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UST LIBRARY – FROM MILLENNIUM TO SIERRA

The UST Miguel de Benavides Library has been using the *Millennium* library system since 2003. With the current trends and recent developments in the field of information technology in relation to library services and operations, the library decided to upgrade its *Millennium* library system to *Sierra* which was completed last February 2016.

Sierra, a new development of Innovative, provides a powerful and modern foundation on which to build the future of library services. Combining complete functionality with the power and scale of an open services platform, it frees librarians to create the kind of patron experience and management solution they've always wanted. It also offers trusted business logic and flexible workflow support, including circulation, cataloging, acquisitions, patron management, serials handling, and accounting management, in a unified staff application. Powered by a PostgreSQL database, *Sierra* opens opportunities for integrating the library with critical systems and data, offering the flexibility libraries need to customize service offerings and meet evolving needs.

The following are the key features of *Sierra*:

- proven print and electronic resource management with fulfillment functionality
- integrated digital asset management capabilities
- SQL-based database with Sierra DNA Documentation
- Application Program Interface (API) integration with other applications
- updated staff user experience including facets, web-style browsing, rich browse screens, and more
- mobile work-lists optimized for tablets
- management dashboard with complete picture of library operations

- staff-friendly, powerful management and reporting
- cloud-ready architecture and hosting options.



Ms. Estrella Majuelo, UST Library chief librarian (center-left), and Ms. Lachonius (center-right) with some of the UST librarians and support staff during the three-day onsite training of *Sierra*.

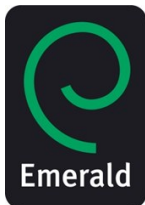
Last February 2, 2016, Ms. Eva Lachonius of Innovative Interfaces arrived in the Philippines to conduct a three-day onsite training of *Sierra* to the UST librarians and support staff. The emphasis is on the use of all the modules – Administration, Acquisitions, Cataloging, Circulation and Serials Management from February 3-5, 2016. Ms. Lachonius is a Swedish librarian (30 years in the profession) and has worked for Innovative as a trainer for 15 years. Her job title is Senior Library Training Consultant.

The development of libraries in terms of technology is very fast, thus, upgrades from time to time is highly expected to provide better services for library patrons. Having moved up to a new system called *Sierra*, the UST Miguel de Benavides Library can now serve its patron with improved ease and speed.

Ma. Cecilia D. Lobo

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Emerald Publishing “Philippine Focus Group” Meeting 2016

The Emerald Group Publishing, a global scholarly publisher of books and journals from the United Kingdom, hosted the inaugural Philippine Focus Group meeting 2016 last March 1 at the Hotel H20 with the theme “Importance of Onboarding.” The Emerald Group Publishing was introduced to selected librarians and information specialists by its Regional Manager Wan Yat Seng.



Meeting participants pose for a souvenir photo.

The objective for this meeting was to introduce Emerald’s products and services discussed by Carlos Lagrosas Eclevia, Jr., RL, business manager – Philippines; and as to how on-boarding will benefit the libraries and institutions in the long run was discussed by Rozita Gee, marketing manager-East Asia Region.

Emerald is a global publisher linking research and practice to the benefit of society. Founded in 1967, Emerald today manages a range of digital products, a portfolio of nearly 300 journals, more than 2,500 books and over 450 teaching cases. It also provides an extensive range of value-added products, resources and services to support its customers' needs. Emerald is COUNTER 4 (Counting Online Usage of Networked Electronic Resources) compliant. COUNTER is a not-for-profit organization formed in 2002 to develop standardized methods and reports for measuring the use of electronic resources. COUNTER created Codes of Practice, which define how to count and record usage, and the fields, formats, schedule of reports and protocols for combining usage reports from direct use and from use via intermediaries.

