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## The UST Library Staff @ Velada Tomasina

“As the University marks the apex of its 400 years of life, the mood is cheerful in anticipation of the next 100 years.” Part of the Neo-Centennial celebration was the Velada Tomasina.

What is Velada? What really is the essence of Velada Tomasina to the Thomasian community? Based on the English dictionary, **V e l a d a** means “night attendance at a plaza or public promenade, lit on the occasion of a feast.” Furthermore, according to Prof. Evelyn Songco, director of the Office for Student Affairs, Velada Tomasina is a living tableau that

shows the University of Santo Tomas in the perspective of the cultural milieu of Intramuros at the turn of the 19th century. It seeks to bring back the time through period costumes, songs, dances, poems and festivities. Everyone must be in their period costume at Ciudad Santo Tomas.

While awaiting the coming of this eventful feast, the U S T librarians were really excited looking for a ‘period’ costume. Most of them rented their costume, some bought and few went to a tailoring shop just to have a distinctive period costume appropriate for the event.

On January 25, 2012, during the Velada day, every-



UST library staff during the Velada.

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## Resources Description and Access (RDA)

**R**esources Description and Access (RDA) is a new standard for cataloguing that provides instructions and guidelines on formulating data for resource description and discovery. This is intended for use by libraries and other cultural organizations such as museums and archives. RDA is the successor to the Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules, Second Edition (AACR2), the current cataloging standard set for English language libraries.

The Philippine Association of Academic and Research Librarians, Inc. (PAARL), in cooperation with the University of Santo Tomas, sponsored a forum entitled “**RDA (Resources Description & Access): A Guide to Basics**.” It was held last March 2, 2012 at the Conference Hall of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library. The forum was attended by 165 participants from different library institutions in the country.

The forum specifically evolved on the following objectives:

- ♦ to concisely explain the expected benefits for users and catalogers of the new cataloging standards;
- ♦ to examine its connection with its predecessor and its relationship to internationally accepted principles, standards and models; and
- ♦ to know the advantages of RDA in the newly emerging database structures in Philippine setting.

The program formally started with an invocation and the singing of the national anthem led by selected students from the Conservatory of Music. It was followed by the welcome remarks given by Fr. Angel Aparicio, OP, UST Prefect of Libraries and Ms. Sonia Gementiza, president of PAARL, who gave the opening remarks. Ms. Corazon Nera, director, Sotero H. Laurel Library, Lyceum of the Philippines, was the guest speaker.

According to Ms. Nera, RDA was initially released in June 2010 and the Library of Congress announced its full implementation on March 31, 2013. To better comprehend the concept of RDA, Ms. Nera presented examples of bibliographic records of library resources on different media formats like books, audio recordings, serials, and others. She mentioned that

## Earthquake and tsunami preparedness

“**O**ne of the most frightening and destructing phenomena of nature is earthquake. Earthquake is a geologic hazard that can trigger tsunami. It often occurs without significant warning any time, day or night and no technology can detect or predict it. It has devastating consequences, loss of life, destruction of property, and the psychological effects can be immeasurable.”

The UST Crisis Management Committee conducted a forum on “Earthquake and Tsunami Preparedness” on March 7, 2012, from 8:00a.m. to 12:00nn. This was held at the Tan Yan Kee auditorium.

The objectives of the forum were the following:

- ♦ to inform the participants on how to be prepared for earthquakes and other calamities; and
- ♦ to observe the necessary procedures and parameters on how to properly conduct an earthquake drill.

The invited resource speaker, Dr. Renato Solidum, PHILVOCS director, discussed the following topics:

- ⇒ Natural Hazards Setting of the Philippines
- ⇒ Earthquakes and Earthquake Hazards
- ⇒ Disaster Preparedness and Risk Reduction

According to Dr. Solidum, the Philippines is considered a hotspot for natural hazards because it is bounded by waters; part of ring of fire and part of earthquake zones. He mentioned the worst earthquakes that happened all over the world including the most devastating earthquake and tsunami that happened in Japan last March 11, 2011. Dr. Solidum also mentioned that they have observed recently that most earthquakes that happened in our country fall on the 6th day of the month, the 6.9 magnitude earthquake with tsunami that hit Negros and other parts of Visayas and Mindanao last February 6, 2012 and the 5.2 magnitude earthquake struck in Masbate last March 6, 2012. He also mentioned that Palawan is the only place in the country which is not affected by earthquake.

