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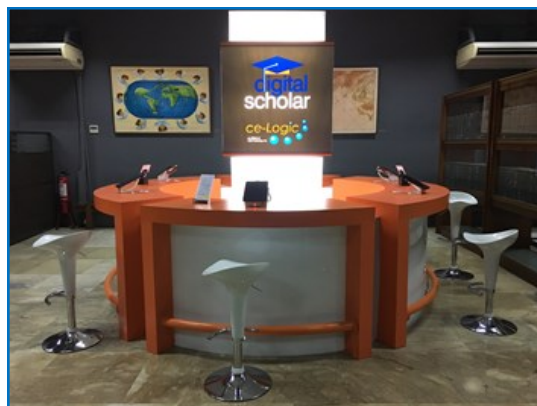
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Launching of new facilities

Sabina C. Viernes



GADGET CORNER

The University of Santo Tomas Miguel de Benavides Library launched the **Gadget Corner** last November 8, 2016. This was conceived from a series of library benchmarking activities attended by the Chief Librarian and some librarians which gave light to this kind of venture installed by CE-Logic.

The facility consists of ten (10) tablets for searching the electronic resources namely: *ebook* databases, electronic databases, electronic journals, local databases and open



LEISURE READING AREA

access resources. The area is located at the lobby adjacent to the Circulation Section.

Simultaneous to this launching was the blessing of the **Leisure Reading Area** situated also at the lobby of the Library whose purpose is for light reading in an informal setting. It is designed as a comfort zone for its unique features and ambiance. The new facilities were blessed by no less than the Prefect of Libraries, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., and is now ready for use by the Thomasian community.

Fulbright scholar takes his passion to the Philippines

Edward H. Puzon



(L-R) Mr. Puzon, Prof. Hickok and Mrs. Matias

For several summers and winter breaks, John Hickok, faculty librarian/instructor and an international outreach librarian at Pollak Library at California State University Fullerton, visits libraries throughout Asia to share his expertise.

In the first term of Academic Year 2016-2017, Prof. Hickok took his passion to the Philippines as a Fulbright Scholar and taught Reference course to 2nd year Library and

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Mario Vargas Llosa at the UST Library

Diana V. Padilla



Fr. Aparicio as he presents some of the rare books collections to Ms. Preysler and Mr. Vargas.



The group of Mr. Vargas as they listen to Fr. Aparicio.

Being one of the interesting, timeless, and scholastic places in the University of Santo Tomas, the UST Miguel de Benavides Library has always been the desired avenue for the renowned and honorary guests of the University like diplomats, church officials, university administrators, public officials, and heads of state.

On November 7, 2016, the UST Library headed by its Prefect, Rev. Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., welcomed another distinguished visitor, Mr. Mario Vargas Llosa, the 2010 Nobel Prize Winner in Literature with Ms. Isabel Preysler, a Filipina-Spanish socialite and TV personality. They were accompanied by the Ambassador of Spain to the Philippines Luis Antonio Calvo, and Instituto Cervantes Director Carlos Madrid, some UST officials and other delegates. The group paid a visit to see the special repository of the historical materials of the University with approximately 30,000 volumes of rare books and other rare materials.

Fr. Aparicio presented to the Peruvian-Spanish author, Mr. Vargas Llosa, some of the precious and significant collections of the library such as the oldest books of the library *La Guerra Judaica (The Jewish War)* by Flavius Josephus, printed in 1492; the *De Revolutionibus Orbium Coelestium, Libri VI* by Nicholaus Copernicus, published in 1543; *Biblia Polyglotta* by Christopher Plantin in Antwerp, printed between 1568 and 1573; *books on Don Quijote de La Mancha*; and some *books on the history of Peru* published in 18th century. Library copies of some of Mr. Vargas' publications were also displayed. The author showed interest on the Don Quijote book which is written in Filipino, thus, Prof. Augusto Antonio A. Aguila, Ph.D., executive secretary, Office of the Rector was requested to read aloud a portion of the said book. The Stack Room was also shown to the guests for them to see and appreciate even more the other precious historical materials of the Library.

As a token of gratitude, the library gave Mr. Vargas Llosa a copy of the library's publication "Lumina Pandit: A Continuum" as souvenir of his visit.

After the tour, the group went straight to the Buenaventura Paredes O.P. Building where Mr. Llosa was conferred the title "Honorary Professor" by the University, after which he delivered his lecture.

Colloquium on Philippine libraries and librarianship

Marilou G. Palermo

The 5th Marina Dayrit Lecture Series 2016 entitled "*Recognizing Best Researches : a Colloquium on Philippine Libraries and Librarianship*" was sponsored by the Philippine Association of Academic and Research Librarians (PAARL). It was held at the Philippine National Library on November 18, 2016. The objectives of the forum were the following: 1) to familiarize the librarians with the new methodologies in research; 2) to guide researchers on the do's and don'ts in research;

and 3) to introduce the proper and effective research practices.

Dr. Jessie Barrot, assistant research director and a faculty member of the Graduate School of the National University, spoke about the difference between qualitative and quantitative research as well as its strategies. He also presented the total number of researches done by the different local and international institutions of learning. He noticed that there were few

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CEAP forum on K-12

Marilou G. Palermo

The Catholic Education Association of the Philippines (CEAP) held a forum entitled *“The Challenges of K-12 to School Libraries.”* This was held last November 22, 2016, at San Beda College auditorium. The topics discussed were the following :

- 1) policies concerning K-12 to school libraries as well as some programs to meet the challenges brought about by this changes;
- 2) strategies to improve the reading skills of the students;
- and 3) collaborative effort between the teachers and librarians to meet the demand of the students in school.