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Collection analysis and evaluation

The Philippine Association of Academic/Research Librarians, Inc. (PAARL), sponsored the 2nd Marina G. Dayrit Lecture series last March 11, 2016. It was held at the Ateneo de Manila University, Loyola Heights, Quezon City. It was entitled “Collection Analysis and Evaluation: Fundamentals of Collection-centered Assessment Techniques.” The resource speaker was Ms. Marilou Andres, a professor and college librarian from Pangasinan State University in Urdaneta, Pangasinan.

The topics discussed during the lecture-forum were:

- definition of assessment and evaluation;
- factors to consider in the assessment and evaluation of the collection;
- tools in evaluating and assessing the collection;
- difference between qualitative and quantitative method;

- different styles/approaches in assessing/evaluating the collection; and
- different standards applied by the different accreditors.

An open forum followed wherein some librarians asked the speaker to give her opinion of which is the most effective approach in evaluating the library collection. According to the speaker, it depends on the situations and needs of the library. It is the role of the librarian to determine his/her own technique that is applicable to his/her library. One librarian raised a question addressed to the members of the accreditation agency such as the PAARL and the Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities Commission on Accreditation (PACU-COA). According to Prof. Teresita Hernandez-Calma, PACU-COA accreditor, it depends on the instruments they have

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First Philippine librarians summit

As the Continuing Professional Education Bill makes its way to becoming a law, which mandates professionals to complete credit units as requirement before renewing their licences, and as the Philippine Librarianship Act of 2003 marked its 13th year, the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI) organized the first ever Philippine Librarians Summit held last March 17-18, 2016. Two librarians of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library, Sabina Viernes and Ma. Victoria C. Acuña attended the said summit. This activity addressed issues and concerns faced by the library and information professionals in the different sectors. Invited speakers were representatives from concerned government agencies like Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Commission on Audit (COA), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), Department of Education (DepEd), and Civil Service Commission (CSC). Focus group discussions were also held to complement the open forum and to further discuss issues and possible solutions to the problems presented. The group came up with an action agenda, which is one of the main objectives of the summit.



(L-R) Ms. Viernes, Mrs. Lourdes David, one of the speakers, and Ms. Acuña, during the librarians summit.

The event was a perfect avenue where librarians became proactive in voicing out their concerns so that respective agencies will help them improve their current state.

Ma. Victoria C. Acuña

'CELPh' updates

The 16th meeting and 1st General Assembly of the Consortium of Engineering Libraries – Philippines (CELPh) was held last March 18, 2016 at the Conference Room of the Rizal Library, Ateneo de Manila University in Loyola Heights, Quezon City.

The presiding officer during the event was the incumbent President Ms. Concepcion DL. Saul of the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB). One of the items that was discussed during the meeting was the update of the Wiley e-books. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Wiley Subscription Services Inc. and the eleven (11) member institutions of the CELPh was signed in October 2015. Each institution will select and purchase Wiley online books and will pay the shared access fee so that all members of the consortium will be able to access other online books.

During the meeting, recent updates on Wiley e-books access were shared by Ms. Sharon Esposo-Betan of the College of Engineering of UP Diliman. She mentioned that among the eleven (11) member institutions, only five (5) institutions can already access Wiley e-books, namely, De La Salle University (DLSU), Ateneo De Manila University (ADMU), University of Santo Tomas (UST), Xavier University (XU), and University of San Carlos (USC). The rest of the consortium members cannot yet access the database because the payment papers are still with their respective institutional corporate accounting/finance offices. They are: UPLB, UP Diliman, Technological Institute of the Philippines (TIP), Mapua Institute of Technology (MIT), Central Luzon State University (CLSU) and Mindanao State University - Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT).

Ms. Betan also stated that this “consortium purchase model” is the start and will serve as a pilot test for other providers/publishers to offer similar package. There are also some institutions with engineering programs that have signified their interest in joining this consortium. Fortunately, all the eleven consortium members participated in the

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“We are trying to live our purpose...”

As was stated in D e c r e t u m Gratiani:

"The bread which you withhold belongs to the hungry: the clothing you shut away, to the naked: and the money you bury in the earth is the redemption and freedom of the penniless."

