



For the purpose of updating the Library collection, the UST Miguel de Benavides Library invited book suppliers to exhibit their products. This was held at the ground floor of the Library building from February 26 - March 20, 2013. Each supplier was given three (3) days to display books and other library materials.

The UST librarians, library coordinators, and faculty members participated in the book selection process. This activity is important in the "collection development program" of the library and ultimately, will help in improving library services. The following are the exhibitors who participated in this event:

NO.	DATE	COMPANY NAME	
1	February 26-28, 2013	Linar Educational Materials Inc.	
2		Goodwill Bookstore	
3		Philmont Academic Solutions	
4		Forefront Book Co., Inc.	
5	March 1-2, 2013	Global International Education Link Enterprise Co.	
6		CD Books International, Inc.	
7	March 4-6, 2013	Megatext Phil., Inc.	
8		Academic Book Sales, Inc.	
9		Creative Mind Book Center	
10	March 7-9, 2013	IBC Book Consolidators	
11		Fully Booked	
12		C & E Publishing, Inc.	
13	March 11-13, 2013	Omni Book International Inc.	
14		New Century Books & General Merchandise	
15		Higher Learning Books and Office Supplies, Inc.	
16	March 14-16, 2013	Booklore Publishing	
17		Belview Co., Inc.	
18		Fastbook Educational Supply Inc.	
19		F & J de Jesus Incorporated	
20	March 18-20, 2013	High Access Line Phils. Corp	
21		EDCA Publishing and Distributing Corporation	
22		Mind Mover Publishing House, Inc.	
23		Rex Book Store	
24		Bookwagon	

Mercy B. Caña



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Forum on "St. Thomas Aquinas"

he UST Miguel de Benavides Library Committee on Human Values sponsored a forum entitled St. Thomas Aquinas: the Unending Legacy of God's Faithful Servant. This was held on January 25, 2013 at the UST Library Conference Hall.

This activity aimed to identify the relevant information about the background, family, important places and events in the life of St. Thomas Aquinas and to be able to apply the virtues learned from his life. Moreover, this was also to commemorate the feast day of St. Thomas, patron saint of UST and some Catholic universities and colleges and to enkindle in the hearts and minds of young Thomasians, spirituality and excellence.

The invited resource speaker was Dr. Jove Jim Aguas, professor from UST AMV - College of Accountancy. Panel of reactors were Rev. Fr. Rudolf Steven Seño, O.P from the Faculty of Philosophy and UST Ecclesiastical Faculties Seminarian Bro. Fran Villegas. Participants included Mr. Joseph Christian Legaspi - Values Teacher from UST HS Department and his class (Fourth Year -St. Damian Section), EHS Book Lovers Club officers, librarians and selected regular staff of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library.From Dr. Aguas' lecture, one discovered that St. Thomas' life was full of instances. First is the prophecy from a hermit, who, amazingly foretold what career St. Thomas would take. Students of today are now focused on answering assignments and textbook questions, but not St. Thomas, who has always remained drifted to the question "What is God?" An extraordinary anecdote was also narrated when St. Thomas even surpassed the knowledge and ability of his teachers in grammar, logic and natural sciences. Though he was called a "dumb Sicilian ox" because of his silent ways and huge size, he was always a brilliant student who transcends the harmonious essence of humanity and the solemnity of the spirit. St. Thomas outshined everybody in Albert the Great's class when he was tested by the former in a public debate. They were astonished by the profoundness and accuracy of his ideas and Albert the Great declared that one day his doctrine will resound throughout the world.

From the discussion, the participants were enlightened and inspired by the imbued identity of the venerable icon *St. Thomas Aquinas* who is a great model of humility. Though blessed with incredible intelligence, he always regarded his

Storytelling techniques for the USTHS Students

torytelling is an art that can be learned and practiced. Thus, an activity was conducted in order to impart to the students lessons on "how to deliver a good and interesting story in front of an audience." A lecture on basic storytelling techniques was held on January 16, 2013 at the UST High School auditorium. It was attended by members of the Readers' Club and of the Speech Club of the UST High School. The lecture was organized by the Readers' Club and the USTHS Library headed by Mrs. Fatima Ramos, with the following objectives:

- * to develop the talents and skills of the students through storytelling;
- * to help students overcome their stage fright when speaking in public;
- * to learn how to visualize images when narrating a story; and
- * to encourage the love and interest for reading.

