



News In-Print

UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS
Miguel de Benavides Library

Issue No. 115 | December 2021 | <http://library.ust.edu.ph/about-us.html#newsletter>

What's Inside

Puzon's talk at the Virtual International Conference	2
Conversations at USTMdBLib: the official podcast	3
UST Library organizes learning sessions for LIS month	4
Virtual Escape Room for the UST High School Students	5
UST SHS librarians attend "Alinaga's virtual general assembly"	6
UST Library coordinators for AY 2021-2022	7
Puzon receives the St. Albertus Magnus Award	8

Ms. Juana L. Abello - a "Distinguished Thomasian Alumna"

Rosemary B. Balbin



"Leadership is based on inspiration, not domination; on cooperation, not intimidation."
— William Arthur Wood

MS. JUANA L. ABELLO, a former chief librarian of the University of Santo Tomas (1967-1997), was recognized during the **6th "Distinguished Thomasian Alumni Night" (DTAN)** given by the UST Alumni Association, Inc. (USTAAI) in partnership with the Office of Alumni Relations (OAR). This was held on November 27, 2021, via live streaming on Facebook, YouTube, and Zoom.

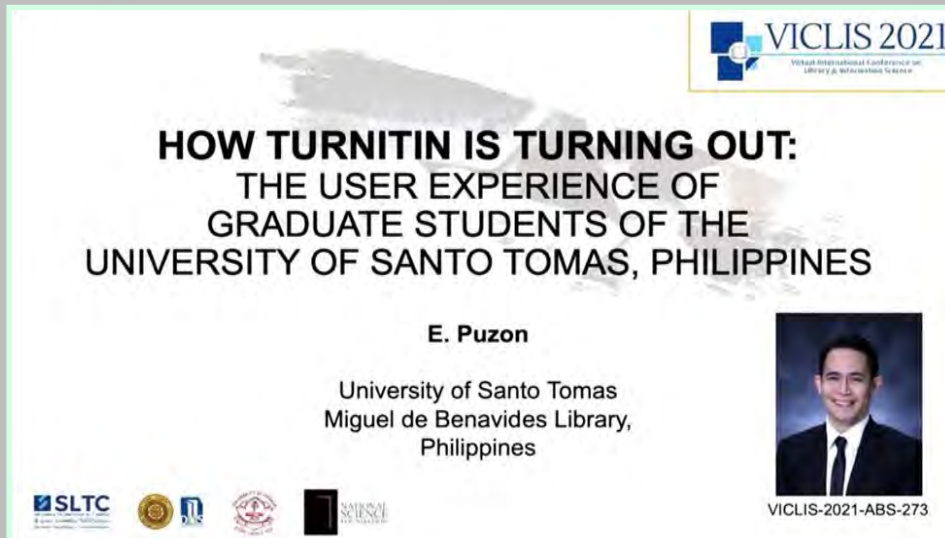
Ms. Abello obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education, major in Library Science, Class of 1952. She was also a professor at the UST College of Education. She was nominated and selected by the College of Education Alumni Foundation, Inc. (CEAFI) as the recipient of DTAN for the field of Library and Information Science. Four more Education alumni were awarded the same distinction in their respective fields.

We cheered for you, Ma'am Abello. It was an honor to have worked under your leadership and guidance. You were a hard-working and dedicated role model in the Library who had motivated us all to become better individuals. Your perseverance, flaunted with grace and confidence, is truly admirable. Indeed, a beautiful lady inside-out! You will forever be an inspiration to us, and for sure, to the younger breed of librarians as well.

Your Miguel de Benavides Library family is truly proud of you! We are beyond grateful to you for being an awesome boss to us all.