The UST Miguel de Benavides Library has always been inspired by St. Thomas Aquinas on continuously providing services to help mankind. On a lovely Sunday, last January 10, 2016, the Committee on Extension Services once again, organized an outreach activity for the welfare of the Aeta children. Headed by the C o m m i t t e e chair on Extension Services, Narcelita Lane T. Olamit, the following Library staff joined the said activity: Ma. Cecilia Lobo, Sabina Viernes, Ma. Victoria Acuña, Daisy Mae Abolucion and yours truly.



The group together with the Aeta kids poses for a souvenir photo.

The group had already packed the giveaways before heading to Sitio San Martin, Bamban, Tarlac that took them a two-hour drive. Arriving at the library made them feel the excitement of mingling with the Aetas especially for me, since it was my first time to visit the community. The activities started

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“MAKIBATA” activity

The “M A K I B A T A” is an annual activity conducted by the University’s S t u d e n t Organizations’ Coordinating C o u n c i l (SOCC) in coordination with the Office for Student Affairs (OSA) and the UST Simbahayan Community Development Office. It is an activity where Aeta scholars from Bamban, Tarlac are invited to the University. For this year, the activities included games, exhibits, educational tours and caroling.

The MAKIBATA was usually conducted during the month of December but due to changes in the academic calendar, it was re-scheduled on January 27-29, 2016 which also coincided with the University Week celebration. Each d e p a r t m e n t in the university was given its schedule of the Aeta scholars’ visit.

The Library Department was visited by the kids last January 27, 2016. They were welcomed by the Chief Librarian, Ms. Estrella S. Majuelo, the UST Librarians Association (USTLA) officers and the librarians. The children rendered song and dance numbers in which the native Aeta dance is always the most liked performance.

Still in the spirit of Christmas, the librarians showed their support for this undertaking by giving voluntary personal cash donations to the Aeta scholars.

The proceeds of the caroling activity goes directly to Bamban Aeta Scholarship Program and other education programs for the youth.

Marilou G. Palermo

**“A LIBRARY IS A FEAST TO WHICH
WE ARE ALL INVITED”**

- KATHERINE PATERSON -

Living the Thomasian core values to the fullest

The UST Miguel de Benavides Library in cooperation with the Committee on Human Values sponsored a forum last January 15, 2016 held at the Conference Hall of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library. The theme was entitled “Living the Thomasian Core Values to the Fullest.” The audience was composed of UST Librarians and regular staff.

Our patron, Saint Thomas Aquinas, manifested the value of competence, commitment, and more importantly, compassion. St. Thomas demonstrated inquisitiveness in academics and proved to have a competent mind. Commitment to truth was the prime foundation of his major work, *Summa Theologica*. “Compassion” was the heart of his every action.



Fr. Dela Cruz, Jr., OP, as he delivers his talk.

Thus, this forum was intended to uplift the spirit of the library staff who dedicate their lives in the service of the University. In addition, they are expected to follow the Thomasian core values to be able to work, find happiness and true meaning in their

work in UST. Moreover, this gathering challenged everyone to put into practice these values and influence other people in order to be one with this vision.

However, these core values are not only limited to the 3 Cs. The resource speaker, Rev. Fr. Filemon I. dela Cruz Jr., O.P., shared his knowledge and thoughts about the 3 Cs. He also mentioned the 3 dimensions of identity: Material - the source of identity, Rites - something we do to be known; and Ideational abstract - which provides the framework of meaning to interpret the world and to provide guidance for living in the world.

The following are the points to ponder as given by Fr. Filemon:

- family as domestic church where values start from what has been taught to us by our family like the preaching or sermons of our family – these are reminders for us to become better persons;
- we need to reflect and examine ourselves to evaluate our lives;
- without time, we cannot establish relationship;
- friendship is a waste of time but it is in wasting time that we find friends; and
- Tria Haec – the primary value-moving forces are Faith, Hope and Charity.

