

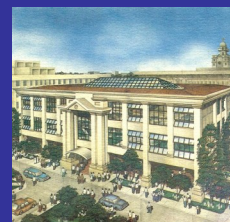


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AACR2 to RDA

AACR2 stands for Anglo American Cataloguing Rules 2nd edition while RDA stands for Resource Description and Access. RDA is the new cataloging standard, replacing AACR2.

The importance of this new cataloging standard prompted library experts to conduct series of meetings and seminars to disseminate information to library professionals particularly those working in cataloguing.

To start with, a forum entitled “RDA: a Guide to the Basics” sponsored by the Philippine Association of Academic and Research Librarians (PAARL) was held in the UST Miguel de Benavides Library Conference Hall last March 2, 2012. This was followed by a two day seminar entitled “National Training-Workshop on RDA” last August 30-31, 2012 at the De La Salle, College of Saint Benilde Hotel, Angelo King International Center. This was co-sponsored by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts – National Committee on Libraries and Information Services (NCCA-NCLIS).

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Information power: building partnerships

It is certain that no library has a complete collection. More often, libraries build partnerships so that they can share with each other the collections and information.

This is exactly what the Philippine Group of Law Librarians, Inc. (PGLL), in cooperation with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts–National Committee on Libraries and Information Services (NCCA-NCLIS), tried to address in its conference on “Information Power: Building Partnerships” which was held on April 3-5, 2013 at the Bohol Tropics Resort, Tagbilaran City. PGLL observes that legal information resources are important for all types of libraries to respond to legal information needs of people from all walks of life. Therefore, building partnerships for legal information is necessary considering complete Philippine legal resources are not available in print.

Some objectives of the conference were: for the participants to be able to know the available legal collections and resources, print or non-print; to know the current partnerships being built for legal information; and to understand the current laws and jurisprudence that affect the library profession and community.

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Training-seminar on electronic resources

Innovation, accessibility and fast information retrieval – these are some of the objectives of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library. To attain these objectives, a two-day training-seminar was organized by the Committee on Professional Development headed by Ms. Kaori Fuchigami, assistant librarian, General References and Information Section, last April 18 and 19, 2013. This was held at the UST Miguel de Benavides Internet section. It was entitled “Training-seminar for Librarians and Library Coordinators on Library Electronic Resources.” The first day was for the library coordinators and some faculty members; while the second day was reserved for UST librarians. The committee invited guest speakers, in particular the UST Library e-resources contacts, to facilitate the seminar.

For EBSCO, Mr. Josef Halos, country manager of EBSCO publishing, discussed the new addition to their databases, the *EBSCO Discovery Service*. This database can be viewed directly in the Library website; it simplifies searching of materials found either in the library or in the e-resources that the Library subscribes to.

For the ScienceDirect and Scopus, Mr. Pio Salvador Omana and Mr. Lionel New, the account manager – Philippines (Elsevier Manila) and Customer Development manager (Elsevier Singapore), explained the features of the two databases which primarily deal with Science and Technology.

ProQuest’s features were explained by Ms. Angelet San Pedro, product specialist, LibTech Source Philippines, Inc. (an iGroup Asia Pacific Ltd. Affiliate). With her was the assistant sales manager, Mr. Brianne John Marte, who introduced the soon to be addition to the database ‘Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers’ (IEEE), an association dedicated to advancing innovation and technological excellence for the benefit of humanity. It is the world’s largest technical professional society designed to serve professionals involved in all aspects of the electrical, electronic and computing fields and related areas of science and technology that underlie modern civilization.

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From ELC to CEL

The second organization meeting of the members of the Engineering Libraries Consortium (ELC) was held at the Learning Commons of the De La Salle University on April 26, 2013. The meeting’s objective this time was to attain a leverage of the buying power of ELC members through consortium purchase.

There were eight (8) online providers, each one was given a 30-minute product demonstration on Engineering related titles/databases and what each can offer at consortium price. They were: CE Logic, Cengage, EBSCO, Elsevier, Emerald, iGroup, Springer and Megatexts. An open forum followed after each presentation.

The second part was the meeting proper presided by Ms. Ana Fresnido, director of The Learning Commons, De la Salle University. It was mentioned that a Union Catalog/Portal can possibly be addressed through the acquisition of the EBSCO Discovery Service since some member libraries have already subscribed to it. It was agreed also to keep membership limited to its current members unless there is really a need to add more members. The group also has renamed Engineering Libraries Consortium (ELC) to Consortium of Engineering Libraries (CEL) as agreed upon by members who were present during the meeting. The group had a follow-up for updates last June 18, 2013. This was held at UP Los Baños.

Marivic G. Usita

*Learning is not attained by chance,
it must be sought with ardor and
attended to with diligence.*

– Abigail Adams

Health knowledge products

The Medical and Health Librarians Association of the Philippines or MAHLAP in cooperation with the Department of Health – Information Management Service conducted a training on “Health Knowledge Products Orientation.” This was held on May 2, 2013 at the Francisco T. Duque Hall, Department of Health, Manila.

The highlight of the training is based on the following objectives:

- * to identify accessible local and foreign health knowledge products;
- * to maximize use of open access health knowledge products and information resources; and
- * to provide venue for medical librarians to discuss challenges and recommendations in accessing electronic information.



Dr. Tayag and activity participants pose for a souvenir photo.

Some of the country's experts in medical literature searching had been invited to share their knowledge and experiences about health knowledge products. They were:

Mr. Mark Gil Bendo, Librarian from World Health Organization (WHO), Western Pacific Regional Office, tackled WHO website features and revealed useful techniques in using PubMed for locating medical and allied health articles.