Puzon's talk at the Virtual International Conference

Edward H. Puzon



Library and Information Science (LIS) professionals and students converged in the maiden edition of the "Virtual International Conference on Library and Information Science (VICLIS)" 2021 which was held on August 23, 2021, via Zoom. The event was organized by the Sri Lanka Technological Campus (SLTC), Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya Sri Lanka, National Science Library and Resource Centre (NSLRC), National Science

Foundation of Sri Lanka, and the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala, India. With the theme, "Challenges of Library and Information Science Profession in New Normal Context," the conference aimed to provide a venue for LIS practitioners, researchers, scholars, and students to share experiences, likewise, make known the results of their research covering numerous aspects of librarianship.

Among the one hundred four (104) speakers divided into seven (7) different tracks in the Parallel Technical Sessions, Edward Puzon, head librarian of the Graduate School Section, represented the University of Santo Tomas (UST) Miguel de Benavides Library and presented his paper, "How Turnitin is Turning Out: the User Experience of Graduate Students of the University of Santo Tomas, Philippines" specifically in Track 1: Leadership, Professional Ethics, and Accountability in Librarianship. Mr. Puzon shared how the innovative use of the Turnitin software, offered by the UST Library as a remote service in peri-pandemic times, was characterized and viewed by a select group of graduate students. The students' user experience was vividly captured and visually displayed through the model dubbed "The Spheres of Graduate Students Library Turnitin User Experience." Findings from the qualitative study revealed users of the online service collectively experience concerns about the results of their work, but through the pronounced involvement of the librarian as the facilitator of the process by demonstrating and instructing proper techniques in paraphrasing and citing, issues are alleviated. Students seemingly enjoy the various benefits the service and assistance provide leading to user satisfaction and to what one might describe as an impactful library encounter.

cont'd on next page

Eng. Ranjith Rubasinghe, president/CEO of SLTC, delivered the opening remarks. It was followed by the addresses of the guests of honor, Prof. Nilanthi De Silva, senior professor & vice-chancellor of the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, and Prof. Ranjith Senarathne, chairman of The National Science Foundation, Sri Lanka. IFLA President, Christine Mackenzie FALIA, graced the event with a speech. Keynote address from Prof. Anne Goulding, professor of Library and Information Management at the Victoria University Wellington in New Zealand, and from Dr. Raymond Pun, president of the Asian Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA) subsequently came after. The International Conference was host to a diverse audience coming from different countries which included presenters from Sri Lanka, Nigeria, India, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Thailand, Ghana, Qatar, Indonesia, Hungary, and Pakistan. Other tracks included: Social Networking and Library Services (Track 2); Collection Development, Resource Sharing and Accessibility (Track 3); Emerging Technological Trend in Libraries (Track 4); Library and Allied Services for Differently-Abled Users (Track 5); Re-designing the Library and Information Centers (Track 6); and Novel Issues, Challenges, and Remedies During the Pandemic Period (Track 7).

The affair afforded an interdisciplinary platform for participants to have meaningful discussions among peers on trends, problems, and solutions adopted surrounding varied concerns in the library field. Likewise, it has raised awareness of the challenges libraries situated in different parts of the world encounter in this so-called “new normal.” Notably, the Conference allowed for the enhancement and strengthening of professional networks between and among librarians in attendance.

Hasitha Koralage, the Conference coordinator expressed her profound gratitude to the more than three hundred (300) participants from twenty (20) countries that took part in the inaugural event.

Conversations at USTMdBLib: the official podcast

Lady Catherine R. de Leon

In line with the 31st Library and Information Services (LIS) Month celebration, the first episode of the Conversations at USTMdBLib was aired last November 23, 2021, via the library’s Facebook page. It was entitled “Library Metamorphosis with Fr. Angel A. Aparicio, O.P.”. As the host for this activity, I got the chance to interview the Prefect of the Libraries, Fr. Angel A. Aparicio, O.P. He is the most reliable person to interview when it comes to UST Library transformation — from Manual to Hybrid. We shoot the first episode at the Communications Bureau Studio at the Buenaventura Garcia Paredes, O.P. (BGPOP). It was indeed fun and a light-taping afternoon.