The invited guest speaker was yours truly, assistant head librarian at the Science and Technology Section of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library. I am an enthusiastic story teller and once shared the stage with Ms. Pia Arcangel, Channel 7 newscaster, in a storytelling session during one of the events at the UST Education High School (EHS). I started my talk by giving the benefits of storytelling both for the teller and the listener in order to motivate the attendees. Storytelling is said to be beneficial because it improves one's vocabulary, develops the imagination and improves public speaking skills.

I also enumerated the basic techniques that may be used and gave samples on how they can be applied. Some of the techniques are the use of facial expression, voice modulation and body language. I also included tips on how to make the audience feel comfortable, how to keep them in suspense and interested in the story. After the lecture, a video of the speaker in a storytelling session was shown to give the students a more concrete idea of how the techniques discussed were being applied throughout the story.

Hopefully, the styles and the methods learned from the lecture may help students exude confidence in their storytelling activities including their outreach endeavors.

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Engineering libraries consortium

On February 21, 2013, Ms. Sharon Maria Esposo-Betan, head Librarian of U.P. Diliman College of Engineering Library, hosted a meeting for librarians and libraries with Engineering resources / collection. It was held at Cocoon Boutique Hotel in Quezon City. Participants were representatives from the different engineering libraries. The UST Library was represented by Marivic G. Usita.

The purpose of the meeting was to explore the possibility of cooperation and networking/ consortium of Engineering Libraries in the country. The meeting aimed at the identification of common programs, resources and services to see where each one can team, collaborate and pool resources.

Mrs. Lourdes T. David, director of Ateneo de Manila Rizal Library, gave an overview of what Library Cooperation is. Mrs. David is one of the pillars of DOST-ESEP Network. With her credentials, and being an expert in this field, she has given a very informative talk. She mentioned the advantages and disadvantages of forming a consortium among engineering libraries now that libraries have shifted from print to electronics.

According to Mrs. David, a Library Consortium is the "cooperation and arrangement among libraries thereby giving purchasing power to bargain at a lower cost and it is mutually beneficial because resources are shared." There are reciprocal services like the interlibrary loan and document delivery and cooperative services when it comes to cataloguing and indexing and also the cooperative training of staff. She mentioned that Ateneo shares everything through a Consortium. She added that in this instance the participating institution who will join in this project will decide whether to share all their resources or to share only specific materials. The question really is "what an institution can share?"

It was mentioned that a "Formal Consortium" will be created when there is a Memorandum of Agreement among participating institutions wherein all legalities will be consulted. While in the "Informal," the participating institutions will just have to commit to the agreement

Catechism shared to the Aetas

"Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent"– Calvin Coolidge

Another worthwhile activity has been shared to our Aeta brothers in sitio San Martin, Bamban, Tarlac last January 6, 2013. This was organized by the Committee on Extension Services headed by Narcelita Lane Olamit. The UST Prefect of Libraries, Fr. Angel Aparicio, OP, Ms. Estrella Majuelo, chief librarian, Evangeline Panizal, Linda Bernardo together with the Legion of Mary catechists -- Ms. Araceli Bernardo, Bro. Jude Javier, Mr. John Pabon and Ms. Carmen Pineda, conducted this activity.



Fr. Aparicio, O.P. as he celebrates Mass with the Aetas.

A Mass was celebrated which was attended by some Aetas and the Couples for Christ of Gawad Kalinga led by Mr. and Mrs. Carlito Policarpio. The catechists led by Bro. Javier, a former secretary of Mother Theresa, gave a simple lecture about catechism. This was followed by a video presentation prepared by Mr. Pabon, an inspiring story about a man born with no arms and legs who faces life in the most normal way he can, playing football, golf and can even surf and swim. Through his religion and with the help of family and friends, he managed to pull through to become an international symbol of "triumph over adversity." In spite of this, he is a jolly guy with no negative thoughts about life. The story surely touched everyone's heart and left them teary eyed. The presentation was intended to inspire - that being physically challenged should not be a hindrance.

Snacks were distributed afterwards courtesy of Ms. Bernardo and friends complementing the spiritual nourishment from the volunteer catechists.

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Narcelita Lane T. Olamit

UST Librarians at Cottolengo Filipino

t was a heart-sharing day, a post Valentine celebration shared to the community of Cottolengo Filipino by the UST Miguel de Benavides librarians last February 17, 2013. This time another group of librarians came with the objectives of bringing joy and sharing.

Fr. Stefan Bulais, F.D.P., president and executive director of Cottolengo, welcomed the group headed by Fr. Angel Aparicio, OP, Prefect of Libraries. Fr. Bulais gave an orientation about the organization and he toured the group to the different units of the orphanage such as the chapel, SPED classroom, and the workshop room.