Ms. Gina Canceran, university librarian of the University of the Philippines, Manila. She discussed the new online version of Acta Medica Phillipina.

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eResources consortium

LibTech Source Philippines Incorporated of iGroup sponsored a two-day activity entitled “The 1st Directors’ Forum for Philippine Libraries on eResources Consortium.” This was held on May 15 and 16, 2013 at the Eugenio Lopez Center, Antipolo City. The forum was attended by Ms. Anna Rita L. Alomo and Ms. Mercy B. Cana as representatives of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library. The goals of this forum were: to build collaboration in selected Philippine Libraries for possible eResources consortium; and to bring back the appreciation of the LibTech Company to their loyal library subscribers. The invited participants were given a free transportation and indulged in warm accommodation.

Mr. Peter Chung, general manager of LibTech Source, explained the itinerary of the activity. Afterwards, some publishers under the product of LibTech Source made their individual presentation, namely, Springer, IG Publishing, Bibliotheca and Turnitin. eBook acquisition model and strategies were also discussed as well as exploring and discovering tools for gateway to library eResources. Mr. Joseph Go of IGroup presented a paper about the Trends of Libraries in Asia 2013-2015. Significantly, the LibTech Source discussed some of their latest products such as the Engineering package databases and Thomson Reuters Web of Science.

During the Gala Night, right after dinner, was an intermission number and flamed up by having two dance instructors guiding the participants during the ballroom dancing. On the second day, after the presentations of the some invited foreign publishers of LibTech, they allotted a time for the open forum which gave the opportunity to discuss the possible eResources consortium to those interested libraries. It was also the time for the participants to negotiate the prices of eResources products they want directly to the invited foreign publishers. Before the day ends, surprise raffles were drawn to the participants, luckily Ms. Caña won a cellular phone on the said raffle. Undeniably, this activity was enlightening and extremely liking to all participants.

Anna Rita L. Alomo

Suicide prevention seminar for educators

The UST Guidance and Counseling Department, Committee on Continuing Education for Counselors sponsored a seminar-workshop entitled "Promoting a Healthy and Safe Environment: a Suicide Prevention Seminar for Educators." It was held last May 22, 2013 at AMV-COA Multipurpose Hall.

At the end of the activity, the participants are expected to attain an increased awareness and deeper understanding on the following: warning signs of depression and suicide; behavioural manifestation of a person with suicidal ideation; strategies to help students cope with their suicidal thoughts; suicide prevention and effective intervention process; strategies to deal with person at risk with greater confidence and skills in handling suicide case by helping the person at risk to stay safe.

Prof. Lucila Bance, director, Guidance and Counseling Department, gave the welcome remarks. According to her, the Guidance Department is committed to provide a safe and healthy school environment for its stakeholders. The guest speaker was introduced by Ms. Leny G. Gadiana, chair, Committee on Continuing Education for Counselors. The invited speaker, Dr. Gabriel S. Dy-Liacco, is a graduate of AB Psychology in Ateneo de Manila University and obtained his MS and Ph.D.-CES in Pastoral Counseling from Loyola University and Loyola College in Maryland, respectively. At present, he is an Asst. Professor of Counseling in the Regent University in Washington D.C. and the author of several peer reviewed journal articles in different journals related to Psychology and Mental Health.

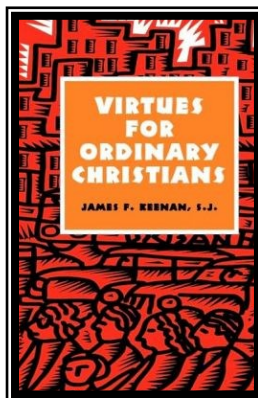
Dr. Dy-Liacco discussed the following topics: Personal Attitudes; Common Misconceptions and Facts on Suicide; Risk and Protective Factors; Warning Signs of the Person with Suicidal Tendencies; Intervention at Personal Level; Do's and Don'ts; and Prevention strategy and partnership.

In the afternoon session, the participants were divided into groups for some exercises. They were asked to apply the Strategy Action Planning to create a Prevention Plan and Intervention Plan for a particular school problem. They were also given a specific case of a person with suicidal ideation. In this case, the group identified the risk factors, warning signs, prevention and intervention measures to save the life of the person.

The seminar-workshop was very informative and interesting. It was well attended by administrators and representatives from the different colleges and departments. Ms. Nora Matawaran and Ms. Marilou Palermo represented the Library Department.

Marilou G. Palermo

BOOK REVIEW: Virtues for ordinary Christians



Virtues for ordinary Christians is a practical book that tackles on how everyday Christian virtues will empower us to become better individuals and carry out our mission in our daily lives. The author, Fr. James Keenan, is a well-known Jesuit who devotes his time and energy on understanding Moral Theology. He was able to simplify the practice of

virtue that goes beyond the do's and don'ts of moral codes and reclaims the practice of virtue for the absolute joy of it. Fr. Keenan calls all Christians to grow not as a matter of choice but a matter of responding to the call of Christ and to the grace that commands us to respond. He reiterated that to understand our daily virtues in life, we need to see the role and importance of the conscience in life. He intertwined that virtues bring out the Christian best in us. He also commends on taking a new look at traditional virtues. He weaves theological and cardinal virtues together with gracious little "human" virtues. Hope becomes the virtue for holding on, courage in doing what you have to when you're afraid, humor, life's necessary salt. An excellent exploration of why virtues work so well when we work them into daily living.