The forum has truly achieved its goal of integrating the core values in our daily lives as the pillar of their common vision among the library staff who continues to uphold excellence in their work making them more competent – that we may continue to be committed in giving service to the people and exhibit compassion to every individual we encounter. For these core values are perceived as our common vision, the mold that will shape our Christian culture. They are the essence of our institution’s identity in which, when truly and joyfully embraced, will shine forth the wisdom, compassion and mercy of God on every individual.



(L-R) Ms. San Gabriel, Fr. Dela Cruz, Jr., OP, and Fr. Aparicio, OP, Prefect of Libraries during the awarding of certificate.

Michelle M. San Gabriel

Emerald publishing... from page 2

It is also a partner of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) and works with Portico and the LOCKSS ("Lots of Copies Keep Stuff Safe") initiative for digital archive preservation.

Emerald offers the following products and services:

- ◆ Emerald eJournals (13 subject collections)
<<http://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/products/collections/index.htm>>
- ◆ Emerald eBook Series (Business Management & Economics and Social Sciences)
<<http://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/products/ebookseries/index.htm>>
- ◆ Transport eBooks Collection (44 Emerald book titles, previously only available in print)
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- ◆ Emerald Emerging Market Case Studies (business and management focused, complete with teaching notes for faculty use)
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- ◆ Emerald Backfiles (research from as early as 1898)
<<http://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/products/backfiles/index.htm>>
- ◆ Emerald Backfiles (yearly slices to complete your database) Additions
<<http://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/products/pa/index.htm>>
- ◆ International Innovation by Research Media (series of publications offers a cost-effective way to reach a global audience across policy, research and practice)
Limited<<http://www.researchmedia.com/publications/>>
- ◆ Guide to Getting Published (Get your work published with our publishing guide)
<<http://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/authors/workshops/index.htm>>

The Miguel de Benavides Library arranges a free trial access to the different collections offered by Emerald Publishing. Please refer to the Library website: library.ust.edu.ph to access. With this, the Library hopes to gain positive response from researchers through high access based on the usage report that will be provided by Emerald Publishing.

Kaori B. Fuchigami

Collection analysis... from page 2

during the accreditation period but definitely their main concern is the sufficiency of the collection and it should meet the curriculum needs of the institution. The accreditor also added that the collection should provide materials for the teaching, learning, research and extension services of the institution. The recency of the collection should also be taken into consideration to determine its strengths and weaknesses.

To further elaborate the topics discussed by Ms. Andres, the library director from De la Salle University, Ms. Maria Anna Fresnido, summed up the different pointers/strategies and techniques of assessing/evaluating the library collection and ways to apply them in one's library. She also mentioned that in her own library, she designed her style and programs in assessing/evaluating her library collection.

The event was successful and well attended by librarians including yours truly, students and teachers of library and Information Science.

Marilou G. Palermo

'CELPh' updates from page 3

CELPh 1st undertaking, the Wiley e-books shared access, serving the purpose of the consortium which is resource sharing.

Another business that was shared to the body is the finality of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Registration of this consortium.

A possible seminar-workshop was presented by Ms. Saul to be held at MSU-IIT on June 1-3, 2016 with a tentative title: ACCREDITATION 101: a seminar-workshop on accreditation for engineering libraries. The proposed topics were the following: *Basics of Accreditation*; *Outcomes Based Accreditation*; *Engineering Accreditation : a DLSU Experience*; *I n t e r n a t i o n a l Accreditation* and lastly, *Workshop: S t a n d a r d s for Engineering Library*.

Bringing the name of CELPh to different venues would enable people to know more what is in this consortium.