The group had some bonding moments with the kids, dancing and singing together with some of the librarians. A happy feeling and touching experience could not be averted because of the special condition these children are into. It was lunch time when the group said goodbye to the children.

The immersion was a success. It gave a great sense of fulfillment to everyone. The Library's exhibit last December 2012 entitled "Misteryo : Ikaw at ang Pasko" requested from the viewers donations to raise funds for Cottolengo and it is just befitting to thank everyone who supported this advocacy.



The Librarians together with the kids at Cottolengo Filipino dancing the "Chacha."

Ma. Kristi Fevie V. Macasaet



One of the goals of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library Outreach project is to reach out to some institutions whose mission is to help the needy and the less fortunate brothers and sisters under their care.

Below is the breakdown of the financial assistance/donations given to Cottolengo Filipino Inc. one of theinstitutions being helped out:

Fun Run of UST Miguel de Benavides	Php12,420.00
Library Staff	
College of Education	
2F1 – Food Tech	Php 2,150.00
IN2-Nutrition & Dietetics	600.00
1SPED1	1,000.00
College of Tourism & Hospitality	
Management	D1
2H2	Php 750.00
2H5	1,000.00
1T1	1,100.00
1T3	1,900.00
2T2	560.00
2T5	1,220.00
From the "Belen Exhibit" donation	Php11,893.60
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Friends of the Library	
Paola Yawney	Php 4,000.00
Carla L. Reyes	2,000.00
Gloria Reyes	25,000.00
*all in check deposits	
TOTAL	Php65,593.60

Deep gratitude is extended to all the abovementioned donors.

"To God Be the Glory!"

Narcelita Lane T. Olamit

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accomplishments as nothing compared to the grandeur of God. He believed that the greatest possession a believer could have is God Himself.

In a nutshell, this activity reminds us to remain humble and modest like our patron, St. Thomas Aquinas.

Michelle M. San Gabriel

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Kung Hei Fat Choi at Bamban, Tarlac

While everybody was busy wishing good luck and exchanging greetings of *Kung Hei Fat Choi*, a group of librarians from the UST Miguel de Benavides Library proceeded to visit the adopted Aeta children community in Sitio San Martin Bamban, Tarlac last Feb. 10, 2013 which coincided with the Chinese New Year.

The outreach was headed by Narcelita Lane Olamit, committee head for Extension Services, together with Michelle San Gabriel and son Vonn Gerard, Ginalyn. Santiago, Angelica Ciar, and Rosemary Balbin. The group started with an opening prayer led by Mrs. Ciar. Vonn brought along a story book entitled "Joseph: the Dreamer" which he himself chose for the Aeta children. Mrs. San Gabriel made the storytelling flow smoothly and excitingly by having some adlib, translating words and images from the English language to their own Kapampangan dialect to be easily understood by the Aeta children, thus, freely conveying the message and lessons that the story wanted to impart.

Vonn whole-heartedly showed his being an ever zealous "Kuya" to the children by assisting and taking care of them as the activity went on. He volunteered to his mom to bring some of the gifts he received to be distributed to the children. Those items served as prizes given to those who were able to answer the questions and lessons learned from the story. Everybody eagerly participated as they all knew that there is a prize waiting for them and every child got one. Two of the children even showed their dancing prowess, dancing their own version of the popular "Gangnam style." We were delighted to see those smiles on the children's happy faces. Snacks were distributed after the activity.

It was a fun and memorable experience. While the Chinese welcomed a Happy New Year, the participants hailed for another happy outreach day anew. Engineering libraries ... from page 3

but this time, there is no signing, only a need to assess and evaluate yearly what has been agreed upon.

Everyone is willing to cooperate but still needs the approval of their respective heads. It was agreed that once approval has been sought, the same group will go on a series of meetings before finally validating the cooperation of the participating institutions.