What excites me about the book of Fr. James is the fact that it offers a vision of Christian morality as a way for us, followers of Christ to respond to a personal call to conversion and growth, and contends that we should see almost all our daily choices as part of a deepening conversation with a God who invites us to a deeper and intimate relationship with Him.

The author begins his book by looking at different virtues in the context of our ordinary moral lives and as we mature in life, we encounter a variation of moral encounters and choices, and in which the customs and practices we develop maintain our profound response to the Christian call to grow towards moral maturity and holiness.

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Legacy of the UST High School Class 1964

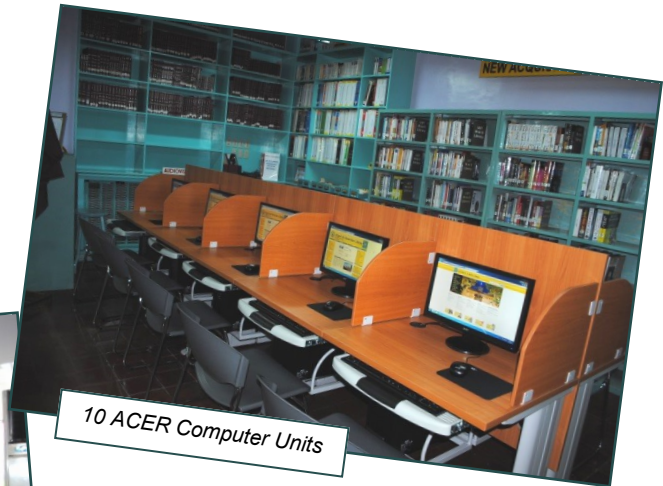
The UST High School Class of 1964 will celebrate their Golden Jubilee in 2014. In anticipation of this big event, "Batch '64" made a donation of 10 ACER computer units to the UST High School Library and the improvement of its "Reading Lounge" by installing brand new sofa set with matching carpet. For them, these 'Legacy Gifts' is a way of giving back to their alma mater something of value that will benefit both the students and the school. It is their modest way of saying "Thank You" to the USTHS for having molded and formed them during their teen years and for equipping them with knowledge and Christian values which proved most helpful in their quest to become responsible and productive members of society.



Reading Lounge

The blessing of the legacy gifts and the unveiling of the markers took place on April 12, 2013 at 3:00 pm. It was attended by the High School administrators headed by the Regent, Rev. Fr. Jesus M. Miranda, Jr, O.P., Ph.D., the Principal, Assoc. Prof. Marishirl P. Tropicales, and some High School faculty members. The UST Miguel de Benavides Library was represented by its Administrators, Rev. Fr. Angel Aparicio O.P., Prefect of Libraries, the Chief Librarian, Ms. Estrella S. Majuelo and the Council Members, Ms. Nora M. Matawaran and Ms. Ma. Cecilia D. Lobo. Members of Batch '64 who were present were: Leonardo R. Abadilla,

Feliciad Abad-Abadilla, Rolando A. Buencamino, Robert V. Cagungun, Luisito S. Laudico, Edna de Belen-Laus, Jesus M. Manalastas, Manuel T. Melgar, Jaime Tayag and Jesus Ma. Veguillas. The signing of the Deed of Donation and ribbon cutting were part of the program.



10 ACER Computer Units

The donated computer units will surely motivate the students in doing their research work particularly for online research and e-learning. The reading lounge on the other hand will inspire students to read in a more comfortable atmosphere.



The UST HS Class '64 poses for a souvenir photo with the High School and Library administrators.

Again, our gratitude to the Alumni Class of 1964!

Lourdes Fatima C. Ramos

New Assignments

“Change is the only thing that is permanent in this world.” Relative to this, reshuffling of personnel happened again at the Miguel de Benavides Library. “Re-assignment of staff” is always an issue everytime it happens but the “good effect” is realized later as it provides new room for personal improvement and development.

Effective June 3, 2013, the following librarians and support staff have accepted their new assignments:

Names	Previous Assignments	Present Assignments
<u>Librarians</u>		
Balbin, Rosemary	Support Staff (Health Sciences Library)	Asst. Head Librarian (Health Sciences Library)
Cruz-Ciar, Angelica Frances	Asst. Head Librarian (Science & Technology Section)	Head Librarian (Education High School Library [EHS])
De Leon, Lady Catherine	Librarian (Social Sciences Section)	Acting Head Librarian (Filipiniana Section)
Lontoc, Raquel	Head Librarian (Education High School Library)	Asst. Head Librarian (Humanities Section)
Macasaet, Fevie	Librarian (Serials Section)	Librarian (Science & Technology Section)
Manguilin, Chona	Head Librarian (Religion Section)	Cataloger (Technical Section)
Palermo, Marilou	Head Librarian (Filipiniana Section)	Head Librarian (Religion Section)
Vitug, Maynard	Librarian (Humanities Section)	Librarian (Social Sciences)
<u>Support Staff</u>		
Martin, Perla	Support Staff (Education High School Library)	Support Staff (Health Sciences Library)

Lady Catherine Relevante-de Leon

USTLA Officers A.Y. 2013-2014

The induction of the newly elected officers for the current academic year was held last June 11, 2013 at 4:30 pm in the Library Conference Hall.

The USTLA event was attended by the Library Administrators: Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries, Ms. Estrella Majuelo, chief librarian, Prof. George Lim, USTFU president and the librarians. Fr. Aparicio presided as the new set of officers took their oath of office.