The keynote speaker was Ms. Candy May N. Schijf, the coordinator of Science and Technology Complex Libraries of the De la Salle University and of the Integrated School Librarian. Ms. Schijf suggested some activities that would cater to the needs of students and added that K-12 apply old role and reflect on new approaches. She added that librarians should engage in continuous and meaningful professional development activities by establishing local, institutional, national and global links and networks to meet the challenges of K-12. This new changes need librarians who are patient, creative, trustworthy, and hardworking. There is also a need to use the social networking. She even shared some library programs in connection with K-12 activities such as *origami first-paper creative works, chess olympiad, maker space session, jenga tournament, and I am Info Smart Amazing Race, Senior High School edition.*

After the lecture, an open forum ensued to give way to comments and reactions. The forum was indeed informative and especially helpful now that K-12 is being implemented throughout the country. Mrs. Marilou G. Palermo attended the said activity.

“Human library: reducing discrimination, breaking stereotypes”

Marilou G. Palermo

A “Human Library” is an activity that aims to create a dialogue and understanding between people. Individuals volunteer as human ‘books’ and participants in the event ‘can read the book- meaning’. They would have a one on one conversation with the volunteer and share in a dialogue about the individual’s experience.

‘Books’ are volunteers from all walks of life who have experienced discrimination based on race, religion, sexual preference, class, gender identity, sex, age, lifestyle choices, disability and other aspects of their life.

The “Human Library” provides an opportunity for the community to share and understand the experiences of others within their community.

Libraries search for new approaches and activities to promote their services. The De La Salle University Library held its session 6 of the Human Library last December 8, 2016 at the Learning Commons, Henry Sy Sr. Hall. The activity was entitled *“The Human Library: reducing discrimination, breaking stereotypes.”* This session discussed human books in

relation to the following subjects: bisexual, hunk and fashion designer librarian, person with deformity, person with depressive disorder, queer lovers, scholar, senior citizen, and call center agent. There are eight (8) sessions. The mechanics for the Human Library is that the participant would choose from different personalities in which they are interested, to know more about their career, hobbies, achievements, experiences or even their plans and goals in life. The invited resource person could accommodate up to five persons in one session. The group could ask anything – educational background, career, achievements, experiences, goals and plans.

Each session had thirty minutes to interact with each other and share each other’s ideas and opinions.

In the “Human Library,” the person is the main source of information in a library environment. This activity is another opportunity for library patrons to experience collecting resources from someone who is authorized and reliable to provide the kind of information needed.



Mr. John Raymond Sandoval, library coordinator for JHS and Assoc. Prof. Marishirl Tropicales, JHS principal, during the ribbon cutting.



Fr. Aparicio as he delivers his message to the JHS students.

Unraveling the inner book driven identity

Marjorie Irish A. Suarez

It was a success for the UST Junior High School Library staff as they lifted the spirit of readers through the **National Book Week** celebration last November 14-18, 2016. The said event was the most awaited for bibliophiles which happens every third week of November. This was a week full of programs, contests, books and readings which aimed to "promote love for reading" through the use of the different library resources.

The event started with the opening ceremony spearheaded by the Reader's Club members and adviser. The 82nd National Book Week's theme is "*Today's Readers: Inclusivity in Diversity*." The inspirational speaker, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries, enlightened the audience with the real essence of reading and encouraged the students to "read, read, and read." The keynote speaker, Ms. Jaezamine Ong, secretary of the UST Senior High School, expounded on the statement "everyone's a reader but some just haven't found the right book yet." Books are made to tell stories that long to be understood by people, and

different stories are created for people to relate these to their own lives.

After the ribbon cutting, activities were introduced to the public and students were encouraged to participate in the following events: 3-day book fair by the National Book Store; opening of Book Swap booth; Book Spine Poetry contest for grade 9; **Library Video contest** for grade 10; and launching of *Christmas Book Rewards 2016*.

The following day, the entire grade 7 attended the film showing at the Benavides auditorium featuring *Jungle Book the movie* by Kipling, Rudyard. It was indeed a perfect movie for the theme "Books turned into movies" and just right for the age of the audience. The students loved the movie, resulting for them to participate in future activities of the Library.

On the third day of the celebration, there was the interactive and participative, **Author Visit**. The guest author was Mrs. Cyan Abad-Jugo, writer of *Salingkit, a 1986 diary*; *Leaf and shadow: stories about some friendly creatures*; *Sweet*

Summer and other stories; *Letters from Crispin*; and *The looking-glass tree*."

The audience were Aquinian writers who were inspired to write their thoughts and stories into books. In addition, a *Book Talk* contest was held where eight participants introduced and advertised their chosen book as their entry to the contest.

"**Library Quest**" was the highlight of the fourth day. Six groups from different levels raced to the final stage of the mind-boggling questions and equations prepared for them as a challenge using materials available in the Library. The students were competitive enough to finish the challenges given to them.

Likewise, the Reader's Club conducted their own contests which were included in the awarding ceremony held on the last day of the event. The winners claimed their prizes from the National Book Store.

