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UST MdBL relaunches **SEMPER LUMINA** exhibit

Ma. Victoria C. Acuña

True to its name, the Semper Lumina (Always the Light), which was successfully first launched at Edsa Shangri-La, Manila last May 5, 2017 finally arrived home. Last October 27, 2017, the Semper Lumina exhibit was relaunched at the UST Miguel de Benavides Library. This would be a chance for the Thomasian community to be proud and humbled that our University owns these precious collections housed in the Antonio Viven-
cio Del Rosario UST Heritage Library and the Archives of the University of Santo Tomas respectively.

The brief event was highlighted with Fr. Angel Aparicio's warm welcome and presentation of the library's resources, expenses, and usage statistics; followed by Mr. Joselito Zulueta's historical review of the recently published Rare Books and Archives Catalogue; and Ms. Diana Padilla's presentation and navigation of the UST Digital Library. Prof. Regalado Trota Jose gave the closing remarks.

Semper Lumina is a sustainable project of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library and the University Archives in collaboration with the Union Bank of the Philippines aiming at the preservation and dissemination of the University's priceless collections to a wider world.

The exhibit runs until May 31, 2018.



**We apologize for the delay in publication of this December 2017 issue.*



UST librarians attend 2nd Librarian Summit

Kristi Ma. Fevie V. Macasaet

Sabina Viernes and Kristi Ma. Fevie Macasaet attended the 2nd Librarian Summit with the theme **‘Connected Actions, Collective Vision’** held at Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) – Economic and Financial Learning Center on September 26, 2017.

This year’s summit was a discussion-workshop on the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) global vision project. According to Ms. Elvira Lapuz, facilitator and a newest member of the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Council of the Board for Librarians in the Philippines, this activity allowed representatives of the library field worldwide to think and explore on how a connected library

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Staying afloat in a sea of change: a seminar-workshop for librarians

Angelica Frances C. Ciar

The Quezon City Library Consortium (QCLC) organized a two-day seminar-workshop with the theme **‘Staying afloat in a sea of change: enhancing essential skills for today’s library workforce.’** This activity was held last October 5-6, 2017 at Hotel EuroAsia, Don Juico Ave., Angeles City, Pampanga. The seminar-workshop aimed at equipping the librarians and information professionals on the vital skills needed for today’s library workforce. The respectable resource speakers discussed the different emerging trends and essential skills needed in today’s transformative age of librarianship. The speakers and their respective topics for the two-day seminar were: (1) Ms. Michelle Esteban, Ed.D., chief librarian of Far

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Librarians attend series of trainings

Kristi Ma. Fevie V. Macasaet

While taking time out of their busy schedules, librarians attended trainings to update their awareness and knowledge about the electronic resources that the UST Miguel de Benavides Library currently offers. Last October 11, 2017, seven (7) librarians participated in Mr. Alex Liu Yupeng’s (Client Services Manager of IEEE) demo and training on IEEE Xplore Digital Library. He discussed easy-to-use search tools and other useful features that have been incorporated into IEEE interface. This database is an access to the scientific and technical content published by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and its publishing partners. The attendees were Kaori Fuchigami, Raquel Lontoc, Edward Puzon, Marivic Usita, Kristi Ma. Fevie Macasaet, Jenneth Capule and Maynard Vitug.

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UST librarians join the 7th Rizal Library International Conference

Lady Catherine R. de Leon

The librarians, Raquel Lontoc and Lady Catherine de Leon attended the 7th Rizal Library International Conference held at the Ateneo de Manila University in Quezon City. With the theme **‘CLICK! Connecting Libraries, Information, and Community Knowledge,’** the conference coincided with the celebration of the Ateneo de Manila Rizal Library’s 50th year anniversary.

Dr. J. Stephen Downie, a professor and associate dean for Research at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign’s School of Information Sciences, and co-director of the HathiTrust Research Center, which develops cutting edge software tools and cyber- infrastructure for computational access and Senior Associate Justice Antonio Carpio, the incumbent Chair of the Second Division of the Supreme Court of the Philippines, and Chair of the Senate Electoral Tribunal were the keynote speakers of the said conference.

The three-day conference highlighted the current researches in the following strands: (1) Community: institutional collaborations, library partnerships, librarian empowerment and capacity building, knowledge development; (2) Culture and History: Philippine studies and libraries, Jose Rizal and libraries, evolution of cultures in literary texts, reading customs and practices; (3) Communication and Technology: social media, source preservation, accessibility, big data, data mining where researchers and academics from United States of America, Singapore, Indonesia, Barbados, and Australia presented their papers. Through this academic meeting of the minds, it is important to realize that BIG data is “IN” and librarians are in the perfect position to mine, curate, analyze and develop a body of knowledge that impact communities. There must be an expressed training needs and continuous professional development on data mining and analysis.

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Best Practices of Libraries in Southeast Asia and the United States

Marilou G. Palermo

The University of the East (UE) Graduate School Master of Library and Information Science sponsored a lecture-forum entitled **'Best Practices of Libraries in Southeast Asia and the United States.'** It was held last December 9, 2017 at the UE Graduate School Function Room. The resource speaker was Mr. John Hickok, an international outreach librarian from California State University, Fullerton. He has been visiting different types of libraries in twenty-four (24) countries in Asia including the Philippines – libraries of the University of the Philippines, Ateneo de Manila University, De La Salle University and University of Santo Tomas.