The USTLA Officers for A.Y. 2013-2014 are as follows:

President : Jenneth Gomez-Capule
 Vice-President : Leonila Manuel
 Secretary : Sabina Viernes
 Treasurer : Arlene Matias
 Auditor : Ginalyn Santiago
 P.R.O. : Angelica Frances Cruz-Ciar

Mrs. Capule gave her acceptance speech and disclosed to the members her hope of a more united



The newly elected officers with the library administrators & Mr. G. Lim.

USTLA for this year. After which, Prof. Lim gave a message and took the opportunity to update the librarians about the ongoing CBA negotiations. He ended his speech by assuring the body that their concerns will always be on his mind.

After the induction, members shared the simple snack prepared by the USTLA officers and members.

Angelica Frances C. Ciar

“Book Chute” at the Health Sciences Library



The Health Sciences Library is lucky to have been installed a “Book Chute” this AY 2013-2014. It is placed at the left side of the entrance near the Reading Area section of the library.

A Bok Chute or Book Drop is an equipment that makes returning of books flexible and convenient for library users. They can return the books by just dropping it without hassle of falling in line and waiting for the staff to attend to them. This will be very helpful in the library to ease the long queue at the circulation desk. This will also benefit the quick check-in process and a better service to the library patrons.

Rosemary B. Balbin

“Domo Arigato Gozaimasu” UST

This year 2013, nine (9) UST librarians, including yours truly, visited two libraries in Tokyo, Japan. This activity was organized by the Committee on Professional Training and Development chaired by Ms. Kaori B. Fuchigami. The objective was to benchmark with selected libraries, the National Diet Library and the Chiba University Library. The tour aimed to provide an opportunity for the librarians to observe and adopt new trends in libraries to better carry out the UST library’s mission and vision towards better service. This also helped them professionally and personally.

On May 25, 2013, we departed from Ninoy Aquino International Airport via the Cathay Pacific Airways at 11:00AM. From the airport, we took the Kesei Line which is 70 minutes to Chisun Inn Asakusa where we were billeted. Asakusa is situated in the prime tourist areas offering easy access to all Tokyo’s business and leisure destinations. Fascinated and amazed by the beauty of Japan, we forgot the exhaustion of the long hours of travel.

The second day, May 26 (Sunday), we headed to Tokyo Disneyland. This was opened on April 15, 1983 and said to be the first Disneyland built outside of the United States. Like kids, the librarians enjoyed the Disneyland spirit.

The group visited the two libraries on May 27 (Monday). The first destination was the National Diet Library (NDL), the only national library in Japan, located at 1-10-1 Nagatacho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo. We were welcomed by the librarian of the Administrative department, Ms. Yuko Kumakura, who was very accommodating. We were convened in one room where we had a short video presentation about ND. We toured the place but were advised not to take pictures inside the library. A short history about the library was being narrated during the rounds. We learned that it was in June 1961 that the National Diet opened. The NDL has three facilities: the Tokyo Main Library, the Kansai-kan, and the International Library of Children’s Literature which are linked organically,



UST librarians pose for a souvenir photo in front of Chiba University, Japan.

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AACR2 to RDA from page 1

On July 23, 2012, The National Library of the Philippines Director and NCCA-NCLIS, Head, Atty. Antonio Santos, called the first meeting of Library directors and head catalogers from selected universities in Manila. A committee was formed to plan a series of salons to spearhead the issues concerning the library profession and one of the objectives is to implement the RDA in the Philippines.

Recently, PAARL sponsored a three day workshop seminar entitled "Train the Trainers Workshop on RDA." This was held last April 3-5, 2013 at the De La Salle University Learning Commons. It was attended by 64 selected library catalogers, professors of library science and directors of libraries from different colleges and universities in the Philippines.

The objectives are:

- * to give basic program for trainors of RDA;
- * to give an overview of RDA, emphasizing the core elements in RDA and other elements identified as core for the Library of Congress;
- * to recognize the changes from AACR2 to RDA;
- * to learn the guidelines in recording attributes of Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBR) entities;
- * to understand the conceptual entity-relationship module FRBR and its relationship to RDA; and
- * to learn how to use existing resources for RDA cataloging in utilizing the RDA Toolkit; and apply the new cataloging standard RDA in practice to create bibliographic records.

The welcome address was given by Bro. Ricardo P. Laguda, F.S.C., president/chancellor, DLSU Manila and the opening remarks was delivered by Atty. Santos. Trainor was Dr. Barbara B. Tillett, Ph.D., chair, Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA, and the Library of Congress representative on the Virtual International Authority File (VIAF) Project. Dr. Tillett led the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) work that produced the *Statement of International Cataloguing Principles* (ICP) working as consultant in the development of the "Conceptual

Model of IFLA's Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records."

Dr. Tillett lectured on the following:

Day 1: FRBR review, Functional Requirements for Authority Data (FRAD) and Functional Requirement for Subject Authority Data (FRSAD). Background and Structure of RDA, Recording Attributes of Manifestations and Items and Recording Attributes of Work and Expressions. RDA is based on the FRBR and FRAD concept models which are internationally recognized as valuable ways to conceptually structure and retrieve information. FRBR, as a conceptual model, is intended to be independent of any cataloging code or implementation. It is an abstract model of all the things that libraries, museums, and archives collect for the users. The entity relationship models of FRBR are work, expression, manifestation and item. These are the identifying characteristics (entities and their elements) for person, family, corporate body and place.

Day 2: Recording Attributes of the different bibliographic entries. The terms describe relationships between entities represented by authorized access points, descriptions, and/or identifiers. These terms are variously used as part of authorized access points or are reflected in MARC 21 coding.