The joy of seeing the students engage themselves in books and reading, actively participating in library activities, and seeing them discover their inner potentials, is a fulfillment for the library staff as promoters of learning. Despite the presence of their gadgets, they chose the library and do it the classical way instead. For that, we are thankful for a successful celebration of the National Book Week participated actively by the UST Junior High School students.

Health and hygiene awareness for Sitio San Martin

Ginalyn M. Santiago

The UST library staff visited the University's adopted community in Sitio San Martin, Bamban, Tarlac last November 20, 2016. The group consisted of librarians: Michelle San Gabriel, Arlene Matias, Lucila Adriano and Ginalyn Santiago and support staff: Nemesio Magtaan, Ken Aldrin Garcia and Rafael Travilla.

The group aimed to educate the children of Sitio San Martin on proper hygiene and better health. Keeping the body clean helps prevent illness and infection from bacteria or viruses. One example is the simple act of washing the hands regularly which is an effective way to keep germs from spreading.

The librarians showed a video presentation on the proper brushing of teeth and on "*Ang Batang Ayaw Maligo*." Afterwards, they gave lectures on the effects of "poor hygiene." The children were very attentive, hence, when asked, they were able to answer the questions regarding the topic. Although the kids are aware of the effects, there are difficulties with regard to their condition like the absence of the basic necessities of life and the difficulty of water supply which they experience.



Library staff as they distribute packed meals to Aeta kids.

After the activities, the group surprised the kids with their favorite food - *Jollibee* meal. Before the group left, hygiene kits were distributed which the kids can use and hopefully, help them apply the things that they learned from the lecture and presentation.

Health is very important especially to children who are prone to diseases. Awareness on simple healthy practices is a good start for a good health.

EHS celebrates National Book Week 2016

Angelica Frances C. Ciar



Inclusivity means "no one and nothing is left behind, no prejudice, no rejection and without exception." Diversity and variety make it possible for all to read books in all forms, assortment of the genre or any literary type; freedom must be enjoyed by all. How one is different from another should not be taken as a negative attribute but rather, as something enriching, a complimentary to the norm.

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"Belénes del Mundo"

Raquel B. Lontoc

It's that time of the year once again and *Beléns* are set up which is the traditional representation of the birth of Jesus in our homes, in churches, offices, etc. – as millions of Christians all over the world do.

of portraits illustrating the Nativity story were also hung around the area. The exhibit officially opened last November 23, 2016 and will run until January 31, 2017.

Selected librarians were asked to help create, design, and interpret nativity

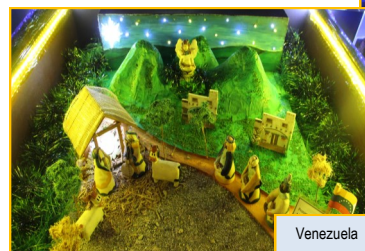
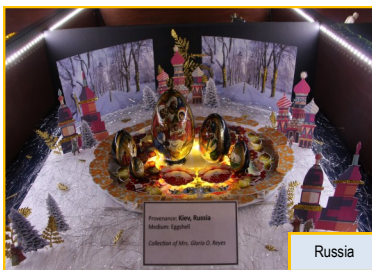
interpretation, craftsmanship, and overall visual impact. Winners were announced during the Library Christmas party held last December 16. The top 3 winners were Russia, Mexico, and Tallinn, Estonia. Cash prizes were



To share in the spirit of Christmas, the UST Miguel de Benavides Library organized a mini *Belén* exhibit entitled "**Belénes del Mundo**" at the Library Exhibit Area, Grd. Flr. It aims to: 1) let the viewers experience the sacred moment of the season when Jesus Christ was born; 2) bring to life the events of the birth of Christ so that all who view the scene may personally share the wonder of those who originally saw it; and 3) understand the meaning and significance of the Nativity in selected countries.

scenes from selected countries. Two librarians were assigned to work on each country: *Germany* (Kaori Fuchigami and Kristi Ma. Fevie Macasaet); *Mexico* (Jenneth Capule and Jonas Sahagun); *Omaha, Nebraska* (Lucila Adriano and Marjorie Irish Suarez); *Russia* (Ma. Teresa Estoya and Sabina Viernes); *Spain* (Rosemarie Balbin and Ma. Victoria Acuña); *Tallinn, Estonia* (Anna Rita Alomo and Mercy Caña); *Venezuela* (Narcelita Olamit and Chona Manguilin); and *Vietnam* (Lady Catherine de Leon and Maynard Vitug). They were

handed to the winners as well as consolation prizes for the rest of the groups. Furthermore, the Library would like to thank *Fr. Angel Aparicio*, from whom the idea and concept of the exhibit originally came; *Mrs. Gloria Reyes*, for lending us once again some of her valuable collections; *Ms. Theresa Fenix*, who coordinated with Mrs. Reyes and who assisted in the general design and lay-out of the nativity displays; *Mr. Edward Puzon*, who created the crafty exhibit title board; and the whole



The exhibit included traditional displays of selected nativities around the world such as USA, Spain, Philippines, Mexico, Nebraska, and Venezuela, to name a few. It showcased items made of ceramics, wood art, resin, and crafts depicting the birth of Jesus Christ. Aside from the *Belén* displays, series

challenged to think creatively but at the same time, reflecting on the significance of Christ's birth. There were no specific limitations to the kind of materials used as long as the overall theme was clearly reflected and conveyed by the *Belén*. Model displays were judged based on the following criteria: originality and

Library staff who in one way or another helped to make this project a success.