The lecture-forum started with welcome remarks by the Dean of the Graduate School, Dr. Julian Abuso while Dr. Dolores Carungui, a faculty member of the Graduate School introduced the guest lecturer.

Mr. Hickok started his lecture by giving his insights and observations on the libraries he visited in Asia and in the United States. He enumerated eight (8) different categories describing the best practices in the libraries, namely:

Information Commons – He described the different types of libraries (academic, public, special and school). Each library has its own uniqueness with their collections, services and facilities systems.

Library using mobile connections – The library answers mobile queries in reference services. This is another way of serving library clientele by using mobile phones.

Videos and tutorials – These include library orientation, virtual library tours, video streaming,

e-books and other online library related services.

Digital collections – These are online newspapers and online databases where library clientele could easily access the collection. According to the lecturer, a path-finder will guide a researcher to the list of print and non-print collections of the library.

Technical services – Mr. Hickok recommended to have a library blog and to create a library website so that patrons could have other options in accessing information available in the Internet and they could also give their feedback and suggestions.

Library marketing/promotion – These are ways on how to encourage students, faculty members and other library stakeholders to visit the library. A well-planned marketing strategies would make the library effective to its clientele.

Reference and information services – These services create

a friendly and accommodating ambiance in the Reference area so that clientele would feel that the library is concerned with their needs.

Library space planning – This refers to designing a conducive and attractive atmosphere that fits the needs of the patrons like a well spacious place for study and research and to accommodate the collections of the library.

An open forum followed after the lecture, suggestions and insights from the participants were also accommodated. One of the questions was about the difference between the libraries in the United States and in Asia. According to Mr. Hickok, every library has its strengths and weaknesses, different challenges, different library budget allocations, their own plans, programs and systems which they can adapt after a series of studies and observations. He also recommended that librarians should create library 'apps' to keep updated with the latest trends and technologies in the field of librarianship. The resource speaker presented the situations of the various types of the libraries he visited.

This event provided valuable insights to the participants and inspired them to be innovative and responsive to the challenges of this generation.



The resource speaker, Prof. Hickok (at the center) with Dr. Julian Abuso (4th from right) and Prof. Johnny Buenrostro, dean of the UE Graduate School-Library and Information Science (3rd from right) pose for a souvenir photo together with the participants.

School library's future in times of **CHANGE**

Marjorie Irish A. Suarez



Ms. Bebang Siy (top) and Ms. Rossana Maglalang while delivering their speech.
(Photo credit from PASLI)

School librarians nowadays are dealing with millennials, and it is a challenge to adopt and to keep pace with all the trends and interests of the students with regard to their book selection and reading format. With this phenomenon, the Philippine Association of School Librarians, Inc. (PASLI) extended its arms to help librarians be more knowledgeable of the kind of 'Millennial Patrons' they are dealing with.

Four librarians from UST-MdBL attended the seminar-benchmarking activity with the theme '**Understanding the young adults and their literature today**' held at the Henry Sy, Sr. Innovation Centre, Miriam College, Quezon City. They were: Leonila Manuel, Education High School (EHS) head librarian, Kaori Fuchigami, Senior High School (SHS) head librarian, Lourdes Fatima Ramos, Junior High School (JHS) head librarian and Marjorie Irish Suarez, JHS librarian.

The seminar started with a database promotion of Kite E-Learning Solution, C&E publication's myON Database which is intended for High School Students. The program proper started with the first keynote speaker, Ms. Bebang Siy who is a graduate of M.A. Filipino Major in Literature, and also an author. The title of her presentation was 'Appreciating Philippine Young Adult (YA) Literature,' and she pointed out seven (7) values of YA literature which include the following: (1) a gateway to hardcore literature; (2) promotes diversity; (3) features other art forms; (4) explains the struggle of growing up; (5) helps teenager to survive in the violent world with the adults; (6) teaches gender sensitivity; and (7) deals with real emotions. She also presented her favorite collection of books from unique YA writers. The second keynote speaker was Ms. Maria Rossana Maglalang, a Master in Reading Education graduate and an English coordinator from Ateneo de Manila Junior High School. She discussed a topic entitled 'Reading Behavior

and Preferences of Young Adults in the 21st century,' where she shared her experiences in teaching English, especially with boy students she handled. She also mentioned the types of novels and fictions arising in this generation, in which most are post-apocalyptic and dystopian type of literature. She also shared famous book titles and authors from her own reads. Lastly, she also presented comparison of the student reading preferences in relation to gender and also to the different parts of the world.

Both speakers explained the value and impact of a librarian's profession to children through videos and their own experiences that completed the morning sessions. A benchmarking activity took place in the afternoon which included the following: (1) Innovatrium, which housed various laboratories, namely, Fab Lab where the 3D-Printer and 3D Pen are found; Instrulab, E-lab, Multimedia Lab; and Performance lab where the Finger Touch Interactive Projector is located; (2) Miriam College Grade School library which is equipped with the audio-visual room, viewing rooms and recording studio where librarians got the chance to know the College's best library practices, operations, activities and stratagem suited for the kids; and (3) High School Library which completed the benchmarking activity of librarians from the different regions.

UST MdBL sends participants to PAARL international conference and benchmarking tour

Narcelita Lane T. Olamit

Ms. Estrella S. Majuelo, chief librarian, Ms. Ma. Cecilia D. Lobo, assistant chief librarian and Ms. Narcelita Lane T. Olamit, head cataloguer of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library attended an international conference and benchmarking entitled **‘Cross-Institutional Collaboration: Challenges and Opportunities’** last October 23-25, 2017. It was held at Arabian Park Hotel, Al Jadaf St., Dubai, UAE.

