UST campus.

USTLA presented her with a caricature token of appreciation. The dedication reads:

"The University of Santo Tomas Librarians Association (USTLA) presents this token of appreciation to Ma. Luz C. David for her invaluable contribution as past officer (A.Y. 2006-2007) and member from April 2004 up to October 2012 of the University of Santo Tomas Librarians Association. Given this 17th day of October 2012, City of Manila, by the USTLA Executive Board and General Membership A.Y. 2012-2013."

With utmost sincerity, allow me to thank Ma'am Boots in behalf of all the students, faculty, administrators, and colleagues she has faithfully served and worked with throughout her stay at the UST Library.



A souvenir photo taken during the despedida.

It is but fitting to end this article with a quote from Ma'am Boots from the talk she gave during the 2009 library in-house seminar:

"Being a Librarian is a commitment. It is not a job, neither a career, but a lifelong passion. We contribute towards the betterment of learning and information. This is what we do; this is what we live for."

Jonas T. Sahagun

2012: Year of the "baby boom" in the library

"A new baby is like the beginning of all things, hope, a dream of possibilities"

Three librarian moms gave birth and a proud daddy librarian had his new born this 2012.

Fatima Calingasan-Ramos gave birth to a healthy baby boy named Rafael Luis last March 13. The cute baby boy weighed 7.1lbs. Rafa as they call him is her first born son.

Jonas Sahagun's wife Diovi delivered baby Johanna Danielle on May 14. Baby Dannie was 6.12lbs. when born. The first time parents are very excited of their lovable baby girl.

First time mom Catherine Relevante-de Leon welcomed her first born last October 11. The bouncing baby boy Andrei Gabriel weighed 8.9lbs.

Angelica Frances Cruz-Ciar now has a new joy in the person of Kian Gabriel. Her cute boy

weighed 7.6lbs. She gave birth last November 2.

To the new moms and dad, congratulations to your new bundle of joys!



Baby de Leon



Baby Ramos



Baby Sahagun



Baby Ciar

Catherine Relevante-de Leon

KEN, the “boy romantiko”



Ken of Mattel toy doll is known to be Barbie’s boyfriend but the Ken of Miguel de Benavides Library happens to be everybody’s boy-friend. Ken Aldrin M. Garcia or Ken to all is a very sweet and caring person. These qualities

endear him to many especially to the girls that he is sometimes misinterpreted as “playboy.” But in reality, his heart already belongs to a girl for more than three years now and is going stronger in spite of the long distance relationship.

Born on December 9, 1987 in the province of Batangas, Ken is the eldest of the four boys of Emeterio Garcia and Fe Magpantay. He finished his Bachelor of Library and Information Science in 2009 from the University of Santo Tomas. To help his parents support his studies, he worked as a casual employee in the library during summer. He enjoyed working in the Library

that someday he wished to be part of the Library family. Not too long, his wish was granted when he was hired as a regular staff in 2011. Ken’s first assignment was at the Health Sciences Library.

When the Lumina Pandit Exhibition was conceptualized, Fr. Aparicio decided to get Ken to assist in the restoration work, thus, he was transferred to the Heritage Library on a part time basis. He was then brought back to the Health Sciences Library after the restoration work was successfully finished. When Lumina Pandit II was conceptualized, restoration of some important rare Bibles published between 15th to 19th centuries has become part of the project. Ken’s skills and qualities brought him back to the Heritage library, now on a full-time basis, to assist in the restoration. According to him, “a book should be treated like a woman, that is, with love and utmost care and should not be hurt.”

Ken can be relied upon with tasks assigned to him. He is now in charge of the operation of the ‘leaf casting machine’, a new equipment for paper restoration. Ken has been welcomed warmly by the Antonio Vivencio del Rosario Heritage Library staff.

Ginalyn M. Santiago

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