Ms. Raquel Lontoc was the over-all in charge of the exhibit.

'Till the next *Belén* exhibit...

Library Christmas party 2016

Ma. Victoria C. Acuña

It has been a tradition for employer to celebrate Christmas with their employees. It is a good way of getting to know each other, to express gratitude and to promote togetherness. The Library department celebrated its Christmas party last December 16, 2016 at the lobby of the Miguel de Benavides Library. At around 1:30 pm, the library staff started to gradually fill the venue.

The party started with an Invocation through a video presentation selected by Lejempf Flores, one of the UST librarians. The masters of ceremony were librarian, Edward Puzon and support staff, Daisy Abolucion. Their adlibs with added magic of comedy made the ambiance very entertaining. The hardworking staff at the helm of the activity were: Narcelita Lane Olamit (overall in charge), Raquel Lontoc (games), Chona Manguilin (prizes), and Dolores Morante (food).

Three (3) groups presented different dance numbers to the tune of modern songs accompanied by musical instruments. Raffle winners were drawn by the section heads. Meanwhile, games in between presentations, intermission numbers and comedy punch lines of the hosts energized the crowd.

Games played were the following: *Bato-bato Bill*, *Pass the Bill*, *This Blows*, *Stack-it-up*, and *Name.Com* which challenged the audience with the guessing power of what commercial theme song is particularly played at the background. Luckily, for some senior participants, there were commercials that they could relate well. *This blows* and *Stack-it-up* are library versions of a popular game on television today, *Minute-to-win-it*.

Cash prizes were P500, P1,000 and P2,000 while the rest were in kind including groceries, electrical appliances and gift checks. The grand prize for the raffle draw was a Kyowa convection oven. Ma. Victoria Acuña was one of the prize recipients who won a pressure cooker.

Towards the end of the program, winners for the "*Belénes del Mundo*" exhibit were announced. Major awards were given to librarians who



(Clockwise) Fr. Aparicio, O.P. as he gives his Christmas message; Mr. Puzon and Ms. Abolucion as masters of ceremonies; and Stack-it-up game participants as they battle for the win.

prepared nativity exhibit for countries, namely, Russia, Estonia and Mexico. Each group received a cash prize of P1,000, while a consolation prize of P500 was given to the groups who did not make it to the top three.

Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P. concluded the activity with a simple but meaningful Christmas message – "*that of sharing to the less fortunate.*" He stressed "*that amidst the gift giving among our circles, we must not forget those who truly need our helping hand, the poor.*" Finally he said, he is looking forward to spending Christmas in Spain with his family, particularly with his aging parents.

The Emcees acknowledged all those who were present. Special mention were given to the organizers including Evangeline Panizal, and Rowena del Meda, to the library administrators and the prize donors. The party ended at almost 4:00 pm leaving everybody happy and grateful.

Fulbright... from page 1

Information Science students at the UST College of Education. Alongside UST, Prof. Hickok also taught at the Philippine Normal University as a guest lecturer.

Last October, Prof. Hickok visited the UST Miguel de Benavides Library and requested a tour so as to familiarize himself with the different sections, policies, features and facilities of the Library. General Reference and Information Section Head Librarian and Assistant Head Librarian, Arlene Matias and Edward Puzon, respectively, provided Prof. Hickok a tour of the Library. He was able to speak with the Head Librarian of each section and got an overview of the collection. He gladly shared to everyone some of the practices of his Library, while giving praises to the continued efforts of the UST Library staff to constantly improve themselves and the Library in fulfilling its mission of catering to the needs of its clientele.

After the library visit, Prof. Hickok expressed his amazement over the new features and facilities of the Library. He said he was looking forward to share these to his LIS students in the UST College of Education.

Aside from having the opportunity to guide students in the latest trends and developments in the field of Library and Information Science, particularly in Reference work, he also earlier stated that a Fulbright is one of his bucket list dreams and that his assignment in the Philippines gives him the chance to fulfill the mission of a Fulbright to be a goodwill ambassador.

Colloquium... from page 2

researches made by Filipinos and he wanted to uplift the status of research in the country. He gave tips on how to analyze, present and validate data using online sources, namely, Scopus, and International Scientific Indexing (ISI) Index to Journal.

The other speaker was Ms. Rosela del Mundo, a librarian from Jose Rizal University. She conducted a research study on information literacy program where she presented programs and activities to empower the library information literacy, and even suggested that there should be a continuous research studies in this aspect of library program.

The last speaker was Dr. Lorena Ongtangco, a librarian-faculty from the Philippine Normal University whose research was about library outreach program. She tackled the importance and the problems of conducting library outreach activity. She mentioned the need of financial support from the local government in order to make this endeavor a success.

The forum was attended by professionals, librarians and students of Library and Information Science. Ms. Palermo, head Librarian of the Religion Section, attended this activity.

EHS... from page 5

"Today's Readers: inclusivity in diversity," is the theme of this year's National Book Week which was celebrated by the Education High School (EHS) community through the coordination of the UST Education High School/Grade School Library & Ehsians' Book Lovers' Club. It was held from November 21 to November 25, 2016.