The conference was organized by the Philippine Association of Academic/Research Librarians, Inc. (PAARL). The following were the objectives: (1) to promote the concept of cross-institutional collaboration; (2) to provide a venue for libraries/librarians to network; (3) to establish international partners/linkages; (4) to learn from the best practices and experiences of other institutions; and (5) to develop, nurture, and expand existing partnerships or collaborative projects/programs.

Ms. Ana Maria B. Fresnido, president of PAARL, in her opening remarks, highlighted resource sharing, inter-library loans, cooperative cataloging and digital publishing as new trends in the field of librarianship.

Invited speakers were Dr. Reysa C. Alenzuela, expert manager, Nazarbayev University Library; Ms. Fresnido, head, technical services, Ms. Janice DC. Peñaflor, coordinator, technical services, Ms. Elizabeth B. Padilla, readers services librarian - all from De La Salle University Libraries and Ms. Evelyn P. Nabus, chief librarian, Colegio de San Juan de Letran Calamba.

Dr. Alenzuela’s topic was **‘Professional Mobility and Institutional Cooperation in Kazakhstan: a Model for Dynamic Library Services in Asia,’** wherein she shared her ideas on how to develop and expand partnerships or collaborative project programs in the case of academic libraries in Kazakhstan. She also discussed the concepts

of cross-institutional collaboration in libraries; she also shared her experiences on how international libraries contribute to the development of international standards and adoption of global trends and; she provided insights in developing international partnership linkages.

The second topic entitled **‘Philippine Library Consortia: Priorities and Perspectives’** was given by Ms. Fresnido. She mentioned about the best practices carried out by the different library consortia to learn and inspire one another; how library consortia in the country are progressing and; what can be done further to ensure sustainability, success and to fill the gaps in the existing literature through an examination of the state of library consortia in the Philippines.

The third topic, **‘Facebook and Librarians: a Content Analysis of Facebook Pages of Professional Organizations in the Philippines,’** was given by Ms. Peñaflor. She emphasized the level of activity of professional organizations as indicated by their page performances; evaluated the type of information being shared in their Facebook pages; and measured the level of user engagement generated by their posts.

The fourth topic, **‘Using Resource Sharing Data for Collection Development,’** was given by Ms. Padilla. She mentioned how the current book collections are supporting the users’ need. Her topic also examined how acquisition decisions and selections harmonized with the usage trends. She also presented the means on how data can improve collection development strategies and modify existing collection development.

The last topic, **‘Text Messaging: Not only for Reference Services,’** was given by Ms. Nabus. According to her, library personnel play a great role in promoting library services. In their library, renewing of library materials for faculty members and graduate school students are done through text messaging. The services are done during 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Monday to Saturday. According to their survey, the result was very helpful to the users and they were extremely satisfied.

The remaining two days of PAARL activities were spent on library benchmarking. The group visited four libraries which included the following: (1) Dubai Public Library; (2) American University in Dubai Library (AUD); (3) University of Wollongong Library; and (4) Canadian University of Dubai Library (CUD).

The Dubai Public Library provides services for the community. The community will have to apply for a one year library membership with corresponding fee and refundable anytime he



Conference and benchmarking participants pose for a souvenir photo.



(L-R) Ms. Olamit, Ms. Lobo and Ms. Majuelo visit AUD.

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Health Sciences Library opens new discussion rooms

Mercy C. Bano

Last August 2017, driven by the mission to provide optimum services, discussion areas with glass board and tables for collaborative work were added at the mezzanine area of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library's Health Sciences Section located at the fourth floor of the UST Saint Martin de Porres Building. Aside from providing the information needs of the students and faculty members of the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, College of Nursing, and College of Rehabilitation Sciences as well as UST alumni and off-campus researchers, this section also gives

their clientele a choice of study spaces to suit their diverse work preferences.

Five discussion rooms were made available to cater the needs of the three aforementioned colleges. Four big rooms can accommodate ten (10) to twelve (12) individuals and one room can accommodate four (4) to eight (8) users. Guidelines were posted in each room for strict compliance. Smart television and access point for wireless Internet connection will be installed soon to stimulate student learning and group discussions.



SHS Library celebrates its ceremonial opening and blessing

Kaori B. Fuchigami



Fr. Aparicio, as he welcomes the attendees.



*Fr. de Sagon, as he blesses the SHS library.
(Photos courtesy of Mr. Nemesio D. Magtaan.)*

The UST Senior High School Library, one of the branches of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library, celebrated its ceremonial opening and blessing last December 1, 2017. The blessing was officiated by Fr. Ermito G. de Sagon, O.P., regent of the UST Senior High School. Leading the ceremonial ribbon cutting were Chief Librarian Asst. Prof. Estrella S. Majuelo and UST Senior High School Principal Assoc. Prof. Pilar I. Romero, Ph.D. The event was attended by the Miguel de Benavides Library Prefect Fr. Angel A. Aparicio, O.P., Assistant Chief Librarian Ms. Ma. Cecilia D. Lobo, Assistant Principals Assoc. Prof. Rodrigo A. Litao, Ph.D. and Asst. Prof. Mary Erika N. Bolaños, Ph.D., School Secretary Asst. Prof. Jazamie V. Ong, MA, UST librarians, selected SHS faculty members and students.