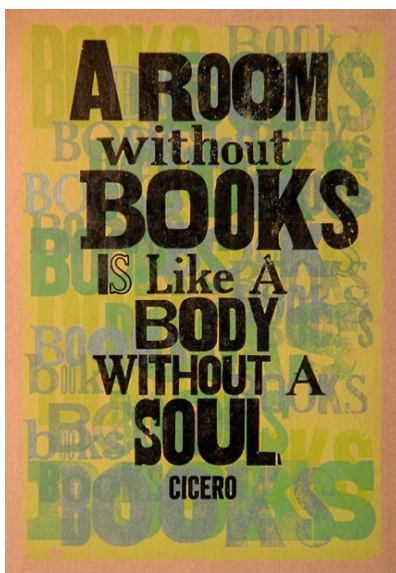
Marivic G. Usita

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inside the library by singing and dancing several Tagalog nursery songs and children's songs. Succeeding activities and games were held outside the library since they would be needing enough space. They played the “fruit salad” and “dodgeball” game for a couple of hours, which developed their social nature. It was a good learning experience for their childhood stage, both physically and mentally. About fifty (50) Aeta children participated in the said games that left everyone laughing. After the last activity, snacks and giveaways were handed out to the children.

At times when we feel down and heavy hearted and think that life is quite unfair, this experience of mine brought me into a deeper understanding of life, that is, *“to be more than thankful of what we have because at the other side of the world, there are lots of people who need things badly - things that we often take for granted.”*

Marjorie Irish A. Suarez



Another visit to Cottolengo Filipino, Inc.

It was a heart-sharing day, a post Valentine celebration shared to the community of Cottolengo Filipino by the UST Miguel de Benavides librarians and staff last February 21, 2016. This time, another group of library staff 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 Narcelita Lane T. Olamit. Fr. Bulais re-oriented the library staff about the organization. He also obliged for a quick tour of the place. Alvin and John Vincent, cheerful and friendly kids from the foundation, were very proud to show their newly cleaned rooms.



UST librarians posed for a souvenir photo with the Cottolengo kids.

The group proceeded to the activity hall where other kids were waiting. During their stay, dancing and singing were the bonding activities that the children and the library staff shared. At mealtime, the children enjoyed the food. The librarians assisted the in-house volunteers in the feeding activity. 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 who exuded so much happiness with the little that they received.

Kristi Ma. Fevie V. Macasaet

Pagmumulat sa mga mata ng batang Aeta

One remembers something from their childhood if it had significant impact in their life. Allow me to share the opening line of a TV show theme song: *"Pagmulat ng mata, langit nakatawa, sa Batibot, sa Batibot. Tayo nang magpunta, tuklasin sa Batibot, ang tuwa, ang saya."* Reminiscing fond memories of TV shows during our growing up years bring great pleasure and sharing it to others brings more joy.

On a bright sunny day of 13 March 2016, Kaori Fuchigami, Raquel Lontoc, Diana Padilla, Lucy Bermudez and yours truly trooped to Sitio San Martin, Bamban, Tarlac for an outreach activity for the Aeta children. The activities lined up for the day included viewing of a short video; Q&A with toys to be given to those who can answer correctly; and giving away of snacks for children to take home.

The group shared with the Aeta kids an episode of Batibot, a popular children's TV show in the early

1980's up to the late 90's. The episode shown had three parts: 1) children playing musical instruments; 2) brothers flying kites; and more importantly 3) a story of the love for books and its importance in our quest for knowledge and information.

The Q&A, after showing the video, was a delight as the Aeta kids excitedly raised their hands in the hope of being called to answer a question. It did not only prove they were attentively watching, eager to learn something new, but also, that they were eager to share what they have learned through the video.

It is hoped that through the activities, *hindi lang namulat ang mata ng mga batang Aeta, pati na rin ang kanilang isipan sa kahalagahan ng libro at mga aral na mapupulot dito.*

Some photos during the outreach activity



Jonas T. Sahagun

"A TRAINED LIBRARIAN IS A POWERFUL SEARCH ENGINE WITH A HE  RT."