The 15-minute episode tackled how the Library started, the duties and responsibilities of a Prefect, what makes the Prefect’s tasks different from the Chief Librarian’s, Librarian and Staff – tasks, challenges, transformation, and most importantly, how the Library managed to be transformed to a Hybrid Library or a combination of manual and digital services.

The objectives of our podcast aside from targeting to increase the visibility and presence of the Library on the University’s cloud campus and online platforms, also wanted to engage with rich media and create interest because it demonstrates an exploration of new ways of delivering content to library users. We also wanted to broaden the reach of the Library in terms of marketing and promoting our services, resources, and profession.

It was indeed a worth watching episode!

UST Library organizes learning sessions for LIS month

Jonas T. Sahagun

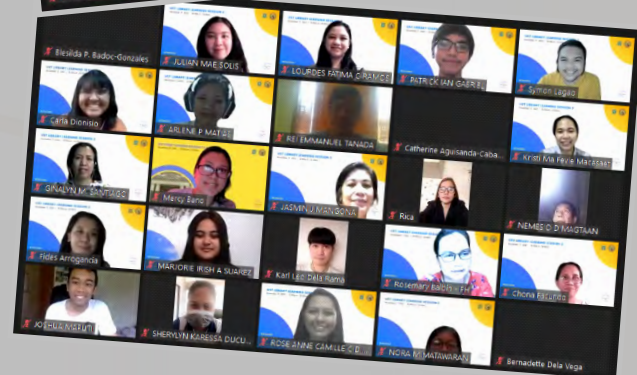
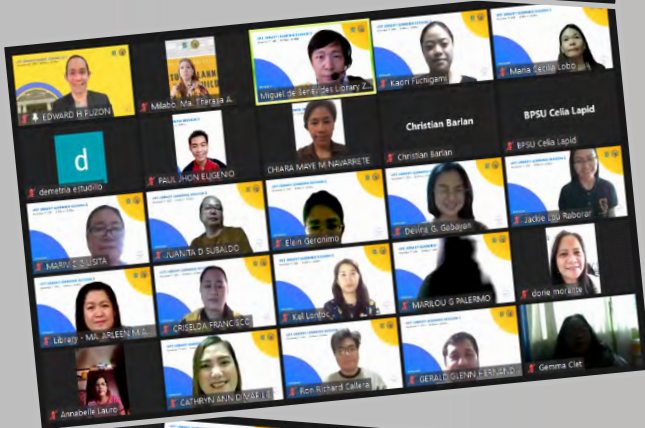
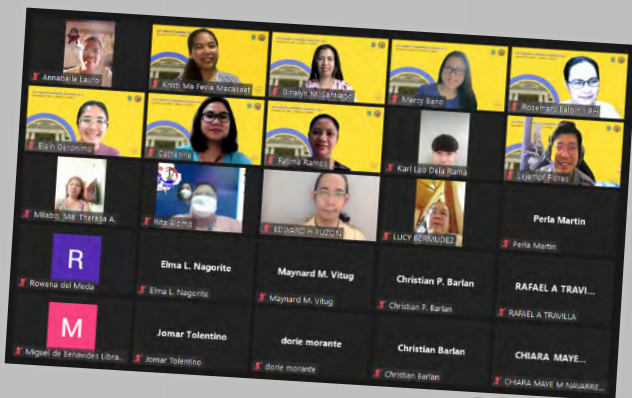
Tasked to provide training and developmental activities to the library staff even during this pandemic, the UST Miguel de Benavides Library Professional Training and Development Committee opened a 'Call for Topics/Papers' last May 8, 2021. Four topic proposals were selected for presentation in the UST Library Learning Sessions as part of the Library and Information Services (LIS) month celebration last November 2021.

The first two sessions were held on November 10, 2021, with topics '*The Proposed Guide to Boolean Search on UST Library Search Platforms and Electronic Databases*' was presented by Civil Law Section Head, Jonas T. Sahagun, RL, and '*Media and Information Literacy: UNESCO-GAPMIL Response to COVID-19*' by Senior High School Library Asst. Head, Rose Anne Camille C. Dionisio, RL.