The speaker emphasized that in order to reduce

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## Online database for Education High School students

One of the programmed activities for the Education High School library is 'Bibliography-making'. This is intended for the 3rd year and 4th year high school students to prepare them for research works.

The objectives of this activity are for the students to :

- ♦ learn the value of research;
- ♦ be able to give proper citation when using the works of others; and
- ♦ properly cite works used from many sources including traditional materials such as books and newspapers as well as electronic and web-based research sources (WEBLIOGRAPHY) using APA style.

The one hour lecture-workshop was held last February 9, 2012 at the activity area of the EHS/Grade School Library. Materials such as books, newspapers, journals, and the URL wherein students can access articles were distributed to the students as part of the hands-on-exercises.

In addition, last February 2 and 8, 2012, hands-on tutorial for online databases subscribed to by the library were given to first year (1-Responsibility) and second year (2-Honesty) students. This was held at the computer laboratory at the Albertus Magnus building. Ms. Kaori Fuchigami, one of the UST reference librarians, gave the lecture. The activity's main objectives are for the students to be acquainted with the different online databases, to promote literacy as well as to appreciate the library and the services it offers especially in their future reports, multimedia projects, presentations and researches.

Arlene P. Matias

## Pre-Service teachers recommend books

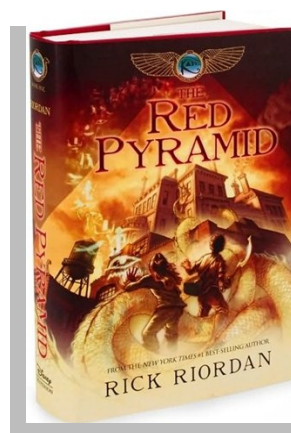
Senior students of the UST College of Education, for their practicum, do practice teaching. This is done either within or outside the university. They are called pre-service teachers (PST). These students play a vital role in the development of the students. They handle classes related to their courses. Just like the regular faculty members, they, too, have direct contact with the students.

It is commendable to see high school students reading and recommending reading materials to others. Students, oftentimes, would take the advice of their classmates, friends, or in some cases, the pre-service teachers, regarding what books to borrow.

Normally, the EHS Library would not only prepare list of recommended books, but also come up with different strategies to promote the collections. We have tried several techniques to encourage students to read, and the best so far are the recommendations from their classmates and teachers. The pre-service teachers help review books from EHS library collection. Some of them are the following:

1. Riordan, R. (2010). *The Red Pyramid*. New York : Disney/Hyperion.

Reviewed by: Elaine L. Ricafort (4SPED1)



The *Red Pyramid* is considerably an offshoot of Riordan's earlier best-selling series, *Percy Jackson and the Olympians*. In Riordan's previous novels, his sarcastic humor was again seen in Carter and Sadie's narrative.

For those who seek for more adventure series and could not get enough of Riordan's previous novels of teenage heroes battling ancient gods in the modern-day setting, the *Red Pyramid* is a must-read.

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## "Lumina Pandit" Exhibit: a photographic summary

For the benefit of those who were not able to view the Lumina Pandit Exhibition mounted on June 2010-2011, the UST Miguel de Benavides Library through its Committee on Linkages headed by Ma. Luz David together with her members Anna Rita Alomo, Lady Catherine Relevante-de Leon, Annabelle Lauro, Lordelyn Tiamson, and Gary Lapid, organized a mini exhibit on the first section of the Exhibition. The group collected and carefully picked photos and images that are highly significant and important in the foundation of the UST Library. Books donated by the third Archbishop of Manila and the Founder of the U S T Library, Miguel de Benavides, the early book collection of the library and book collections of Hernando de los Rios are put on display. The University and Library seals throughout the time also occupied a space to give everyone an idea of the evolution of the different stamps and seals used by the University in its 400 years of existence.