Book launch: “History of leprosy in the Philippines”

Leprosy is no longer a health threat in the country, for it is now a curable disease. The National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), headed by Ms. Maria Serena I. Diokno, came up with a book entitled, “Hidden lives, concealed narratives : a history of leprosy in the Philippines.” It was launched last February 17, 2016 at the NHCP building, T.M. Kalaw Street, Manila. The book launch took place during the observance of “Leprosy Week.” Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Secretary Corazon J. Soliman was the guest of honor.

The book presents series of papers written by various notable historians about the history of leprosy from the earliest period to the present. It is known as the first book about the history of Leprosy in the Philippines. The project was supported by the Sasakawa Foundation from Japan.

During the book launch, the Philippine Postal Corporation also launched a special commemorative stamp highlighting the arrival of the first Filipinos brought to the Culion Leper Colony in Palawan.

A faculty member from the University of Santo Tomas, Assoc. Prof. Maria Eloisa P. de Castro, Ph.D. from the Faculty of Arts and Letters, authored a chapter entitled “Rediscovering a Paradigm: the Franciscan Order’s response to leprosy and the afflicted in the Philippines, 1578-1898.”

Several guests including yours truly attended the event. Notable personalities in health organizations, historians, educators, and even cured leprosy patients were also present which rendered authenticity to the gathering.

Lady Catherine R. de Leon

HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY: a major “facelift”

It was in December of 2015 when improvements in the Health Sciences Library started. Many, particularly the students, had been inconvenienced by this. After two months of hammering, drilling, and welding, peace and quiet have once again been restored to the place.

The staff in the Health Sciences Library tried to accommodate the library users, making them feel comfortable even with a minimal space available. But the experience was not the same as when one actually moves freely in the library without interruptions.

The Library does continuous improvements but the one of the Health Sciences actually sprung forth from the recommendations made by the accreditors who constantly make productive evaluation of the library conditions.

After the renovation had been completed, the place was blessed last March 30, 2016. The library atmosphere is now far from the previous; such enhancements include:

- walls and ceiling have been repainted
- additional new shelves (more sturdy) to accommodate the growing collection
- remodelled tables and carrels
- additional new chairs
- window-type airconditioning units have been replaced by split-type (7 new ones)
- windows are provided with roller blinds
- lighting fixtures (some are new; others have just been re-aligned to go with the arrangement of the shelves)
- counter has been re-designed (removing the partition between the head librarian’s office and the counter so that the head librarian can oversee better the different operations and movements in the library)
- the front of the counter has been provided with carpet complete with newly upholstered sofas for light reading, giving one a more relaxed mood
- chairs in the mezzanine counting to almost 90 have also been re-upholstered

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- a new signage of the Library located just outside, along the hallway fronting the library has been installed, big enough to be identified right away so that people will know that it is the Library area and as such, rules are to be strictly followed.

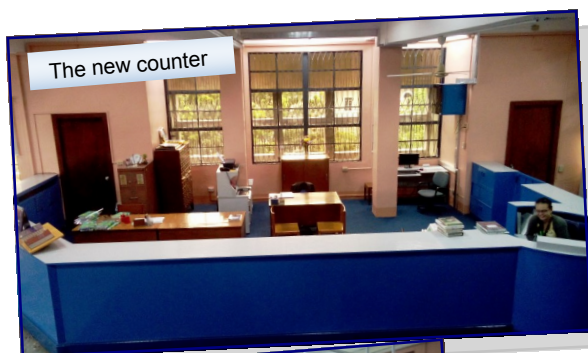
Although ideas came from the energetic Prefect of Libraries, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., the choice of designs and colors can be attributed mostly to the ever reliable friend of the library, Ms. Ma. Teresa Fenix, a retired faculty member from CFAD, who had meticulously gone through the details of every item.

It was worth mentioning the presence of the administrators of the three colleges served by the Health Sciences Library (Faculty of Medicine & Surgery, College of Nursing and the College of Physical Therapy). Their presence was enough inspiration to the students who were present during the blessing. It only shows that they are one with us in the belief that library

is an important component of the students' academic life.