The temporary location of the library is at the 9th floor of the UST Buenaventura G. Paredes, O.P. Building (BGPOP). With a seating capacity of 128, library users are ensured that the area is not only functional but also aesthetically pleasing to meet the needs and satisfaction of the stakeholders. The library's Reading Area accommodates 48 users and has Computer Workstation area with 80 computers accessible to students and teachers. It has advanced infrastructure in terms of hardware and software which cater to the requirements of the students, teachers and the curriculum.

Three wall arts in the library came from the concept and artistic minds of selected Music, Arts and Design (MAD) students of the Senior High School pioneer batch. They were Marvin Keith B. Bautista, Lizette Renee C. Cabato and Marie Bernadette F. Casuncad. While other design came from the idea of the library's former visiting Spanish librarian, Ms. Anabel dela Paz González.



USTJHS celebrates National Book Week 2017

Lourdes Fatima C. Ramos

The UST Junior High School (JHS) Library in collaboration with the Junior High School Readers' Club celebrated the 83rd National Book Week last November 21-24, 2017 with the theme **'Libraries Take Action: Providing Access and Opportunity for All.'**

The four-day celebration had various contests and activities which included the following: (1) a class visit to National Bookstore and Angkas Travelling Bookstore booths; (2) a chance to select and purchase books that they would love to read; (3) "Book Swap" where students and faculty members can exchange their pre-loved books for another book; and (4) seminar on storytelling attended by the officers and members of the Readers' Club. Mr. Rey S. Bufi, founder of The Story Telling Project, was the speaker of the said activity. There was also a "Book Discussion" facilitated by Mrs. Angelica Frances C. Ciar, assistant head librarian, Humanities Section. She discussed the

book 'Wonder' by RJ Palacio which will soon become a motion picture. The discussion was actively participated by students who have read the book. Fun-filled contests such as Library Quest, Novel Quiz Bee, Book Spine Poetry Contest and Poster Making Contest took place as well.

The last day was the awarding of contest winners and the Library's top borrowers from January-November 2017. Among the top borrowers were: Maureen Elizabeth E. Pulumbarit - St. Bernadine; Gabrielle Isabelle T. Garcia - St. Claire; Vincent B. Imperial - St. Damian; and Mrs. Evelyn T. Tiangsing - faculty member from Science Department.

Indeed, book week celebration is one way to show how much we appreciate books, reading and the library.

USTJHS Library and the English Forum Club organizes a seminar on 'Basic APA Formatting and Style'

Marjorie Irish A. Suarez

"RESEARCH IS TO SEE WHAT EVERYBODY ELSE HAS SEEN, AND TO THINK WHAT NOBODY ELSE HAS THOUGHT"

- ALBERT SZENT-GYORGYI -

Today's generation seems to have more diverse activities compared to the past generation. This may probably due to the influences of cyberspace. "Fake news" has been escalating on the internet, and netizens have to be more critical with the information that are available on the net.

To respond to this, the Library, in coordination with the English Forum Club conducted a seminar for the Grade 10 students of Junior High School (JHS) with the topic **'Basic APA Formatting and Style'** held at the JHS Benavides Auditorium on October 25, 2017. One of the objectives of the said seminar is to broaden the understanding of students with regard to recognizing fake news and real news, which are interrelated to plagiarism, through the discussion of citation and bibliography. Being objective with the available information online is a valuable skill every netizen should practice.

Asst. Prof. Kristine D. Valerio, Senior High School faculty member, was the resource speaker. She explained and clarified the reason behind the importance of bibliography and the problem of plagiarism. Her discussion was suited to the audience's present needs in terms of research since grade 10 students are highly engaged in producing research-based outcomes. She tackled topics on citation format and stories of plagiarism from local to international scenes; she also mentioned about the conquest of plagiarism in the academe, intellectual property and how to become a Thomasian student researcher. The students were enlightened with the lecture on how to cite properly an article, a book, and other sources of information. After the discussion, open forum was initiated by the resource speaker and students started to raise questions regarding their views and opinions about the topic. The seminar highlighted the fact that research is a way to respect one's idea and opinion through citing and providing the name

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field could meet the challenges of the future. The foci were: strategies on strengthening partnership within the field; determining future challenges and opportunities of the field; and, identifying actions that library could take in response to the rapid changes in societies.

Divided into small groups, participants were asked to visualize and to make their own library magazine cover. Hence, they had a fruitful discussion and informative sharing of the following queries and concerns: What are the core values of libraries? What are libraries exceptionally good at? What should libraries do more/less of? What are the main challenges to libraries?

Some of the answers mentioned were: libraries are exceptionally good at supporting learning and literacy, information organization and offering free access to information. They should do more programs that would provide equal opportunities to access information. Thus, the participants suggested that libraries and librarians should reduce convoluted rules and regulations, and to stop being a luddite or one who fears technology (or new technology, as they seem pleased with how things currently are). Libraries and library professionals also have to overcome challenges like: lack of advocacy, budget and staff; social division; climate change; rapid technological change; privacy and security; and, rise of fake news.

The last part of the summit was the IFLA Global Vision online survey. Everyone was asked to participate by answering the said questionnaire. Results from the said survey along with IFLA's regional and national discussions will then be gathered and analyzed. This will provide a basis for the IFLA Global Vision report for a united library field which will be published in early 2018.