EHS students travelled across Sahara desert to asteroid B612 through a screening of the movie adaptation of **The Little Prince**, a novel by Antoine de Saint-Exupery, which opened the five-day event. It was followed by the opening

of the *Book Fair* participated in by the Grade 7 students, and officers and members of the EHSians' Book Lovers Club. There was also the awarding of the *Top 10 Book Borrowers* with Certificate of Recognition and gift certificates by Asst. Prof. Loreto S. Sauz, EHS principal, and Ms. Clarice de Guzman, EHS library coordinator. The awardees are as follows:

1. Sonio, Jullianna Luisa A.
G10 Justice
2. Royeras, Jullessa
G9 Simplicity
3. Mariano, Angela Pauline
G10 Dignity
4. Bautista, Merry Joy
G10 Justice
5. Senen, Neomi Franchesca S.
G9 Honesty
6. Saquiton, Ma. Frances B.
G9 Simplicity
7. Manalang, Chelsy Monique A.
G8 Responsibility
8. Wallat, Kirsten Folen G.
G8 Piety
9. Tatunay, Anjela Rain M.
G7 Patriotism
10. Santos Corine Caithlyn Ann A.
G7 Respect

In her inspirational message, Asst. Prof. Sauz encouraged students to read books as much as they can emphasizing the advancement of technologies in which one can read books in any way he can -- through tablets and smartphones. Noticing that the *Top Book Borrowers* were all girls, the EHS Principal challenged the boys to break the norms on reading, hopefully expecting that a boy or boys will be on the list in the future.

The National Book Week celebration this year proved to be a diverse one as it brought out fresh and new talents from the EHS students through the different contests held. The *Door Chime Making* and *Book Spine Poetry Making* contest were introduced this year. In *Door Chime Making*, students were tasked to make a door chime made from any material, with novels as the inspiration. On the other hand, the *Book Spine Poetry Making* brought out the inner-Shakespeare of the students as they

compiled books and connected their spines to create stunning pieces of poetry. Both contests have shown the limitless possibilities of reading, giving birth to creative things beyond the avenue of reading.

Moreover, two contests were revamped this year which enabled the students to further explore their capabilities. One was the *Poster Making contest* where it introduced a new criterion, as the students got to express their own poster ideas through writing. A culminating event was held that afternoon - the *Books Come to Life*, a cosplay and singing contest participated in by the EHS students from each year and section. Students in their costumes portraying literary characters sang the popular theme songs and belted out signature musical pieces of the movie adaptations of their favorite books.

The awarding of the winners was charged to the EHSians' Book Lovers' Club officers together with Ms. Cruz-Ciar, EHS head librarian. The following are the winners:

Book Spine Poetry

Champion : Grade 10-Justice
1st Runner Up : Grade 9-Honesty
2nd Runner Up : Grade 8-Piety

"Door Chime"

Champion : Grade 10-Justice
1st Runner Up : Grade 7-Respect
2nd Runner Up : Grade 7-Patriotism

"Books Come to Life"

Champion : Grade 9-Honesty
1st Runner Up : Grade 10-Justice
2nd Runner Up : Grade 10-Dignity

Poster Making

Champion : Grade 10-Dignity
1st Runner Up : Grade 9-Simplicity
2nd Runner Up : Grade 8-Responsibility

The Book Fair participated in by the *National Bookstore* and *Booksale* was held at the fenced area of the Albertus Magnus building from November 21 to 25, 2016. The fair was not only enjoyed by the EHS community but other Thomasians as well.

"Smartcard Reader" for user's log in

Christian P. Barlan

After decades of manual logging by users in every section and branch of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library, it finally shifted to generating the statistics of library users to an automated method; not only the total logs of the users who entered the Central Library but also users in selected sections and branches. Paperless and unmanned, just tap the UST ID and the logs of users will be provided.

With the help of Santo Tomas e-Service Providers (*STePS*) department, the Library IT team successfully implemented this project using a *smartcard reader* attached to a computer desktop. This unit has already been installed in selected sections of the Main Library (Music, Science and Technology, Civil Law, Graduate School, Social Sciences, Filipiniana, Religion, Humanities and Serials) and in the branch libraries (Ecclesiastical Faculties Library, Education High School Library, Senior High School Library, Junior High School Library and Health Sciences Library).



In addition, the Smartcard Reader is installed and used for security reasons: to log and authenticate patrons who enter the section and from the Circulation stations - to read and authenticate the UST ID of students when borrowing books.

This automation is a great help to the Library staff in facilitating their daily work activities. All logs are stored in the University's datacenter.



Quick Response (QR) code for electronic books

Arlene P. Matias

Benchmarking provides ideas and new concepts to an individual. During the visit of the

following librarians, namely Narcelita Lane Olamit, Maria Cecilia Lobo, Diana Padilla, Arlene Matias, together with the Chief Librarian, Ms. Estrella Majuelo, to the different libraries in Taiwan on March 31 to April 4, 2014, one cannot help but notice the significant state-of-the-art facilities and their ebook collections. The National Central University alone has a room which houses printed cover of electronic books with Quick Response (QR) code. In Fu Jen Catholic University, they provide sixteen (16) iPads imbedded on a single sofa where ebook collections can be viewed by students. The cover page of the ebooks has QR code and is displayed on a rack. If a student wants to read an ebook from his own gadget, he/she may scan the QR code and download the applications to the mobile phone or iPad. Since the Code has become global, not to mention the use of it by establishments and business companies, it is just but right to start promoting the use of QR codes in the Miguel de Benavides library.

Since there is no formal training on how to create QR codes, Ms. Kaori Fuchigami and Ms. Arlene Matias, reference librarians, started to do research on how to generate a code for the UST Library. In August 2015, the QR code for the library homepage and the LOReNZo catalog was posted through the electronic display seen upon entry to the Library.