Day 3: Revised editions, Compilations and Collaborations, Conferences (Authority records), RDA and the Linked Data Environment, the International RDA Development Process and You. The two categories for compilations. RDA linked data scenario are linked description sets for entities, works, expressions, manifestations, items, persons, corporate bodies, families, concepts, etc.

The lecture-workshop was all about the new trends and rules that will be adopted in the proposed cataloging policy in Philippine Libraries and in the National Development Plan for RDA. It will be very useful for catalogers and soon to be applied in cataloging books; and for professors of library science as part of the curricula for library science and information.

Narcelita Lane T. Olamit

Information power... from page 1

Invited speakers were Mr. Manuel L. Quezon III, undersecretary of the *Presidential Communications Development and Strategic Planning Office* (PCDSPO); Ms. Milagros Santos-Ong, director of the Supreme Court Library Services; Mrs. Lilia F. Echiverri, chief librarian of U.P. Law Library; Atty. Evelyn D. Battad, professor in the University of the Philippines, College of Law; Atty. Antonio M. Santos, director of The National Library of the Philippines; Atty. Louie C. Calvario, deputy director general of the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHL); and Atty. Benjamin Fernando, Jr., legal officer of Metropolitan Bank & Trust Company.

Legal collections and resources were discussed in Sessions 1 and 2: "Building Partnership on Legal Information: an Update on the Nation's Project" and "Philippine Legal Resources for Libraries: Print and Electronic." Partnerships for legal information were tackled during Sessions 3 and 5: "Cooperation among Law Libraries in the Philippines," and "Partnership Management in the National Library of the Philippines (NLP)." Current laws and jurisprudence affecting the profession and communities were explained during the last sessions such as: "Basic Human Rights – Rights and Duties for Librarians;" "Intellectual Property: Challenges and Prospects"; and "The Credit Card: a Financial Tool or Trap?"

There were also lectures/presentations of the different electronic legal resources such as the HeinOnline, LexisNexis, and Westlaw. As part of the organizing committee, in my capacity as secretary of the PGLL Board and member of the different conference committees, I have observed the positive thing that came out from the conference was the informal partnerships built between the participants.

Jonas T. Sahagun

Training-seminar... from page 2

For the e-books, Mr. Maurick Muya, sales executive for Cengage Learning and Ms. Myla Stephanie Villarosa, regional sales manager for CE-Logic, who discussed the Gale Virtual Reference Library (GVRL) particularly its unique and special features.

Lastly, the new Taylor and Francis online which provides access to information about all journals from

Health knowledge... from page 3

Ms. Canceran mentioned that the *Acta Medica* is the official medical journal of the University of the Philippines, College of Medicine and the College of Public Health. It was conceptualized and first published in 1939. The medical consultant staff contributed as authors of scientific papers that were largely based on their experiences at the Philippine General Hospital, and the College of Public Health. The *Acta* was widely circulated across medical libraries in Asia and the United States and its articles, largely dealing with tropical maladies and the local Philippine medical condition, have been widely read all over the world. This journal has really gone a long way since it was first published more than 70 years ago. It is distributed in the Philippines through medical libraries and hospitals and its articles have assumed national importance.

Ms. Mylene Marco, a Science Research Specialist of Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD), explained the HERDIN (Health Research and Development Information Network) website. This database is the national health research repository of the Philippines. It provides quick and easy access to more than 50,000 citations and bibliographic information from published and unpublished health researches in the country.

Indeed, the training was very beneficial to all Medical and Health Sciences Librarians. They were enlightened on new techniques in searching medical literatures. It was a vast strategy to them in order to deliver and promote a quality research and effective bibliographic searching. The participants also discovered open and free library resources that they may use and explore in their respective institutions.

During break time, the participants were delighted with the photo booth prepared by one of the sponsors of MAHLAP and they had the opportunity to visit the newly renovated Department of Health (DOH) Library and met in person the famous dancing Asst. Secretary of DOH, Dr. Eric Tayag. The training was truly informative and enjoyable at the same time.

Anna Rita L. Alomo

Taylor & Francis, Routledge and Psychology Press, was introduced by Mr. Denetherio Tugas, sales manager of MegaTEXTS Philippines, Inc.

The seminar elicited insightful information and knowledge about the different databases that the UST Library has acquired. It teaches the participants to be adept with technology and at the same time, be resourceful in managing and in searching for information.

Lady Catherine Relevante-de Leon

Book review... from page 4

Along these moral encounters and dilemmas, Fr. Keenan suggests that it is not so much to what particular moral questions which we require of our Church leaders to have a stand on. Rather, we need the guidance of our Church in developing the gift of right judgment and other moral virtues which will empower us in determining and performing what is good to which we are being called. In this light he presented pertinent questions that will attend to and develop our consciences that are searching, dependable, educated, and receptive to God's invitation to growth and conversion. In short, the point here is that as Christians, it is not really all about just obeying rules (of doing these and avoiding that) but rather we do things to grow into responsible and loving individuals.