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Eastern University (FEU-FERN College) Dili-man and the Quezon City Library Consortium (QCLC) President, 'From concepts to practices: applying skills in transforming the information professionals'; (2) Dr. Maria Gia Gamolo, university librarian, FEU Manila, 'Transformation powered by essential skills in addressing changes in the library profession'; (3) Ms. Janice Peñaflor, acquisitions librarian at the De La Salle University Manila, 'Librarians without borders: exploring initiatives and possibilities the digital way'; and (4) Ms. Rosela Del Mundo, university librarian, Jose Rizal University, 'Evolution of library work from traditional to librarians of the future: a progress assessment of library & librarians' transformation.'



The participants while engaging in the workshop.

Ms. Esteban emphasized the importance of having the right attitude at work. It is as essential as having skills and knowledge. She explained it using the equation: KNOWLEDGE + SKILLS = ABILITY and ABILITY + ATTITUDE = COMPETENCE. The workshops conducted were about personal mission statement of the participants. Skill Matrix was also included in the workshop.

Ms. Gamolo touched on ways on how to be a "visible" librarian. She defined it as someone who has a role and value in the institution they work for whether it be in the academic, school or special libraries. Her discussion on lift speech or elevator speech was interesting because it can be used by librarians to promote or advertise what they do and how they add value to the library and the institution. The workshop she facilitated focused on the importance of being an embedded librarian and from her discussion, it can be concluded that collaboration is the key to being a competent librarian.

Ms. Peñaflor gave a preview on the vast collection of apps/computer applications and the practical ways on how she was able to use it in the library. The discussion may seem complicated but she gave samples on how easy it is to integrate in the day-to-day function of the library. It was very helpful because she already compiled the most relevant and useful apps for the library.

Ms. Del Mundo presented a comparison of how libraries operate then and now. She laid out the evolution of library work and the changing role of librarians. It is important to be aware of the changes that happened. She highlighted that library in the past was all about order, rules and poli-

cies but now, the shift is towards comfort, service and satisfying informational needs. To be able to embrace change, librarians have to look back and assess what happened in the way information is communicated.

Overall, the seminar topics were engaging and comprehensive. It offered ways to avoid

drowning in the depths of information technology influx. The seminar was all about updating librarians' skills to make it more fitting into new ways that libraries operate. It gave new ideas on how librarians can stay afloat and thrive in new environments such as the digital age where innovations and enhancements of the library programs are essential to make libraries more relevant to its clientele.



Ms. Ciar (third from left), receiving the certificate.

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Likewise on October 26, 2017, Ms. Usita, Ms. Macasaet, and Ms. Capule joined the Turnitin plagiarism software training at the University of Santo Tomas - Graduate School (UST-GS). Together with some USTGS faculty members and staff, participants were taught of the features found on the said software. These include creating profile, enrolling students, submitting papers, managing originality results and making paperless grading.

Turnitin is available at the Graduate School (3F) and the Science and Technology (2F) sections of the UST Library. The USTGS generously gave two accounts to help the Library in providing a service where faculty members can check students' output against plagiarism.



IEEE Xplore Digital Library demo and training



*Turnitin training
(Photo courtesy of LibTech Source Philippines, Inc.)*

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This event was an opportune time for the host university to launch a time train exhibit that highlighted innovations and innovators that set the Rizal Library as a modern academic portal with an efficient and professional staff that continuously relate to its learning community with a love and loyalty corresponding to Rizal's relationship with the Philippines. Joined by the pioneer Hon. Lourdes David and her successor Dr. Von Totanes, the Rizal Library embarks an era that upholds both history and modernity. A musical skit was also presented highlighting the '*batang Rizal*' with a modern twist.

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wishes to cancel the membership. The services offered are the following: information reference, borrowing of newspapers, magazines and other resources. Electronic services include automated search, databases, Internet access, multimedia and wireless access.

The American University in Dubai (AUD) Library's collections are over 300,000 printed and electronic books. Access to electronic resources are available 24/7 both on and off campus. AUD faculty members, currently enrolled students, AUD alumni, staff and families may borrow materials and can access the library's online databases, on and off campus; and can check materials out.

The University of Wollongong (UOW) Library is also the Australian University in Dubai. Services provided by the UOW library are electronic information access 24/7 via UOW e-mail account. Other services include borrowing of laptops up to three hours, and fines apply for the late return. Laptops can be used within the library premises only. The researchers may access information from catalogue resources, including online library catalogue, 638 online databases, 892 primary e-references like encyclopedias, dictionaries and other reference books, 4.6 million online accessible documents, 40,000 items including books, journals, newspapers, videos, DVDs, etc.

The Canadian University Dubai Library's print collection is over 11,000 items of books, journals, newspapers and electronic resources including access to over 32,835 e-journals, 170,000 e-books and over 369,000 company reports and data. The electronic resources are accessible 24/7 on and off campus.

There are Filipino librarians who are currently working in these four libraries chosen by PAARL and they are seemingly satisfied in their place of work.

After the library benchmarking, the participants also paid a quick visit to some famous tourist spots in Dubai and Abu Dhabi that gave highlight to their rich cultures and heritage.

The travel was very fruitful, informative and amazing especially when it comes to witnessing new technologies and different architectural designs. The participants were all grateful for the opportunity given to learn new things from different libraries in the captivating place called Dubai.

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of the source. It is a constant connection of different ideas from excellent minds in the field of their expertise. The essence of research is to formulate a new and innovative concept out of the available information in a different setting and different situation; to provide action; and to contribute a more revolutionary change in the present situation.