Below is the list of attendees during the meeting:

Mrs. Lourdes T. David, Ateneo de Manila University

Ms. Aurea U. Reyes, Central Luzon State University

Ms. Ana Fresnido and Ms. Christine Abrigo, De La Salle University

Ms. Emerald Lansangan and Ms. Veronica Jose, *Mapua Institute of Technology*

Mr. Sonny Boy T. Manalo and Ms. Liza F. Riosa, Technological Institute of the Philippines, QC

Ms. Nanita Borja and Ms. Maricon Caballero, Technological Institute of the Philippines, Manila

Ms. Sharon Maria S. Esposo-Betan, UP Diliman College of Engineering Library

Ms. Concepcion dL. Saul and Ms. Lina Copioso, UP Los Baños

Mrs. Marivic Usita, UST Miguel de Benavides Library

Ms. Estrella Cabudoy, Xavier University Ateneo de Cagayan

Marivic G. Usita



Rosemary B. Balbin

Graduation is a time to celebrate achievements, prepare for a future of opportunities and embrace a world of infinite possibilities. My fellow librarian and a good friend of mine, Anna Rita L. Alomo, graduated with a degree of Master of Arts in Library and Information Science from the UST Graduate School. It was held at the Medicine auditorium on March 26, 2013.

Ms. Alomo is currently the Head Librarian of the Health Sciences library. She successfully defended her thesis at the UST Graduate School on March 12, 2013 entitled "Major Sources of Stress among Librarians of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library."

"You dreamt, you believed, you strived and you achieved." You are an inspiration to all of us. Congratulations and more power!

Congratulations Graduate!

Kaori B. Fuchigami



"Dangal" according to the *UP Diksyonaryong Filipino* (2010) means *honor* – the condition of being good at something, important, qualified, and reputable. Fittingly, the awardees in the 14th Dangal ng UST Awards are the real "Dangal ng UST" in the light of their valuable contributions to teaching.

On that note, the UST Miguel de Benavides Library and the UST Librarians Association (USTLA) congratulate all the Thomasian faculty members who were recipients of awards last March 6, 2013; to mention in particular are the four (4) UST Senior Librarians who received the "Gawad Benavides" (Service Award). They were:

> Marilou G. Palermo (20 years) Ma. Teresa F. Estoya (25 years) Nora M. Matawaran (25 years)

Juanita D. Subaldo (30 years)



Librarian awardees (L-R) N. Matawaran, J. Subaldo, T. Estoya, and M. Palermo.

The *Gawad Benavides* is given to a faculty member who faithfully serves the University of Santo Tomas for twenty (20) years or more.

Jonas T. Sahagun



6th "Hiyas ng UST" awards

"Mga Kawaning Tomasino Nagniningning sa Pananampalataya" was the theme of the 6th Hiyas ng UST Awards which was held last March 1, 2013 at the Medicine auditorium. The event started with a Holy Mass officiated by the UST Rector, Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P. The UST Miguel de Benavides Library cheered in recognition of the following library support staff who have wholeheartedly dedicated their services to the Library and to the university as a whole.

The nominees for the "Most Outstanding Support Staff" for the year 2012 were:

Outstanding Professional Support Staff Evangeline D. Panizal Dolores E. Morante Outstanding Technical Support Staff Christian P. Barlan Outstanding Skilled Support Staff Joel T. Palangan

The Service Award was given to Arleen M. Abad (15 years) and Lordelyn R. Tiamson (30 years).

Recipients of Special Award for "Complete Attendance and Punctuality" were Nemesio D. Magtaan and Rafael A. Travilla while Rosemarie B. Balbin received a Special Award for passing the 2012 Board Examination for Librarians.

Strength, determination and confidence count your success! From your Library family, Congratulations!



Lucy M. Bermudez

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Treat to graduating students 2013

ave we experienced the same level as they had? Stories filled with fun and excitement were narrated by former working scholar graduates about previous treat experiences by the UST Miguel de Benavides Library. This yearly activity was organized by the Committee on Human Values, currently headed by Michelle M. San Gabriel and her committee members. For this year, it was held on Feb. 24, 2013 and as usual, in memorable places – Caleruega and in Tagaytay Southridge. The experience was really worth it!

As early as 6:00 in the morning, the graduating WS were already gathered inside the UST bus, some were



The Working scholars enjoying their jump shot

aduating WS were already gathered inside the UST bus, some were still catching up with unfinished businesses, some were sleeping, while others were having chitchats with co-scholars with whom they have not had the chance to exchange words before. As the group left the campus, a prayer was recited for a safe trip.

Snacks were served during the ride, something to boost up everyone's energy. It was not long before we reached our destination, the Caleruega Retreat House. We wandered around, heading first to the Church for a Eucharistic celebration officiated by the Prefect of Libraries, Fr. Angel Aparicio O.P. One of the highlights was the explanation of the figures seen inside the Church and to see who among the biblical characters fit into one's personality.