The third session was held on November 17, 2021, on the topic '*How is Turnitin Turning Out? The Thomasian Graduate Student User Experience*' presented by Graduate School Section Head, Edward H. Puzon, RL, and was opened to the Thomasian community to promote the Turnitin service offered by the Library.

The fourth and last learning session was held last November 24, 2021, on '*Citing Yourself: Updates on the 7th APA Citation and Referencing*'. Science and Technology Section Asst. Head, Kristi Ma. Fevie V. Macasaet-Recinto, RL, presented the topic. It was also opened to the Thomasian community to familiarize them with citing sources in APA Citation format.

The learning sessions were held via the Zoom platform. The Committee is dedicated to providing meaningful and valuable online learning sessions for the training and development of the library staff in this new normal of teaching and learning mode.



Virtual Escape Room for the UST High School Students

Elein H. Geronimo

In celebration of the 31st National Book Week, the High School Librarians created a virtual escape room. It was a 2-day library activity where participants answered questions and solved clues about the literary collection of the library.

11 groups registered to be a part of the said activity. 9 of which came from Junior High School namely *Trip to Tagaytay*, *Team Book Cubs*, *The Escape Peas*, *Mighty Anthony*, *The Lima*, *St. Angela's Armada*, *Team Ba*, and *Dvirus (2000-21)*. While there's team *Alighieri Shawtycakes* from Education High School and lastly, team *mga abunjing-bunjing ni Miggy* from Senior High School.

The first part was the elimination round that transpired last November 20, 2021. Each team was given 20 minutes to finish the challenge. They all carefully read the questions, instructions, and hints that were provided. In the end, *Escape Peas* and *Team Ba* emerged victorious. Since the EHS representative, *Alighieri Shawtycakes*, was not able to join in the elimination round due to a conflict of schedule, they were allowed to join the final round against *Escape Peas* and *Team Ba*. The 3 teams faced last November 27, 2022. Questions were navigated by the librarian. They were encouraged to use the microphone and the chat box to communicate with the librarian and their teammates to move forward. After 20 minutes of solving riddles and utilizing library skills, *Team Ba* escaped the room. They were followed by *Escape Peas* and *Alighieri Shawtycakes*, respectively. Each member of the winning team received a Grammarly Premium account that is accessible until the end of the school year.

- 🏆 1st Place - Team Ba (JHS, Gr. 10)
- 🏆 2nd Place - Team Escape Peas (JHS, Gr. 9)
- 🏆 3rd Place - Team Alighieri Shawtycakes (EHS, Gr. 10)



UST SHS librarians attend "Alinaga's virtual general assembly"

Rose Anne Camille C. Dionisio

Alinaga, the University of Santo Tomas Senior High School's (UST-SHS) official reading club, had its virtual general assembly on October 23, 2021, via zoom meetings. This year's assembly was titled "Alinaga Chapter One: The Coven Gala," with the theme of "strengthening the camaraderie and magic within the group, as well as celebrating the All Hallow's Eve." The Bookworms, as the members call themselves, were encouraged to wear their spookiest attire.

The program started with a prayer, followed by the opening remarks delivered by Ms. Marlene Navera, Alinaga's co-adviser, and Rose Anne Camille C. Dionisio, SHS Library assistant head librarian. After some encouraging words of wisdom and a brief trip to the memory lane, Ms. Mariel Christine Juan, the event's host, Ma. Angelica Nicolas, the club president, Zenith Therese Ileto, the club's vice president and club secretary, and Christianne Alyssa Elaurza, head of wordsmiths, started the series of games that the Alinaga Executive Board (EB) prepared.

The first game was "What Ali Wants, Ali Gets." It was a riddle-type 'Bring Me' game with a twist. The participants needed to solve the riddle posted on the screen by presenting the answer in front of the camera - whether a real object or an image of it. An example of this riddle is "I have a spine but no face; I am no clothing yet get stored in a case, what am I?" The answer of which is a book. The first one who keys in the word "Mine" on the chatbox after giving the go signal will get the chance to answer first by presenting the object/image on the camera, without saying what object/image he/she is handling. In case the first "miner" showed an incorrect object/image, the second miner has the chance to answer.