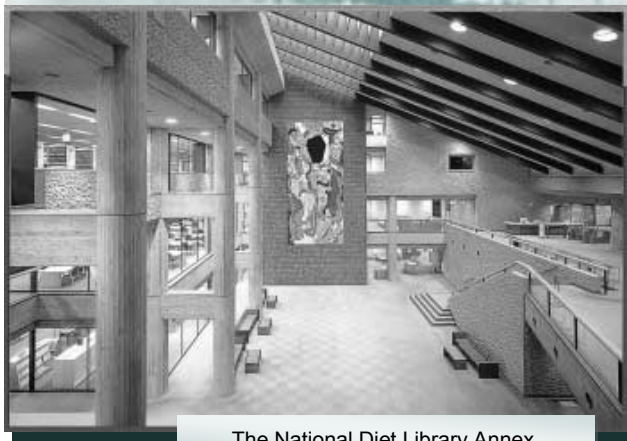
After connecting moral decisions with the importance of forming well our conscience, the author integrated the different theological (Faith, Hope and Charity) and cardinal virtues (Fidelity, Justice, Prudence, Courage, Temperance, Self-Esteem) to how we can practically apply these virtues in our everyday lives to which he then added several other good habits (Hospitality, Wisdom, Gratitude, Sympathy, Humor and Physical Fitness) which will help in enriching the lives of ordinary Christians and communities.

Reading and making this book review about Fr. Keenan's Book made me realize how ordinary virtues (that sometimes consciously or unconsciously we do) can make a big difference on how we can become better Christians in all aspects of our lives. He treated virtues in a more concrete and practical ways. His decision to expound on certain virtues not by defining or describing them, but by sharing a series of personal stories about his own encounters with these good habits (in himself and others) effectively emphasizes his point that virtues only make sense when we see and understand these virtues in our lives. As he would describe it, a habit is seen as a virtue if it empowers us to draw nearer to our vocation as Christians. Last but definitely not the least, Fr. Keenan included some of his personal heroes in describing and bringing out the beauty of different virtues; he did not present virtues as the lifestyles of holy and righteous people only. Instead, he offers a set of ways on how one can practice and bring about the good habits ordinary Christians need to live out their extraordinary lives.

Mr. Joseph Christian M. Legaspi
Faculty, UST HS

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working in tandem to provide services. Each has its specific functions. The library's objective is to collect books and other library materials for the purpose of assisting the members of the National Diet in the performance of their duties and to provide library services for the executive and judicial agencies of the national government of Japan.



The National Diet Library Annex.

The Main Tokyo Library, as observed by the group, comprises the main collections such as books, periodicals, newspapers and electronic publications published in Japan and collected via the legal deposit system, foreign books and newspapers. There are also special government collections like parliamentary records and some international organizations publications. They also have rare books and old materials, modern Japanese political history documents, maps, AV materials, major reference books bibliographies, catalogs and indexes published in Japan and overseas. With regards to users, it was mentioned that only 18 years old or over of any nationality is eligible to use the library. Most of the materials are stored in closed stacks and user registration is necessary. As to the system, they use the NDL Search which offers integrated search service, it aims to be an access point to utilize the wealth of knowledge that are accumulated by the institutions both from Japan and abroad. This offers integrated search for a variety of formats of information including printed materials, digitized images and sounds. It has a multilingual translation functions, interfaces in English, Chinese and Korean. In their Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC), one needs to swipe his ID and enter the password in the "Integrated Authentication" screen before he can start using its services. As we toured the library, we were amazed by its facilities: very modern, spacious with vast collection and disciplined staff and patrons. We have seen also its fixed-shelf stacks, compact-shelf stacks, automatic stacks

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and the conveyor at the basement. As we went down the lower floor, we were impressed by the facilities. Space is not really a problem for them because they have reserved spaces for future collections.

In the afternoon of the same day, we proceeded to Chiba University Library located at 1-33, Yayoi-cho, Inage-ku, Chiba-shi, Chiba, Japan. It was past 1:00 p.m. when we reached the place from NDL. It took us one and half hour to travel via train. Mr. Hiroya Takeuchi, university librarian, director of Academic Link Center, and professor of Library and Information Science, Faculty of Letters, Chiba University, gave us an overview of their library and toured us in selected places. According to him, Chiba University launched Academic Link, a new concept that aims to promote students active learning.

The University Library provides various services and resources to support the research and educational activities of the University faculty, students, staff and the general public. As their library reopened in 2012, they have provided the concept of Academic Link, the objective of which is to promote students' active learning. In one of the articles written by Mr. Takeuchi entitled *The new role of librarians at Chiba University's Academic Link*, he mentioned that Academic Link Center is composed of staff from the university's library, Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Center and the Center for General Education and this coordination of staff reflects the three major elements essential for educational reform: the provision of diverse content required for learning and education, the provision of ICTs to use that content, and the modernization of educational programs and teaching methods. Again, we were gathered at the Presentation Space, an open space at the lobby just before the entrance of the main library wherein he discussed about their Chiba University Library. We have observed that there is quiet and non-quiet zone: the quiet zone is a place merely for research and study composed mostly of graduate students; whereas in the non-quiet zone, library users can talk freely but a supervising librarian is present in the room. There is an area for departmental journals, Japanese and non-Japanese journals. They also have the individual study rooms and group study rooms in glass enclosure. Almost all the sections are enclosed in glass and even the library building is built in glass. Mr. Takeshi mentioned about transparency to be able to see always what is within. There is a room what they called the teaching commons and a seminar room for faculty and students. The borrowing privilege for researchers is ten (10) books except for the Graduate students which is fifteen (15). Specially registered non-degree students is five (5) and for Staff member, Professor Emeritus,

Grand Fellow, it is twenty (20) books. The borrowing period is 3 weeks and up to 3 times renewals.