The number of ebooks for S.Y. 2016-2017 has increased dramatically from one ebook database which is the *Gale Virtual Reference Library* of GVRL. At present, the library has seven electronic books databases. The newly purchased databases are the following: *Knovel*, *Oxford Reference Library*, *Oxford Scholarship Online*, *EBSCOhost*

ebooks, *Science Direct ebooks*, and *Wiley ebooks*. Thus, the idea to create the QR code for the electronic books of the Miguel de Benavides Library was considered.

To make the design more attractive, Mr. Edward Puzon, the new Assistant Reference Librarian together with the UST BLIS practicumers, decided to make the QR code bigger and more colorful than the usual ones being posted by commercial establishments. The cover of each ebook is also included together with a short description so that researchers would know its content.

Any student/researcher who has a smart phone can download an application: 1) for **Android QR Code Reader/Scanner**: one can download, *Nigma Barcode Scanner*, *QR Droid*, *QuickMark QR Code Reader*, *NeoReader*, *ScanLife Reader*; 2) for **iPhone QR Code Reader/Scanner** student can download the *QR Reader for iPhone*, *Zapper scanner*, *QR Scanner*, *i-Nigma 4 Scanner*, *eyeconit Scanner*; 3) for **Blackberry QR Code Reader/Scanner**, *QR Code Scanner Pro*, *ScanLife Reader*; and 4) for **Windows QR Code Reader/Scanner**, one may use *QuickMark QR Code Reader*, *UpCode Reader* and so on. Most of these applications are downloadable free from Google applications.

Once the students have the application in their smart phones, all they need to do is to capture the QR code of a particular ebook. After a few seconds, they can already access and read the electronic books purchased by the Library.

In a nutshell, the Miguel de Benavides Library hopes that through this technology, although relatively new, patrons and researchers will find it useful and beneficial for their studies. Moreover, this will also help increase the use of ebooks among its library patrons.

Spanish classes for Librarians

Diana V. Padilla

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This activity aims to provide the librarians with basic skills in communicating with Spanish visitors and researchers; for the Librarians to easily understand and classify the library's rare and significant Spanish materials; and most importantly, to know and appreciate more the Spanish collections of the library which narrate the rich history of the University and of the nation.

The librarians involved in this activity have different levels of understanding the Spanish language. Some have earned Spanish units at *Instituto Cervantes* years back, others have taken classes during their undergraduate years and several have not attended any sessions at all. Hence, the Library decided to divide the group into two (2) levels: the *Beginners* and *Advanced* Groups. The Thomasian community was also

informed about this activity through posters so those interested could also join in the classes.

The Spanish lectures started on October 3, 2016 for the *Advanced* group and on October 10, 2016 for the *Beginners*. Each group has to finish 20 sessions or 30 hours of Spanish lessons before a certain module could be completed. The schedule is two (2) sessions (6 hours in a week). The invited lecturer was Ms. Isabel Sevilla, a Spanish teacher certified by *Instituto Cervantes*. She is also a former faculty member of the UST College of Science and the Faculty of Arts and Letters where she handled Spanish courses.

The *Beginners* group has nine (9) librarians, namely, Ma. Cecilia Lobo, Lucila Adriano, Rosemary Balbin, Lady Catherine de Leon, Raquel Lontoc, Chona Manguilin, Narcelita Lane Olamit, Michelle San Gabriel, Ginalyn Santiago and one (1) support staff, Arleen Abad. The *Advanced* group consists of three (3) University administrators: Fr. Jannel Abogado, O.P., Fr. Florentino Bolo, Jr. O.P., and Fr. Louie Coronel; four (4) librarians: Estrella Majuelo, Ma. Fevie Macasaet, Diana Padilla, Marilou Palermo; one (1) faculty member: Rona Catherine Repancol; and one (1) graduate school student, Antony Odhiambo.

Heritage Library on TV

Diana V. Padilla

The Heritage Library has again proven its exceptionality and interesting attributes when it was featured recently in distinguished local TV programs like the **University Town** and **ANC Mukha**, both ABS-CBN programs.

Last August 3, 2016, the production staff and hosts of the **University Town** had a video shoot in the campus. The activity was organized in line with the 79th *University Athletic Association of the Philippines* (UAAP) season. The program featured the Thomasian UAAP athletes and their beloved alma mater. During the shoot, the volleyball sweetheart Gretchen Ho and Video Jockey (VJ) Robi Domingo together with the UST's very own athletes Cherry Rondina, outside hitter, UST Tigresses and Louie Philippe Vigil, team captain, UST Growling Tigers, toured the interesting and historical sites and structures in the University such as the Arch of the Centuries, Grandstand and Parade ground, Main Building, Quadricentennial Pavilion, UST Museum, and the central Library particularly the Heritage section.

In the Library, the group was welcomed by Ms. Estrella Majuelo, chief librarian. Afterwards, they proceeded to the Heritage section where they were informed by its Head Librarian, Ms. Diana Padilla about the nature of the collections, services and the activities of the section. The oldest book of the library, *La Guerra Judaica (The Jewish War)*, by Flavius Josephus, printed in 1492 was presented to them. Then, they went to the Conservation and Restoration Laboratory where they enthusiastically asked about the book restoration procedures and the kind of equipment and materials used in the process. These were explained by Ms. Ginalyn Santiago, assistant head librarian/head book restorer. Some restoration steps were demonstrated to them as well by the staff. Lastly, Ms. Padilla shared to the group the digitization activity that aims to preserve and increase the access of the significant rare books and other materials of the Library. The one-hour show was aired on September 4, 2016

at the ABS-CBN Sports+Action Channel Studio 23 at 6:00pm, with replays.