Mr. Danny Balance, Grade 10 chairperson of English Department, delivered his closing remarks to conclude the program.



Open forum for the Junior High School students



Asst. Prof. Valerio as she receives the certificate of appreciation.

“A library... is a great catalyzer, accelerating the nutrition and rate of progress in a profession.”

Sir William Osler

Chief librarian Majuelo inducts 2018 USTLA Officers

Rosemary B. Balbin

Chief Librarian Estrella Majuelo of MdBL inducted the new officers of the University of Santo Tomas Librarians Association (USTLA) last August 04, 2017 at the Library Conference Hall. They are: President – Lucila Adriano; Vice President – Juanita Subaldo; Secretary – Marivic Usita; Treasurer – Sabina Viernes; Auditor – Ma. Teresa Estoya; and P.R.O. – Leonila Manuel.



Ms. Majuelo as she inducts the new set of USTLA officers.

The outgoing Secretary, Kristi Ma. Fevie Macasaet, hosted the said activity. The invocation was led by Maynard Vitug, the outgoing P.R.O., followed by Ms. Subaldo, outgoing President, who presented their projects and other accomplishments during their term. Ms. Usita, outgoing Treasurer, presented the financial report.

As an inducting officer, Ms. Majuelo gave her inspirational message and assured the officers of her invaluable support for the projects and activities of the Association. She also expressed her support to all the library staff.

Family of late Erlinda A. Pichon - UST alumna — donates Filipiniana materials to the UST- MdbL

Ma. Cecilia D. Lobo

About the Donor

Erlinda A. Pichon went to school at Immaculate Conception College (ICC) in Davao City, St. Mary's College, Quezon City and University of Santo Tomas in Manila. In the late 1960's, she worked at the United States of America for a teaching position in Wisconsin and later moved to New York City where she co-founded with her associate, Robert Biggert, a non-profit "Amauan Multi-Arts Workshop" that caters to Filipino and Filipino-American artists in New York City. In 1978-1998, they had organized and presented visual arts and film exhibitions, various workshops, performance ensembles for Filipino folk/traditional music. Erlinda A. Pichon, an Amauan's unpaid Director, was given honor by the Malacañang Palace as an Outstanding Overseas Filipino. She devoted much of her time being a social worker and supervisor in the New York City Human Resource Administration, providing services in her favorite areas of family support and child welfare.

Upon retirement, Ms. Pichon returned to her hometown in Caraga, Davao Del Norte and set up a community center "Pichon-Alvar Cultural and Historical Foundation" in honor of her parents, Ricardo Pichon and Eduarda Alvar. This aimed to ensure the continuity of her life-long passion for cultural advancement through arts, music and education. It also offered a well-structured hierarchy of values among the less privileged communities in the Philippines and overseas, including the United States. Unfortunately, her sudden illness and eventual passing in 2013 caused her projects to put on hold which resulted to indefinite delay of the full establishment of community center and foundation. The directors named in her will contemplated other options and considered donating some portions of her collections to various institutions in order to complement and enhance their current programs.

Signing of the Deed of Donation

It was in July 2, 2017 when Ms. Estrella S. Majuelo, chief librarian, and Fr. Angel A. Aparicio, O.P., prefect of libraries received an email from Ms. Rosalinda Pichon Martin, sister and executor of the Last Will and Testament of the late Erlinda A. Pichon regarding their proposal to donate some of the Erlinda Pichon collection.



Mr. E. Pichon (left) and Fr. Aparicio (right) while signing the Deed of Donation.

After numerous exchange of emails with Ms. Majuelo and preparation of the Deed of Donation and other legal documents, the Library administrators, Fr. Aparicio, Ms. Majuelo and Ms. Ma. Cecilia D. Lobo, assistant chief librarian flew to Davao City last September 29, 2017 for the signing of the Deed of Donation that took place at Café Amoree as well as the turn-over of the books, photographs, slides, etc. The donations between Erlinda A. Pichon Estate (donor) represented by Expedito Pichon and University of Santo Tomas (donee) represented by Fr. Aparicio in behalf of Fr. Herminio Dagohoy, O.P., UST Rector signed the deed in the presence of Ms. Majuelo and Ms. Leticia Pichon Militante.

The Endowment

The contents of the Erlinda A. Pichon Estate primarily focused on the 1898-1928 period in the Philippines. The donation included books, postcards, photographs, paper ephemera and glass slides.

The donor agreed that the UST Library will group together all the books in one section of the library and shall be labelled "The Ricardo Pichon and Eduarda Alvar Pichon Family Collection." While postcards, printed ephemera and photograph albums produced during the period of 1898 to 1928 shall be displayed in the library and labelled as "The Erlinda A. Pichon and Robert Biggert Collection." These Filipiniana materials will all be housed at the Antonio Vivencio del Rosario UST Heritage Library.

The turn-over activity was then followed by a group visit to Davao Medical School Foundation Simulation Laboratory headed by Prof. Fides Ababon, M.D., director, Center for Healthcare Simulation, College of Medicine, Davao Medical School Foundation Inc.

OUTREACH

UST Librarians' Outreach Program at the Fr. Simpliciano Children's Home, Inc.