Afterwards, we went to the dining hall to eat "brunch" -

spaghetti and white bread. When everyone's ready to explore and enjoy the place, a warm feeling provided by the place is something you'll rarely feel, a welcome in the city, or in Latin "Res Ipsa Liquitur." Everyone loves the place! There was non-stop picture-taking, smiles and giggles, and a lot of jokes! And who would forget the hanging bridge like a ride in an amusement park as we situated ourselves shaking it. The adventure was not over yet when we made our way uphill to enjoy the cool breeze and beautiful views around.

We headed for Southridge subdivision. We saw residential houses with breath-taking architecture, very pleasing to the eyes. Finally, we reached the place where we would stay for a while and have our lunch. This time, the librarians kept themselves busy by preparing everything, that even our offer of help was rejected. The food was sumptuous. Satisfied and still excited for what's next, we headed to the Clubhouse to play billiards, table tennis, and went swimming. No projects, work, deadlines; all we had to do was keep calm and enjoy!

We were like children, young at heart, wearing our wide smiles especially when they brought the ice cream to our table. *Merienda time!* Fr. Aparicio joined our group, asking things about our personal life. Secrets didn't remain secrets anymore after our chat with him. Showbiz it is! Of course Ma'am Estrella also had some chat with the scholars; she even had them show their talents like singing. Really, it was our day to unwind and enjoy the time, bonding with the people we had worked with during our four years in our beloved UST Library.



Working scholars with the Library administrators, librarians and library staff at the Transfiguration Chapel in Caleruega.

So little was the time, not enough and we already had to bid goodbye. As much as we wanted to stay, we had to get ready to travel back to Manila. On our way home, everyone seemed to look tired and ready to hit the sack, but to our surprise, the crowd was still cheering for someone to sing.

Being working scholars at the UST Miguel de Benavides Library gave us the courage and pride to face the next chapter of our lives. It is a long list of what we actually benefitted. Top three: we gained the right attitude towards work through our librarians, balancing our time for studies, work, and social life, and lastly being a proud Thomasian in a Royal and Pontifical university.

Ma. Emerlinda Q. Dulay

Edward : a short "Lib story"

by Jonas T. Sahagun

N o doubt that the Philippine library profession is a female-dominated world. In the UST Miguel de Benavides Library alone, the ratio of female to male librarian is 8:1. One of the three male librarians in the UST Library is Edward H. Puzon, who was born on March 2, 1983 to parents Francis and Ma. Evelyn and is an older brother to Ian Myles.



Edward initially took up Architecture for four (4) years. But as early as in his second year, he had been wanting to shift to Advertising (CFAD) but unexpected circumstances prevented him from doing so. He eventually ended up with the College of Education, originally thought of taking up BSE major in History but instead, took up Library Science, a course suggested by his father who was then working at the Ateneo Rizal Library.

As a student, Edward became president of the UST Library and Information Science Students Association (USTLISSA) that organizes activities for BLIS students. He was the 2007 champion, together with Mr. Earl Austria, in the 16th search for the LIS Wizard. In 2008, Edward was a recipient of the UST Benavides Outstanding Achievement Award. He also had the opportunity, while still in college, to work at the Antonio V. del Rosario Library (Heritage Library) as encodercataloger. After graduation, Edward continued to work at the Heritage Library while preparing for the Librarians Licensure Examination (LLE). With dedicated study and a bit of luck, he placed 10th in the 2008 LLE. In 2009, Edward also took and passed the Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET) and in the same year applied for graduate studies at the UST Graduate School where he is still enrolled. In June of 2010, Edward was hired by the UST Library as one of its Librarians, and has been assigned to take charge of the Gifts & Exchange program, a position he still holds.

Edward sees the LIS profession as very challenging "because it requires one to be a 'jack of all trades' – to have some knowledge about everything and everything about something." According to him, being a G&E Librarian is both challenging and interesting due to the nature of the work which is different from other librarian's work. He further adds that one of the advantages of being the G&E Librarian is having the chance to interact with varied types of individuals.

In his young career, Edward had the best memories of sharing experiences with other librarians and LIS undergraduates especially during speaking engagements. In 2012, Edward was invited to share his knowledge to younger generation of would-be library professionals as one of the facilitators for the review for LLE.

In Edward's still unfinished "Lib Story," he says that there are a lot of people he is truly grateful. One is Prof. Erlinda F. Flores, former UST chief librarian and LIS professor, who gave her blessing to a shifter from Architecture to be part of the LS majors. He also feels blessed to be working at UST in the company of competent and seasoned colleagues. Most importantly, he is very thankful to his family for all their love and support.

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