Another milestone in the Heritage Library was the production of an episode for ABS-CBN News Channel, ANC's **Mukha**. It is a documentary program that tells inspiring stories that reflect the triumph of the human spirit over life struggles. The program got interested to feature Ms. Santiago, the head book restorer of the Library; her work life was showcased. A whole-day video shoot was held on November 8, 2016 in which all the processes of book restoration, from physical analysis to encasement, safekeeping of restored materials, researching activities of the visitors and other activities pertinent to the maintenance of the book restoration program were documented. The aim of the story was to inspire the viewers to value the endeavor of preserving significant rare materials that narrate the history and development of the nation for the past centuries. The **Mukha** episode entitled *Pahina* was aired last November 16, 2016.



Some photos taken during the TV shoot

UST Librarians sa Radio

Diana V. Padilla

Ms. Diana Padilla, head librarian of the UST Heritage section and Ms. Ginalyn Santiago, the assistant head librarian and book restorer of the Section, were invited to guest on the **LibRadio: Librarians sa Radio**, a one-hour DZUP sponsored radio show for the University of the Philippines-Diliman University Library. The live radio interview was aired last October 19, 2016, 12:00nn-1:00pm at the DZUP 1602 station, UP College of Mass Communication. The interview was in line with the program's topic on Libraries and Culture for the month of October.

Ms. Padilla and Ms. Santiago were interviewed by the hosts, Ms. Eimee Rhea Lagrama and Ms. Annelyn Lim, librarians of UP Diliman Library. The interview focused on the nature of the Antonio Vivencio del Rosario UST Heritage Library (HL) which is supported by a grant from the family of the late Ambassador Ramon V. del Rosario, Sr. The Section was named after their grandfather, Antonio Vivencio del Rosario, an outstanding Thomasian, and the former Secretary General of UST (1854-1866). It was clarified that HL is just a section in the UST Miguel de Benavides Library, the main library of the University. Ms. Padilla explained that HL is a special area that houses vast printed collections of the University of Santo Tomas of approximately 30,000 volumes of historical materials while the other sections/branch libraries contain recently published materials. In terms of researchers, most of the time, the faculty members, historians, and graduate school students are the ones using its collections. The policies and guidelines of the HL were also discussed especially the requirements for the off-campus researchers. As for the activities, the Heritage Library conducts conservation and digitization of rare materials which are the main activities of the section. Ms. Padilla explained that said activities are being supported by the UnionBank of the Philippines, including the publication of the catalog of rare books. These activities/components are part of the Library Project with the bank called the *Lumina Pandit II* (spreading the light).

Ms. Santiago explained the restoration process that the HL conforms. About twenty steps have to be followed carefully, from the physical examination of the material up to the binding of the restored copy. She added that, it takes at least one month to restore one book with approximately 1,000 pages. The restoration period also depends on the physical condition of the material and its size. If the copy is



Ms. Padilla and Ms. Santiago (3rd and 4th from left) together with the hosts of DZUP LibRadio.

too acidic and quite large, then the process will take a while. The two were also asked about the criteria in selecting collections for preservation. The HL considers the historical value, uniqueness, materials written by eminent thinkers, scholars, and others, and books printed by the best presses of the world.

As for the digitization work, Ms. Padilla updated the listeners that the rare collections of the HL are scanned and the copies are being uploaded in the UST "Digital Library" which can be accessed at <http://digilib.ust.edu.ph>. The library uses CONTENTdm software which allows its digital collections to be managed and be uploaded in the World Wide Web. Aside from its historical collections, the archival materials and the current publications of the different faculties and colleges of the University are also made available in the digital library.

The hosts also asked the sample precious books that are available in the HL. Ms. Padilla and Ms. Santiago mentioned some of its significant collections like the oldest book that HL keeps, the *La Guerra Judaica*, by Josephus Flavius printed in 1492; the *De Revolutionibus Orbium Coelestium*, by Nicholaus Copernicus published in 1543; and Bibles like the *Plantin Polyglot* (also called the *Antwerp Polyglot*, the *Biblia Regia* or *King's Bible*) – printed under the title *Biblia Polyglotta* by Christopher Plantin in Antwerp (now Belgium) between 1568 and 1573; books on the sciences, grammars and dictionaries, journals and newspapers that any libraries in the world would be proud of.

This radio interview has helped the UST Heritage Library promote its collections and services to UP Diliman community and to a wider public. Thus, the UST Miguel de Benavides Library is grateful to the producers and people behind the UP LibRadio program, hoping that the UST Library would also create a worthwhile marketing tool like the said radio show.