May 28 (Tuesday), was a free day for us. It was our time to explore Japan where technologies are fully developed. Tokyo is really a dream place for everyone because of its clean surroundings and disciplined citizens, a place where you can see formally attired citizen walking and biking for office destination. Private cars are not that visible compared to the Philippines. Everyone is in a hurry always as if they walk for a cause. Never would you find people doing nothing in the streets especially in Asakusa. Since Sensoji Temple is a few steps from Asakusa, we had the chance to drop by at the Temple and entered through the Kaminarimon (Thunder Gate), the outer gate of Sensoji Temple and the symbol of Asakusa and the entire city of Tokyo. It is a place for tourists to buy and appreciate the products and souvenirs of Japan. Next to visit is Ueno, a district best known as home to some of Tokyo's finest cultural sites and Japan's products.

Our next visit was Shibuya, a prominent downtown area of Tokyo. It is unique in the sense that every street and area in the district has a completely different atmosphere. We have commuted by train via Tokyo Metro Ginza. The Shibuya Center Street is crowded and considered the shopping center because of the many shops around.

When visiting Japan, one should not miss Hachikō, a monument of an Akita dog born on a farm near the city of Ōdate. In front of the monument is a stationary train. This dog has shown a remarkable loyalty to his owner, the dog never left him even after his death. In Japan, Hachiko's legendary faithfulness became a national symbol of loyalty which made this place very significant.

May 29 (Wednesday) was time for us to leave. On our way to Narita Airport, we passed through a tunnel heavily lighted and all passengers on board had to be inspected of their passport by Japanese officers. We did not expect that it would take us almost two hours to get to the airport. We arrived Manila, safe and sound and filled with excitement and worthy experiences from a foreign land.

"Domo Arigato Gozaimasu" (Thank you very much!), to the University and to the UST administrators for giving us the chance to experience and discover what is in the store for us for our betterment and for the department we represent. Likewise, we thank Ms. Fuchigami for facilitating the coordination with the two libraries that were visited.

Marivic G. Usita

USTLA's annual activity

Museums and libraries have long been sources of learning, recreation and information for personal, family, educational and workplace purposes. Indeed, they impart us knowledge about the civilization of the past.

Last May 23, 2013, members of the University of Santo Tomas Librarians Association (USTLA), visited three of the most notable institutions of Philippine history, arts, and culture.

First visit was the **Malacañan Palace Museum and Library** located in Kalayaan Hall of the Malacañang Palace, situated in the old Manila district of San Miguel. It is the primary office within the Office of the President responsible for preserving, managing, and promoting the history and heritage of the Philippine Presidency, and particularly of Malacañan Palace as its official seat. Likewise, it is the principal historical and artistic repository in support of the institution of the Presidency and for the benefit of the Republic and the Filipino people.



A photo inside the Kalayaan Hall.

Mr. Roque Herrera, person in-charge of the Palace Museum and Library visits and tours, guided the librarians around the place enthusiastically explaining and expounding facts and details on things seen in each adjoining room. One valuable section is *The Gallery of Presidents* which features exhibits and galleries showcasing the heritage of the Presidents beginning from Emilio Aguinaldo to the present. It houses various objects and memorabilia, including clothing, personal effects, portraits and paintings, gifts, campaign materials, publications

and documents of former presidents, as well as, the artwork and furniture from the Palace collections. The tour ended with a group picture in front of the Kalayaan Hall building.

The librarians then headed south of Manila for a hefty lunch at Gerry's Grill, Greenbelt 5, Makati City before proceeding to the next itinerary.

Next visit was the **Ayala Museum** located at the corner of Makati Avenue and De la Rosa Street in Makati City. It is housed in a huge building, divided into various sections, each displaying different exhibits. Forming the core of the museum's historical collections are sixty hand-crafted dioramas that chronicle the rich tapestry of Philippine history. It also features a one-of-a-kind boat gallery showcasing miniatures of some of the watercrafts that contributed to the development of Philippine maritime trade and colonial economy. Archaeological and ethnographic objects from the country's northern and southern cultural communities complement the historical collection.

The UST librarians were welcomed by the museum staff and were given brief background about the place. The librarians were divided into two groups – the first half initially viewed the video presentation at the *Gold of Ancestors* exhibit, and the other half proceeded with the guided tour, and vice-versa.

Housed in the same building is the **Filipinas Heritage Library**, a division of the Ayala Foundation, Inc. (AFI). It is a one-stop electronic research center providing access to the wealth of Filipino heritage through the latest in information technology and telecommunications. It has over 13,000 contemporary volumes on Philippine history, art, language, religion and the social sciences, and over 2,000 rare titles, rare books on microfiche, maps, and an extensive library of slides and photographs. It has also ventured into the digitization of its collection, CD-ROM publishing, as well as the development of web pages and electronic databases.

Since Filipinas Heritage Library (FHL) is currently into digitizing its collection, they showed

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to the UST librarians how they do their digitization process while discussing the collections included. The FHL staff showed the facilities and equipment they use and their conservation and restoration laboratory.



A librarian from Filipinas Heritage Library as she shows their digitization equipment, Atiz Book Scanner.

Last but not the least was a stop at the **Missionary Sisters of Charity - Home of Joy**, in Tayuman, Manila, where the librarians extended their unceasing support through giving donation to its adopted community.



(L) USTLA 2012-2013 President and Vice President receiving the acknowledgment letter from a Sister of Home of Joy; (Below) Some librarians together with the USTLA donations



The USTLA Executive Board A.Y. 2012-2013 would like to give their sincerest gratitude to all the participants/USTLA members who made this worthwhile endeavor a success. Until the next visits...

Raquel B. Lontoc

UST Support Staff retreat 2013

It was a one-day retreat away from work-place. The theme was "Faith and Family: Foundations of Life." Two batches were scheduled to accommodate the entire support staff to be able to: come, pray, meditate, reflect and listen to spiritual readings, have the Sacrament of Confession and receive the Holy Communion.