Before proceeding to the second game, Ms. Juan gave a brief message. She thanked everyone who joined the event and even those who dressed up to have a "trick-or-treat feel." Afterward, "The Spookathon," a Halloween-

themed Kahoot game, began. The objective was to answer swiftly while getting as many correct answers as possible. It was challenging since it was a time-pressured game. Some of the questions included were Halloween trivia and superstitions.

After the second game, Ms. Juan briefly discussed the constitution and by-laws of the Organization followed by the oath-taking of members. It gave the Bookworms a chance to refresh themselves on their duties and responsibilities of being an Alinaga member.

The final game was "Write up, Act out, Spot on." It was a creative writing contest wherein the Bookworms will write a flash fiction piece based on the theme "Making the mistake of stealing from Ali the witch." The group was divided into smaller groups and was given a 15-minute period to finish the story. Once done with the write-up, they were tasked to submit their entries via Google form. The winners were posted on the official Facebook page of Alinaga.

Before the assembly ended, the Club Adviser and Library Coordinator, Senior Teacher Aldrine Guevarra, Ph.D., gave a congratulatory message to the EB group for organizing and conducting such a marvelous online event. He also mentioned that everything - from brainstorming, paper works, and execution was Alinaga's Executive Board's efforts. He also thanked the attendees - the Bookworms, SHS faculty members, and SHS librarians, for participating and giving continuous support to the youth organization.

As engaging as it seemed, the Bookworms revealed themselves as imaginative, enthusiastic, and competitive individuals who are always ready to take the challenge and bring it to the next level. The event even looked like an online cosplay parade due to their efforts to dress up which made the activity 'one for the books'.

UST Library coordinators for AY 2021-2022

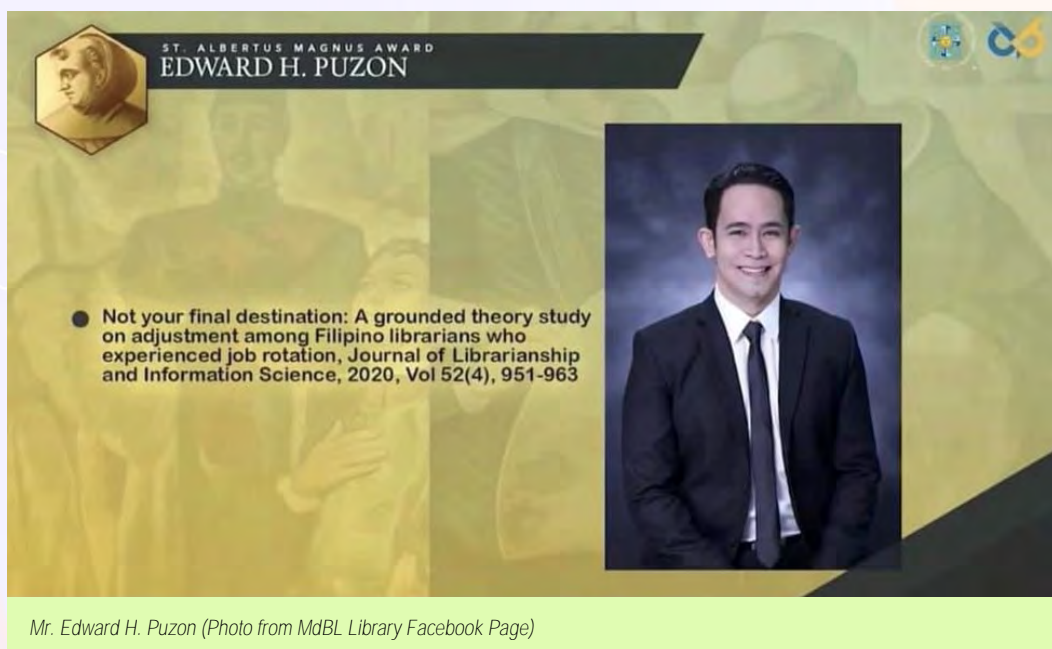
A library coordinator is responsible for updating his/her faculty members and students in his/her respective faculty/college/institute/school about the library activities, acquisitions, policies, and other developments. He/she is expected to recommend learning materials appropriate to the course outline with the help of his/her Library Committee members.