Rosemary B. Balbin

The UST Miguel de Benavides Library's Committee on Extension Services headed by Mrs. Marcelita Lane T. Olamit in coordination with the UST Librarians Association (USTLA) and Catholic Women's League (CWL) Tungkong Mangga chapter joined forces last October 15, 2017 for an outreach program at the Fr. Simpliciano Children's Home, Inc. in Graceville, Tungkong Mangga, Bulacan.

This children's home is being managed by Sr. Evelyn M. Jotea, the Center Directress and Ms. Mary Ann D. Ablaza, the RSV-Social worker. The attendees were Lucila Adriano, Anna Rita Alomo, Rosemary Balbin, Mercy Bano, Lejempf Flores, Kristi Ma. Fevie Macasaet, Arlene Matias, Diana Padilla, Marilou Palermo, Jonas Sahagun, Michelle San Gabriel, Ginalyn Santiago and Sabina Viernes.

The librarians, together with the CWL Servants of God, cheerfully responded to their duties. Ms. Palermo and Ms. Macasaet naturally exhibited their storytelling skills that captivated the hearts of the children.

The participants listened attentively and participated actively as the storytellers enliven the characters in the story. The activity aimed at engaging the listeners with the details of the story hoping that as the storytellers feed the listeners' young mind and soul, they embody the moral of the story. Feeding program activity subsequently followed to nourish their physical hunger.

Seeing the delighted faces of the children who attended the outreach program,

the organizers believed that it was undoubtedly another successful, productive and heart-warming Sunday for all who joined the event.

The activity concluded with the distribution of school supplies to the children.



Library staff and the children smile for a souvenir photo.

Teaching proper hygiene to the Aeta kids

Lejempf V. Flores



UST librarians and Aeta kids during the activity.

The UST Miguel de Benavides Library staff once again visited Sitio San Martin, the community of Aetas in Bamban, Tarlac last November 19, 2017.

Grounded by the firm foundation that proper hygiene is very important, especially for children, the staff, composed of Anna Rita Alomo, Jenneth Capule, Angelica Frances Ciar, Lejempf Flores, Kaori Fuchigami, Raquel Lontoc and Lady Catherine de Leon shared with the participants the proper way of brushing teeth and washing of hands. By practicing acts of cleanliness, it will help preserve their health and that of others around them. Hygiene kits that included soap, toothbrush and toothpaste were distributed to the kids and their families.

The staff also prepared fun and exciting games that showcased their talents in dancing and singing. The activity concluded with a refreshment prepared by the librarians.

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Nativity sets from different countries are displayed at the library lobby viewing area.

Tara, Pasko Na!

Jonas T. Sahagun

Christmas is considered the happiest and most symbolic time of the year especially here in the Philippines. Christmas lights adorn homes, buildings, and trees, symbolizing the starry night on which Christ was born. Colorful *parols* or lanterns brighten up parks, gardens, and streets, representing the Star of Bethlehem. Christmas trees of different sizes and themes are put up indoors and outdoors, reminding Christians of the “tree of life.” But nothing, I believe, better represents Christmas more than the *Belén*, depicting the birth of Jesus Christ.

To share this representation of Christmas, the Library has mounted another exhibit of *Beléns*. Each unique piece was borrowed from the personal collection of Mrs. Gloria Ocampo-Reyes, a library benefactor. This year’s exhibit was entitled *Tara, Pasko Na!* which started on November 21 and concluded on December 20, 2017. On its launching, the UST Librarians sang ‘O Come All Ye Faithfull’ and ‘Mary’s Boy Child’ for the doxology; Ms. Estrella Majuelo, chief librarian, gave the welcome remarks; Ms. Raquel Lontoc, exhibit committee chair, gave the exhibit message; and Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., prefect of libraries, gave the prayer of blessing.

Acknowledging that not all Filipino homes have the *Belén* as part of their preparation for the season, in her welcome remarks, Ms. Majuelo said that “the real reason in celebrating Christmas is to remember the birth of our Lord

Jesus.” Further, she added “that’s why... it is a noble idea for Fr. Aparicio to think of mounting an exhibit of *Beléns* so that even in the Library’s own small way, we can make people, especially our students, become aware of the real meaning of Christmas through these images of the Holy Family.”

Ms. Lontoc shared in her exhibit message that “the conceptualization of the theme for this year’s *Belén* exhibit started with a simple question from Fr. Aparicio... ‘What is the meaning of Christmas?’ She added that “it seems that people, especially the younger generation, equates Christmas nowadays with festivities, reunions, get-togethers, homecomings – which greatly shows the need for belongingness or the inherent desire to belong.”

With this in mind, Ms. Lontoc said that “we thought of coming up with a catchy, light, relatable and Filipino themed Christ-

mas exhibit in which the... millennials can connect with.” The title *Tara, Pasko Na!*, she added, “is an invite... to come to the library and experience the sacred moment of the season when Christians celebrate the birth, the arrival of Jesus on earth. It is an invitation to celebrate Christmas not just of being together in joy and laughter, but to commemorate it in its truest meaning.” She added “though the title is simple and light, it sends a powerful message of Christmas – a message of the infinite love of God by way of the birth of Jesus, a message that engulfs every Belen on display.”

Tara, Pasko Na! Let us all prepare for the birth of our Lord and Savior. Whatever Christmas preparations we have, may it be filled with the spirit of hope, peace, joy, and love.

Maligayang Pasko Tomasino!