The Annual Recollection of the UST Support Staff transpired last March 20 and 21, 2013 at St. Michael Retreat House in Antipolo City. It was spearheaded by the Human Resource Department in coordination with the HRD Committee on Spiritual Concerns and the Center for Campus Ministry. The spiritual speaker was the ever dynamic and multi-talented preacher in the person of Bro. Alvin Barcelona. He was the retreat master for several times but his charisma seems to be so addicting no one does not get tired of listening to his inspirational stories and divulging his real life experiences to connect and learn. The retreatants laughed, cried, prayed and sang with him with joy and pride that once again, they were given the opportunity to listen to God's word, be inspired and have a self-renewal. He was able to touch their hearts, motivated to be good and reminded of God's immense love for all as manifested when He sacrificed His own life to save us.

It was truly a wonderful day to revive and transform ourselves to become better persons not just for ourselves, but also for the people around us and most especially for the greater glory of God with whom we shall put our full trust. We are grateful for the one-day chance of fullness in spirits to live by years in His Glory.

Rosemary B. Balbin

"Libraries are the mind and soul of their communities, and librarians are the mind and soul of the library." - ALA

A follow-up visit to Cottolengo

The many visit and follow ups will prove of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library's unending love and support to the children of Cottolengo Filipino. Another group of librarians shared their time again last April 14, 2013.

The group was headed by Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P. accompanied by Ms. Teresa Fenix and Mrs. Gloria Reyes, both friends of the library. They were welcomed by Fr. Stefan Bulais, F.D.P., president and executive director of Cottolengo. He accompanied the group as they explore to the different areas of the orphanage and gave updates on programs and activities of the institution.

To give fun and excitement to the children, Mrs. Narcelita Olamit, chairman of the Committee

on Human Values prepared a dance activity, known as Chicken dance. At first they watched the video and later to follow what they have watched. The music starts from slow to fast rhythmic movements that made everyone looked excitedly and funny as they tried to follow the steps.

The librarians together with the kids joyfully participated in dancing the "Chicken dance." After the activity, Mrs. Gloria Reyes provided lunch for everyone and the group assisted the volunteers in feeding the kids. As they left the orphanage, everybody felt the sense of joy and fulfillment.

Marilou G. Palermo

"Lukso para kay Kristo": sportsfest 2013

The opening of this year's sportsfest for the support staff was held last April 12, 2013. It was themed: "Lukso para kay Kristo," a time for the regular staff to gather and bond, engage in athletic skills and show camaraderie.

Assembly time was as early as 7:30 a.m. at the Plaza Mayor and was followed with a campus parade. Each team was composed of employees coming from the different offices of the university. The program proper was held at the UST Central Seminary gymnasium. The adorable kids of the employees were presented as the MUSE and ESCORT of each team. We were all delighted and entertained by the children's wit and charm and the funny gestures especially in the question and answer portion. They were all gorgeous and smart the way they carried themselves in front of the crowd. They rendered a dance number in their own version of the well-known dance "Gangnam Style" as their proud parents were all smiling seeing their children on stage. The activity proceeded to the awarding of the Best Muse and Best Escort, parlor games and aerobics for all.



Library support staff participants pose for a photo.

The opening game for the Basketball took place after the p r o g r a m. Everyone was encouraged to participate and choose the games suited for them like basketball, volleyball, bowling, billiards, and badminton. It was a fun-filled day for all of us.

The championship game and the awarding ceremony took place last May 17, 2013. A "leap of joy" for all the winners.

Rosemary B. Balbin

OUR LADY CATHERINE!



This is how I depict my bond with my good friend Lady Catherine de Leon. I have known her since we were classmates in college. Our relationship flourished into a superb friendship.

Cathy, as her friends fondly call her, is the eldest in a brood of four. She was born on March 14, 1982 to Joseph and Constanca Relevante of Porac, Pampanga. Cathy finished her primary school at Colegio de Sta. Cecilia and her secondary education from Our Lady of Lourdes both schools are located in Valenzuela. She pursued her college degree at the University of Santo Tomas, took up Bachelor of Secondary Education major in Library Science. She passed the Licensure Examination for Librarians given in November 2002.

She joined the roster of UST librarians in August 2010 and her first assignment in the UST Library was at the Technical section. She was later transferred to the Social Sciences section. She is presently appointed as Acting Head Librarian of the Filipiniana section.

Cathy is a type of person who is always ready to help and gives advice to library users

whenever it is necessary. She is flexible and easy-to-get along with. Like most people born under Pisces, Cathy is highly creative and imaginative; she can think abstract and come up with extremely innovative ideas. Her imagination power has the capacity to take her to great heights. One thing I loved about Cathy is that she cooks food for us, especially her signature pasta dishes.

Cathy is happily married to Froilan Jolly de Leon and they are blessed with a handsome child named Andrei Gabriel. A caring wife and mother, truly Cathy was born with a sensitive soul. If something is wrong, it affects her deeply, and develops extreme feelings regarding the matter. According to her, she believes that “we only live once so let’s be good and responsible to the life God has given to us.”

Indeed, she values all the blessings in life that she receives and her determination in the performance of her work is truly admirable. I have known this *Lady* as outspoken and always, in high spirit, qualities which endear her to others.

“Friendship is the hardest thing in the world to explain. It is not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything.” - **Muhammad Ali**

Anna Rita L. Alomo

*“Google can bring you back 100,000 answers,
a librarian can bring you back the right one.”*

— Neil Gaiman

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