Library coordinators for Academic Year, 2021-2022 are the following:

1	Asst. Prof. Dennis Ligan, Ph.D.	AMV College of Accountancy
2	Ar. Felicisimo Tejuco Jr.	College of Architecture
3	Assoc. Prof. Mary Caroline Castaño, Ph.D.	College of Commerce
4	Asst. Prof. Loreto Sauz	College of Education
5	Ins. Raphael Emmanuelle Kalaw	College of Fine Arts and Design
6	Asst. Prof. Eugenia Zhou, DIT	College of Information and Computing Sciences
7	Inst. Allan James Tan	College of Rehabilitation Sciences
8	Ms. Kathryn Hipolito	College of Science
9	Asst. Prof. Ryan Liba, Ph.D.	College of Tourism and Hospitality Management
10	Asst. Prof. Mary Patrice Pacis	Conservatory of Music
11	Ms. Danica de Galicia	Education High School
12	Prof. Franz Giuseppe Cortez, Ph.D.	Faculty of Arts and Letters
13	Engr. Beatriz Belmonte, Ph.D.	Faculty of Engineering
14	Prof. Robert Uy, M.D.	Faculty of Medicine and Surgery
15	Asst. Prof. Jaclyn Johnson-Magpantay, R.N.	College of Nursing
16	Asst. Prof. Mariejim Diane Lee	Faculty of Pharmacy
17	Assoc. Prof. Ian Raymond Pacquing, PhD.	Graduate School
18	Inst. Mia Elaine Andaliza	Institute of Physical Education and Athletics
19	Mr. Sir-Lien Hugh Tadeo	Institute of Religion
20	Senior Teacher John Raymond Sandoval	Junior High School
21	Senior Teacher Aldrine Guevarra, Ph.D.	Senior High School

Puzon receives the St. Albertus Magnus Award

Rosemary B. Balbin



"If there's a book you want to read, but it hasn't been written yet, then you must write it." - Toni Morrison

Our warmest congratulations to this commendable yet humble person, Edward Puzon, on receiving the St. Albertus Magnus Award for "Outstanding Research Work" (Individual category) for his publication entitled "Not Your Final Destination: a grounded theory study on adjustment among librarians who experienced job rotation." This was held during the University of Santo Tomas (UST) Students Awards AY 2019-2020.

Mr. Puzon is currently the head librarian of the Graduate School section. He conducts library orientation and tutorials and devotes long hours to assist students and faculty members in their academic research. He also serves as an adviser to candidates in the UST Graduate School who are under his mentorship and supervision. He is undoubtedly one of the brilliant librarians in the UST Miguel de Benavides Library.

Your Library family salutes your commitment and dedication. We are indeed proud to have you as part of this organization!

EDITORIAL STAFF

-Editor-

Rosemary B. Balbin

-Copyreader-

Diana V. Padilla

-Layout Artist-

Raquel B. Lontoc

-Asst. Layout Artist-

Fides C. Arrogancia

-Circulation Manager-

Dolores E. Morante

-Contributors-

Rosemary B. Balbin
Lady Catherine R. de Leon
Rose Anne Camille C. Dionisio
Elein H. Geronimo
Edward H. Puzon
Jonas T. Sahagun


English Editor:


Ms. Estrella S. Majuelo

-Advisers-

Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P.
Ms. Maria Cecilia D. Lobo

Published quarterly by UST Miguel de Benavides Library, UST, Manila.

 library.ust.edu.ph

 library@ust.edu.ph



ustmdblib