Library staff together with Cottolengo Filipino kids

Christmas treat for Cottolengo Filipino kids

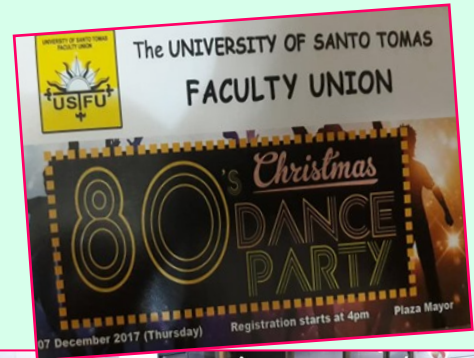
Maynard M. Vitug

UST MdBL Chief Librarian, Ms. Estrella Majuelo, and some library staff went to Cottolengo Filipino last December 3, 2017 to bring joy and smile to the faces of young children who are physically and mentally challenged. Cottolengo Filipino is a non-stock and non-profit private organization founded and operated by the Little Works of Divine Providence Congregation aiming to continuously serve the abandoned, neglected and persons with disabilities of the society.

The Library staff booked a “Jollibee Kids Party” to give fun and excitement to the young children. Prior to the commencement of the program, Ms. Majuelo led the heartfelt opening prayer. Games like ‘paint me a picture’ and ‘stacking’ delighted the participants who actively and happily participated in the activity. It was not only the children who were amazed with the event because the final game on the checklist which is the ‘shoot the ball’ game, gave the librarians the opportunity to brush up and utilize whatever basketball shooting skills they have which made the whole activity a truly enjoyable and thrilling for all.

Groovy UST librarians in their 80's Christmas dance party

Rosemary B. Balbin



The Groovy Librarians in their 80's costumes.

The UST Librarians have once again proven the Thomasian community of their dancing prowess as they amazed the crowd with their 80's dance number during the annual Christmas Party of the University of Santo Tomas Faculty Union (USTFU) held at the Plaza Mayor on December 07, 2017.

With the theme “80's Christmas Dance Party,” this event was a great opportunity to look back at the greatest memories of the childhood days. With this, the Faculty Members, Librarians and Guidance Counselors gracefully transformed and dressed themselves in the 80's costumes that made the event very entertaining. There were sumptuous food and refreshments served that evening. There were also games and raffle items given away. Cash incentives were given to those who have completed their Masters and Doctorate degrees. The highlight of the event was the group dance presentation.

MdBL celebrates annual Christmas party

Lejemp D. Flores

Tara, Party Na! was an invitation hollered by all the staff of the Miguel de Benavides Library which signifies the start of the much awaited Christmas party held on December 20, 2017 at the Library Ground Floor.

This year's party was made extra special as the staff paid tribute to the outgoing Chief Librarian, Ms. Estrella Majuelo, fondly called as Ma'am Estre. She served the University with pride and compassion for 23 fruitful years. Performances were prepared by the Miguel de Benavides Library personnel – librarians, support staff, maintenance personnel, working scholars, as well as from the casual employees which reflected their appreciation to the services given by Ma'am Estre.

The afternoon was spent sharing love, fun, and laughter that served as bonding experience. Exciting parlor games made everybody screamed their hearts out. Generous prizes were given away in the raffle draw.



Some photos during the party.



Some photos during the party.



It's a Mardi Gras Masquerade

Ma. Arleen M. Abad

The Support Staff celebrated its annual General Assembly and Monthly Mass Anniversary cum Christmas Party! This much awaited event started with a holy mass celebrated by Rev. Fr. Rey Adalid, O.P., HRD Chaplain on December 7, 2017.

A colorfully dressed and masked gentlemen and ladies from different departments filled the UST Seminary Gym. Dance numbers from newly hired employees both on probation and newly regularized hyped the mood.

The Bingo Bonanza amplified the audience as high prized stakes were won. The afternoon would not be complete without the announcement of the winners of the LED television and trip to Boracay as major prizes of the raffle draw.

A number of employees exerted effort in outfitting and accessorizing themselves conforming to the theme Mardi Gras; selection of the Best in Costume highlighted the event. Mr. Neo Hernandez of EdTech Center, Mr. Aeron Borlongan of Center for Continuing Education and Professional Development (CCCPED) and Ms. Aileen Tolentino of Legal Aide Clinic bagged the most coveted award.

LIBRARY COORDINATORS CORNER

Library Coordinator is the faculty member responsible for the activities that concern the library and his/her respective Faculty/College/Institute.

Note: Library coordinators are encouraged to submit article/s for the Library Newsletter.



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I was appointed as a library coordinator last August 1, 2016. I consider this academic endeavour as important as teaching.

This journey is both fulfilling and challenging. One of the challenges that I encountered was to increase the awareness of the students with regard to the importance of using the library as the primary source of information. *The range and availability of instantaneous information, especially with the advent of technology and cyberspace, makes the notion of utilizing libraries in the school unappealing for most students. Students may not have the necessary skills to assess and determine the credibility of the sources of the information they obtain online.*

In addition, there seems to be an increased competition in terms of how students purchase physical books versus e-books. Currently, the availability of three million e-books from one of the biggest online book market makes it difficult to increase the notion of buying physical books, hence lowering the value of their use.

In terms of research, I find it pleasing to see most students and faculty members resort to online resources provided by the UST Miguel de Benavides Library to locate needed research articles. This ensures that all members of the University are able to get credible data for their studies considering institutions and academics of different fields carefully maintain the content of these articles.

Lastly, my role as a library coordinator enables me to increase my professional network inside the University allowing me to be better at my profession as a teacher and as a library coordinator.

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