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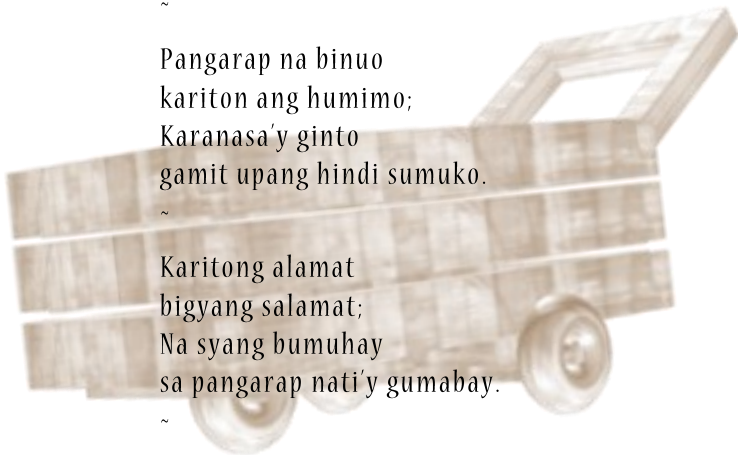
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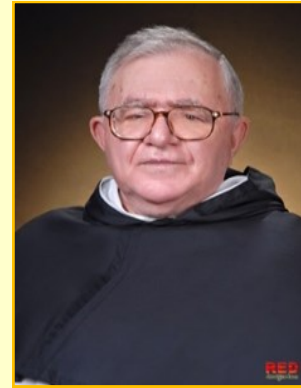
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This is already my third year as Library Coordinator for the College of Science and head of the College of Science library committee. **The main duties of our library committee are to work together with the librarians on the development of the UST library collections as well as to coordinate between the library and the college.** We want to make sure that the collection of the UST Library is regularly updated with new scientific literature relevant for the courses offered at our College. Our students need the UST Library as a comprehensive and high-quality source of information, in a world where knowledge is key to success.

Physics is my passion and profession. I studied physics at the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Germany. There, I also did my doctoral studies and was awarded a Doctor of Natural Sciences degree (Dr. rer. nat.) in physics in 2004. After that, I was doing research as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Chicago, U.S.A. from 2005 to 2009, and at the Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry in Goettingen, Germany, from 2009 to 2011. I finally moved to the Philippines in 2011 and started lecturing at the UST College of Science, where I am now working as an associate professor in the Mathematics and Physics Department. In addition, I am a lecturer at the UST Graduate School and a researcher at the Research Center for the Natural and Applied Sciences. My nationality is German, but I am now a permanent resident of the Philippines.

Most of the time, the College of Science library committee is concerned with recommending and evaluating books for the UST Library. This is done in collaboration with Acquisitions Head Librarian Ms. Ma. Cecilia D. Lobo and Ms. Marivic G. Usita, head librarian of the Science and Technology Section. Another typical task is to coordinate library orientations and electronic resources

tutorials with Ms. Arlene P. Matias, head librarian of the General Reference and Information Section. Usually once every semester, the Prefect of Libraries Rev. Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Chief Librarian Ms. Estrella S. Majuelo, and other librarians meet with the library coordinators of all colleges, faculties, and other institutions at the UST Library in order to discuss library concerns.

The current semester was the most challenging one for me as a library coordinator, because the programs of the College of Science underwent the Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities Commission on Accreditation (PACUCOA) accreditation and this includes also the library as an important area. We had to provide many documents as evidence for the quality of the services provided by the UST Library. I am very thankful to all the librarians who contributed documents and, in particular, to Ms. Ma. Cecilia D. Lobo, who coordinated it. We ended up with a big stack of papers bound into a thick book. For every program, I prepared lists of all core courses with the number of books related to them. It turned out that for some subjects, many books are available, but for some others, only a few. In order to address this imbalance, we are now working on a list of these underrepresented subjects. This list shall be used in the future as a guide to systematically search for additional new scientific books for these subjects.

Other challenges come from the constantly changing world around us. One is the trend away from printed books towards ebooks and e-learning. The K-12 transition has already affected the number of undergraduate students and, thus, also the library budget. The ASEAN integration, UST's shift to a system with vertical articulation, and the transition to a research university are further challenges. **However, these changes also provide opportunities for improvement as long as we work together and accept the challenges.**

New Librarian

Lady Catherine R. de Leon



Male librarians still remain a rare-breed in the Philippines. The UST Miguel de Benavides Library is fortunate that from the previously dominated “women’s world,” the Library has now a growing number of male librarians who work with dedication and passion. Addition to the family is **Lejempf V. Flores** who is currently our new Cataloger at the Technical Section.

Lejempf or Jemp, as his friends call him, is a graduate of Bachelor of Secondary Education major in Library Science at UST in 2002. He attained his Master’s degree in Library Science at Baliuag University in 2015. Back in College, Jemp and I were batch mates and he was friendly to everyone in class. He was a very contained, conservative and a happy-go-lucky boy. But that was him before..., now is a different story...

Right after college, Jemp got married to Diana, and blessed with a son who is now 13 years old named Jean Liam. Even marrying at an early age, Jemp proved that he is a responsible provider for his family. He was employed at Lourdes School Quezon City in 2002. In 2007, he went abroad to work at Liwa International School in Al Ain, UAE. He got back to the Philippines in 2009 and worked at the Technological Institute of the Philippines in Quezon City before he was hired by UST.

Despite being busy with his family and work, Jemp still manages to do what he loves -- outdoor activities like mountain climbing, hiking and biking. He is very adventurous. He usually hangs out with friends for some “mountain-climbing activities.”

Looking at him, some may think that he is a serious and straightforward guy who talks less which is the opposite of what he really is - a bubbly and jolly fellow. To his friends who know him well, he is sometimes naughty (in a good sense) as his sense of humor makes everyone laugh. Lejempf, aside from being a faithful husband is also a loving father, a kind hearted son and a very good friend to everyone.

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