This rare and classy exhibit, reminiscent of the grandiose exhibit mounted by the Library, opened last February 24, 2012 and is located at the exhibit area of the Library building. The exhibit is free to all and will run until May 2012.

*Lady Catherine Relevante-de Leon*

## 5th "Hiyas Awards"

UST pays tribute to its excellent and exceptional employees during the annual celebration of 'Hiyas ng UST'. 'Hiyas' refers to a pleasing or valued person or thing. A fine example is a precious jewel, stone or gem. For this year, the 5th "Hiyas ng UST" annual recognition had its theme **Mga Kawaning Tomasino: Pandaigdig ang Talino**. It was held on March 1, 2012 at the Medicine auditorium.

The affair started with a concelebrated Mass, presided by some Dominican priests with the Father Rector as the main celebrant.



Service awardees (clockwise) - Ms. Milabo, Mr. Lapid, Mr. Gestiaida, and Ms. Balbin.

UST gave cash incentives and certificates of recognition. A gold ring was the token given to less than 15 years of service. Plaques of Appreciation were additional tokens for the 15 to 40 years service awardees. A "special award" was given to those who finished college or a post graduate degree, passed a government licensure examination, presented a paper either locally or internationally, won national/international competition, those who perfected punctuality in office attendance and the St. Joseph the Worker award, which is given only to employee with no absences, zero tardiness, and has not availed of any leave for the preceding academic year. The "Best Employee" award is the most prestigious and the most coveted award aimed by every employee.

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## The 13th “Dangal ng UST Awards”

The University of Santo Tomas in cooperation with the UST Faculty Union, honored faculty members who made exceptional contributions in the attainment of the mission of the university through their exemplary performance in teaching, research and community service. This is made possible during the annual ‘Dangal ng UST Awards’. This year’s event with its theme: “Guro ng Tomasino sa Ikalimang Siglo: Lakas ng Pamantasan Gabay ng Pamayanan,” was held last March 9, 2012 at the St. Martin de Porres auditorium.

The opening remarks was given by no less than the Rector of the University, Rev. Fr. Rolando V. dela Rosa, OP. Dr. George S.K Ty, president of Metro Bank Foundation, Inc., was the invited guest speaker. He was represented by Mr. Nick Torres, the executive director of the said foundation who delivered Dr. Ty’s heartening message for the faculty.

This year’s awarding ceremony honored 135 professors for the following categories: 5 *Gawad Santo Tomas*; 107 *Gawad Benavides* for years of service ranging from 20 to 50 years; 1 *Gawad San Alberto Magno* for outstanding research, invention, technological innovation and creative work; 3 *Gawad San Lorenzo Ruiz* for CHED Higher Education Institute awards; 1 *Gawad Santo Domingo* for extraordinary acts of charity and volunteerism in the delivery of a community service program; 3 *Natatanging Nailathalang Pananaliksik*; 1 *Natatanging Aklat*. The twelve newly-appointed professors were also mentioned during the affair.

Awards in honor of two Dominican Saints such as the *Gawad San Raymundo* for the ‘Outstanding Librarian’ and the *Gawad San Martin de Porres* for the ‘Outstanding Guidance Counselor’, were also given.

The Miguel de Benavides Library was particularly proud for the recognition given to the UST librarians, namely, Ms. Marivic Usita, head librarian of the Health Sciences Library for 30 years of service and Ms. Michelle San Gabriel, head of the UST High School Library, for the prestigious “Natatanging Librarian” award.



Ms. Michelle M. San Gabriel

Ms. Marivic G. Usita

For the intermission number, talented faculty members from the High School department and some selected High School students showed their dancing prowess to the tune of Filipino folk music.

The awards uphold the tradition of excellence among the faculty members of the University. It aims to present and honor faculty members who can be role models in the academic community.