The Library Administration is grateful to the library staff who have been working hard to satisfy the academe's quest for knowledge. Special mention for that particular activity are the staff of the Health Sciences Library headed by Ms. Anna Rita L. Alomo. The janitors were also a big help in transporting books and furniture here and there during the process.

The place is not the library of the administrators nor of the Miguel de Benavides staff. It is the library of the Thomasian community especially students and faculty members! The Library staff are just the humble custodians who organize the library and its resources so that the library users may have the maximum accessibility, thus enabling them to advance in their learning experiences.



The new counter



New signage of the library



Lighting fixtures & remodelled tables

Photos of improvements



New shelves



Carpeted area in front of the counter



Entrance/Exit doors

Estrella S. Majuelo

LIBRARY COORDINATORS CORNER

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

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

*Dra. Maria Lourdes
Coloma, MD.*



“REALIZING ANOTHER SELF”

I am an obstetrician-gynecologist by craft, a teacher out of gratitude to my mentors, a library coordinator due to force majeure – the Dean said I should be the one. Very likely the decision was drawn from my link to printed work, having been with campus publications for most of my extracurricular life. Thus: newspapers, journals, books ... library.

Two pages of duties and responsibilities came with the appointment. I would be the liaison between the Miguel de Benavides Library and the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery (FMS). Beyond memos and posters, I should articulate the motives, action plans and aspirations of each one to the other. In higher education, the view is urged that libraries be an essential and dynamic part of the educational process. In such context, my understanding of medical curriculum would hopefully complement the librarians' ken of resources that can be tapped into the different programs of study.

I arrange with the Faculty Secretary the schedule for the orientation of freshmen at the start of the school year. I have put in also a hands-on session for Junior Interns (JI) on how to access the online databases of the Miguel de Benavides library. The Health Sciences Head Librarian conducts with great patience and grace every Day 1 of the rotation in Obstetrics, for the 11 groups of each MD batch. The JIs appreciate this facilitation in their assignments for journal reports and case presentations.

Come the times for large book fairs, I split the complimentary admission tickets among interested faculty members who would go to the venue and kindly look out, on my imploring, for new publications that may be considered as prescribed or supplementary reading in FMS subjects. After the fairs, when the publishers transfer their exhibits to the Benavides branches, I invite the Chairpersons of the different departments, to browse the biglot.

Most Chairs do gamely come and/or send their supervisors of subjects to the Library at the 4th floor of Martin

de Porres Building to examine the items and recommend selections for requisition. By the way, they also responded promptly when we called for updating the subscription list to medical journals (which weigh in as much as do books in the budget allocation for FMS), and for weeding out obsolete titles in each subject's collection. As there are some 28 departments, such cooperation from colleagues is laudable and for me, truly heartwarming.

A formidable duty has been that of heading the college's Library Committee, who would therefore lead the team covering Area 6 - Library at accreditation visits. FMS has been scrutinized by the PAASCU twice in my term. One had to know first-hand and thoroughly about administration and staffing, financial support, holdings, organization and maintenance of collection, services, management information and physical facilities. Then, evidence of our efficiency and efficacy in all those aspects had to be documented. Finally, I had to meet the Area Accreditor, i.e. be grilled alongside the Health Sciences head librarian. Beyond a few pounds lost and darker eyebags, we came out intact - in fact, shining - from that grinding process.

At least twice a year, we coordinators are called to a meeting at the Central Library. University-level undertakings are taken up and college-level concerns presented. I look forward to those meetings for they serve to recharge me. My distinct responsibility in the big whole is clarified. My direction is set right, my bearings fine-tuned as Fr. Angel Aparicio, OP and Ms. Estrella Majuelo explain whys and wherefores. I derive much-needed vigor from the company - younger folks brimming with fresh ideas and contagious zeal. All those boosters I need, for it is indeed a tough task, drawing gadget-worshippers to a physical 21st century academic library like the Miguel de Benavides Library.

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Prefect of Libraries

Ms. Estrella S. Majuelo

Chief Librarian

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