Raquel B. Lontoc

## Evangelization of the Word of God

**S**t. Dominic de Guzman once said to his followers as he preaches the word of God, **“Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword; wear but humility rather than fine clothes.”**

“Religion is one of the focal points of arguments when it comes to views and beliefs. Christianity is indeed dominant when we talk about the number of adherent with 2.1 billion. No doubt about it when it ranked number one among the religions. Precisely, there is only one predominantly Christian country in all of Asia. The Philippines is approximately 85 percent Christian (mostly Roman Catholic), 10 percent Muslim, and 5 percent 'other' religions, including the Taoist-Buddhist religious beliefs of the Chinese and the 'indigenous' animistic beliefs of some peoples in upland areas that resisted 300 years of Spanish colonial rule.” (*Russel, 1999*).

Joining the group were Fr. Angel Aparicio, OP, Prefect of Libraries, Chief Librarian, Ms. Estrella Majuelo, some library staff, namely, Nora Matawaran, Cecilia Lobo, Evangeline Panizal, and yours truly, some friends of the library who are members of the Legion of Mary, namely, Ms. Linda Bernardo, Ms. Araceli Bernardo, Ms. Dolly Lualhati, Ms. Carmen Trias and Ms. Carmen Pineda.

Fr. Aparicio presided the Eucharistic celebration at exactly 10:00 in the morning. The children were introduced to the importance of a Holy Mass followed by lessons on catechism like the basic prayers. Afterwards, there were stories and songs which made the sessions alive and interactive. Prizes were given to the kids whenever they would give correct answers to some of the questions tossed at them.



Last January 15, 2012, the Committee on Community and Extension Services headed by Marcelita Lane Olamit, organized another visit to the UST library project in Bamban, Tarlac for a religious instruction outreach to aeta children.

At the end of the activities, school supplies, toys and refreshments were distributed. With the few religions and beliefs laid before their eyes, the aeta people are, definitely, free to choose what to believe and accept to practice in their everyday life.

*Mercy B. Caña*



## CNN hero visits UST



(L-R) Assoc. Prof. Marishirl Tropicales, former EHS principal, Mikaella Icasas, president, Book Lovers Club 2009-2010, Ms. Robin Lim, Fr. Angel Aparicio, OP, UST Prefect of Libraries.

**E**HSians Book Lovers' Club congratulates Ms. Robin Lim, a Filipino-American midwife, for being the CNN hero for the year 2011. Ms. Lim was the resource speaker during the forum on 'Reading' held on November 26, 2010 in celebration of the National Book Week organized by the UST Education High School.

*Arlene P. Matias*

## A visit to a conservation laboratory

**T**he UST Miguel de Benavides Library has established a long range program of preserving the precious collections of the University. Part of the program is the purchase of equipment to be used for conservation and preservation.

Being the one in-charge of the conservation work in the UST Library, I, together with two support staff of the library, Ken Aldrin Garcia and Manuel Guinto, visited the Roberto M. Lopez Conservation Center Laboratory last February 16, 2012. It is located at the Lopez Museum and Library in Ortigas Center, Pasig City. The purpose of the visit was to observe how their restoration equipment operates. A short course training on the use of these preservation equipment, particularly the leaf casting machine, was conducted. Leaf casting is a special machine that mechanically stabilizes paper damaged by holes and ragged edges, by filling in missing parts on the paper. This machine lessens the time usually allotted in restoring a book.

The purchase of the leaf casting equipment is only the beginning of a lifetime task of the library in preserving the University's heritage collections. With this added technology, the UST Miguel de Benavides library is now on the way to reaching its goal in terms of 'book preservation.'



Mr. Rod Enano, restorer at the Roberto M. Lopez Conservation Center Laboratory, as he demonstrates how a leaf casting machine works.

*Ginalyn M. Santiago*

## *The UST library staff... from page 1*

one gave an astonishing appearance which gave the UST campus an atmosphere reminiscent of the olden days nostalgia, very much different from the usual trendy settings. To add life to the celebration “kalesas” were roaming around the campus. Fr. Angel Aparicio, OP, Prefect of Libraries, was stunning in his outfit of a real “illustrado.” He even came to the library riding in a kalesa and invited everyone to a ride.

The UST librarians joined the Thomasian community as they gathered at the Ciudad Santo Tomas Millennium Gate for the unveiling of the historical marker proclaiming the University of Santo Tomas a “National Historical” landmark. Ludovico Badoy, executive director of the Philippine National Historical Commission made the announcement at the Miguel de Benavides Square.

Watching the crowds’ merriment and hearing the sounds of laughter described the overflowing joy of the Thomasians. Their lovely outfit with vibrant colors and sundry styles were really representatives of the 19th century. Musical Bands went around the campus playing the tricentenary march. Spanish songs and poems were aired. Definitely, the festive bash was enjoyed by everyone.

Series of activities followed such as: the presentation of the UST at the Turn of the Century which was held at the Civil Law lobby; awarding of prominent alumni; the La Naval de Manila procession and the Ad Januam Coeli (to the gates of heaven) exhibition; presentation of the tricentenary and the quadricentennial celebrations, wreathlaying, poetry reading on Benavides; the La Jota Moncadena dance; playing of Spanish songs typical of the century; candle lighting; and the lighting of the Quadricentennial logo.

Absolutely, everyone felt so fortunate to be part of this important and once-in-a-lifetime celebration. Witnessing the opening and closing of **UST @ 400** celebrations is a momentous experience, a precious and an exceptional opportunity especially for us librarians!

*Mercy B. Caña*

## *Resources description... from page 2*

RDA is more specific, detailed, and precise, thus, making it more accommodating to the researcher because practically, all material information are accessible using RDA rules.

Subsequently, Mr. Carlos Lagrosas Eclevia, Jr., Solutions specialist from CE-Logic, gave the audience a glimpse of the RDA toolkit online. For more information about the toolkit, you may check at <http://www.rdatoolkit.org/>, according to Mr. Eclevia.

RDA implications and implementation to Philippine Librarianship were also discussed. This will soon be implemented on the National Standard of Cataloging in the Philippines, hopefully, between the years 2013-2014.

*Lucila B. Adriano*

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## *Earthquake and tsunami... from page 2*

the fatalities, injuries, and property losses caused by earthquakes, the following should be considered: a) **Surveillance** (Monitoring), Warning, Response (policies, plans, actions); b) **Safe(r)** location – appropriate land use, mitigation measures; c) **Safe building, infrastructure construction** – good design, materials, methods; d) **Safe workplace or house** – prepare area prior to disasters; e) **Safe individual, family, community** – inform, educate on what to do; and f) **Simulate r e s p o n s e s** – prepare contingency plans.

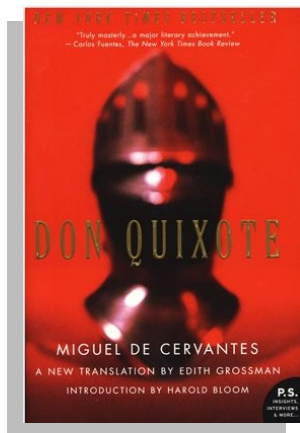
It was also made clear that since earthquake cannot be predicted, the best that one can do is be prepared. Being prepared **can reduce the impact of disasters and sometimes avoid the danger completely**. According to him, the more knowledgeable one is, the more prepared he will be and the chances of **survival** is higher. What if the JICA’s (Japan International Cooperation Agency) forecasts of a 7.9 magnitude earthquake occurs in our country anytime? Is everyone prepared? Perhaps, the government should be responsible to educate its citizens to be prepared at all times and in turn, the citizens to respond and act in order to be prepared.

*Juanita D. Subaldo*



### Pre-service teachers... from page 3

2. Cervantes Saavedra, M. (2007). *Don Quixote*. London : Usborne Publishing.



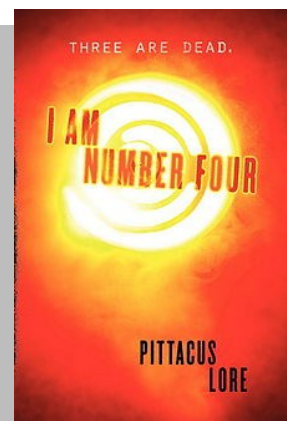
Reviewed by: Alexandra Nicole Awayan (4SPED1)

Don Quixote is about a knight-- someone who considers himself to be charming. He also reads so many stories about knights and their fantastic adventures, he loses all grip on reality and decides to set out a chivalric quest of his own.

I recommend this book to those who loved novels. Why should they read it? They must read it because it forces us to question how we see ourselves, how we decide what is real and how to believe. It also explores humanity.

Life on the road with Quixote may not be easy. It is full of bumps, bruises, close calls, and above all hunger--but it's never boring!

3. Pittacus, L. (2010). *I Am Number Four*. New York : Harper.



Reviewed by: Ivankha C. Cervantes (4SPED2)

*I Am Number Four* follows a pair of aliens from the planet Lorien who have assumed identities in the small town of Paradise, Ohio in order to escape the brutish Mogadorians who are out to kill them.

I recommend this science fiction book for the reason that it is definitely a good read for the teens. But since it is action packed, there are some intense violence that would still need parental guidance.

Arlene P. Matias

### 5th Hiyas Awards from page 4

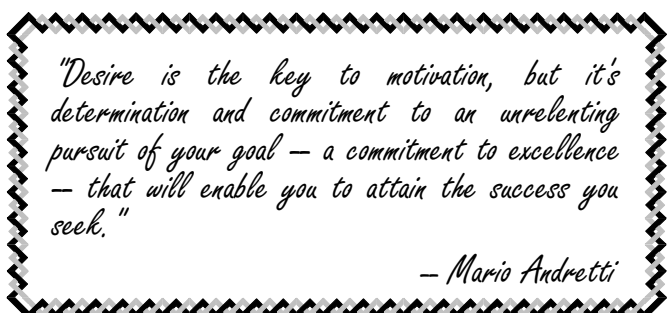
In preparation for the said event, photo shoots of the service awardees were taken at the different UST landmarks on January 31, 2012. Awardees were grouped according to their length of service and were requested to wear their designated costumes on the day of the recognition.

The Miguel de Benavides Library is proud to acknowledge the 'Hiyas' awardees for their loyal and dedicated service in the department. They were: Rosemary Balbin (15 years), Enrique Gestiada (20 years), Ma. Theresa Milabo and Edgardo Lapid (30 years). Nominated for the "Most Outstanding Employee" was Dolores Morante. Recipients of Special award for complete attendance and punctuality were Nemesio Magtaan and Rafael Travilla.

Korean performers delighted and entertained the audience with their excellent rendition of a traditional music through the rhythms of the drums. In addition, a Nepalese dance performer flaunted her dancing prowess showcasing the Nepal tradition.

It was, indeed, a heartwarming event – to give deserving employees honor and recognition for their services, achievements and dedication to the university. The activity was spearheaded by the Human Resource Department Director, Atty. Jacqueline Lopez-Kaw and the Assistant Director, Ms. Rowena Castro and with the able support of the members of the organizing committee.

Rosemary B. Balbin



## Treat to Graduating Scholars

**F**or me, experience is the best narrator of one's own sentiments. No words can explain the happiness of the working scholars assigned in the UST Miguel de Benavides Library after the usual treat to the graduating scholars given by the Library.

The environment was totally different from the typical “library service” scenario we do everyday. The library staff and librarians, even the Prefect of Libraries, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., were friendly and sweet; no trace of strictness nor a sign of complexity was felt during that day. Everything was simple and cheerful.



The first thing we did was to thank our Almighty God through a Holy Mass at the Caleruega Retreat House officiated by Fr. Aparicio. After the solemn gathering, we took our snacks and later, explored the place (crossed the hanging bridge and went up the hill for picture taking). After which, we proceeded to Southridge Tagaytay where we had our sumptuous lunch and did our “once-in-a-lifetime” unlimited friendly chat with our superiors and other library staff.

The highlight of the activity and, indeed, my favorite part, was probably the “first and last” bonding moments with my co-working scholars. We went swimming in the village Clubhouse,

played cards and billiards, and shared stories with one another. If it was possible to extend the time during that moment, we would have taken that option; the atmosphere was very relaxing.

Like any other excursions, going home is always the focal point of everything. The treat ended with smiles and words of thanks. We have reached the university and uttered our last goodbyes to our second family for almost four years.

We felt so blessed and special that day. We saw how strict professionalism has been outdone by ‘care, thoughtfulness, and love’. This treat was not just an ordinary annual event but a moment of celebration, farewell, and thanksgiving. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank the entire Library family for the demonstration of love and appreciation they have shown to make us feel more valued and loved.



“Loving books” is probably the most important lesson I have learned as a working scholar in the library. But loving people who love and protect those books, I believe, is more fulfilling.



Gracias Miguel de Benavides Library, gracias UST!

*Prince Jay C. Mayuyo  
Working Scholar  
Circulation Section*

## The Achievers

**T**he cliché “Nothing stops the man who desires to achieve” aptly describes the strong perseverance and immeasurable patience of four of the UST library staff (three librarians and one support staff) who recently reached their dreams of obtaining a Master’s degree and a bachelor’s degree program, respectively.



**Ms. Jenneth Gomez-Capule**, head librarian of the Heritage Library, finished her Master’s degree program in Library Science at the UST Graduate School. She successfully defended her thesis in March 2012 with a title *Towards a Geriatric Friendly Library: a Q*

*Methodology*. The study is about creating a library especially designed for the Filipino senior citizens considering the appropriate services, collections, facilities, programs, and staff that would help satisfy their needs.



Likewise, **Ms. Michelle San Gabriel**, head librarian of the UST High School Library, obtained her degree also in UST after she accomplished her special project entitled *U S T High School Library Collection Analysis: Assessment and Evaluation*. The

research paper attempts to assure that the UST High School library is indeed a reliable source of useful

information, and steadfast in the provision of quality services.



In addition, after years of relentless study and research, **Mr. J o n a s Sahagun**, head librarian of the Civil Law section, also achieved his Master’s degree in the field of Library and Information Science at the University of the Philippines. He successfully defended his thesis last February 2012

entitled *Philippine Thesaurus on Civil Law: English-Filipino and Filipino-English*. The thesaurus includes select terms on Philippine Civil Law covering areas such as persons; family law; property, ownership and its modifications; different modes of acquiring ownership; obligations and contracts; and other peripheral areas.



**Ms. Rosemary Balbin**, a member of the support staff assigned at the Health Sciences Library, who also aspires to become an effective librarian, finally finished her degree in Library and Information Science at the U S T College of Education.

The whole library family is indeed very proud of their achievements! Congratulations!

*Diana V. Padilla*

### Errata

In December 2011 issue, in the article entitled *EHS celebrates “National Book Week”* (p. 11), photo labels for Ms. B. Bebang and Mr. E. Raymund should be Ms. Beverly Sy and Mr. Jeroen Jon de Leon, respectively.



## Shy and simply **WENG**



**“R**owena” which means joy and fame is most fitting for a simple lady who hails from Novaliches, Quezon City. Rowena Sanchez del Meda, fondly called Weng by her colleagues and friends, was born to Eduardo Spanilla del Meda and Evelyn Limbo Sanchez on

January 9, 1981. The second among the four “Marias” in the family, Weng is a responsible and loving daughter and sister, a doting aunt, and a very family-oriented lady.

She took her primary and secondary education at Novaliches Elementary School and Metro Manila College, respectively. She finished her BS Computer Science at Our Lady of Fatima University in 2002. This qualifies her to any computer related career.

Weng’s trail of being a casual employee in several schools in this urban city has led her in UST. In January 2007, she was hired as a substitute employee in the library working as office clerk. Weng is not the type of person who easily gives up and because of brave spirit, her patience, perseverance and good performance for almost two years has rewarded her to become a regular employee last October 2009. Presently, she is assigned at the Technical section of the Miguel de Benavides Library working as accessioner.

Weng is a different breed, shy but helpful, timid yet productive. Her friends feel the warmth of her thoughtfulness and, oftentimes, she assures everyone of their safety on their way home.

The library is not just an academic terrain to many Thomasians, but a home to its former and present employees as Weng found another family to take care of her as she pursues her profession, not just an occupation.

*Dolores E. Morante*

**Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P.**  
Prefect of Libraries

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