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UST Library celebrates 'love'

Joselle dela Cruz

San Lorenzo Ruiz Scholar, General Reference & Information Section

This year's Valentine's day, the Library presented romantic and educational activities for the Thomasian community last Feb. 13 and 14, 2019.

A two-day film showing titled **'It's a movie date @ the Lib!'** was conducted at the Library conference hall which featured six movies namely, 'Romeo & Juliet', 'Pride & Prejudice', 'Paper Towns', 'Shakespeare in Love', 'A Walk to Remember', and 'Dear John'.

The Library featured 'book movie adaptations' that were all inspired from the famous novels about love and life written by distinguished authors.

This activity aimed to promote library collection through film showing; offer feel-good movies which promote Valentine vibes in the Library; and to provide an avenue where Thomasians can relax from their academic/work life through this film showing.

A selfie contest, titled, **'I Heart Miggy'** was also organized by letting Thomasians express their creative ideas by taking a selfie with Miggy.

It is during Valentine's day that people consider this a significant time to express love, not just for couples but also for loved ones. In view of this, the Library put up a freedom wall located at the library's entrance titled **'#HugotLibrary'** for those who would like to post love quotes and "hugot lines" related to the Library.

Library Readers' Café gift certificates were given as prizes to those who participated in the activities which include winners for 'Early Bird Treat from Miggy', for the film showing 'Sweet Reads', and the selfie contest.

Other sections and branches of the library also organized different activities for the Thomasians in line with the celebration.



134 printed journals are NOW ONLINE!

Ma. Victoria C. Acuña



The Miguel de Benavides Library true to its mission of 'providing its client with timely access to a continuously expanding library collections', welcomes the sets of journals migrated from a printed format to online. For this year, 134 journal subscriptions from three scholarly publishers—Taylor & Francis, John Wiley & Sons, and Lippincott Williams & Wilkins (LWW) are now accessible through their respective online platforms.

The advantages of having the journals in an electronic format far outweigh that of the print. Some of the benefits are the following:

1. Full access to the first issue until the current year. This may avoid frustrations and inconveniences from the users in their pursuit of relevant papers from a specific journal.
2. Advanced search options allow users to filter their search by various parameters like article title, publication year, author, etc. Actual parameters vary according to the publisher's interface.
3. Some of the articles are also published in advance; articles are not required to be completed for the journals to release its current issue.
4. Access to electronic journals is timeless and boundless; users can retrieve journal articles 24/7 without the need to go to the library, which is only open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.
5. Online journals save staff time; access to previous publications of journals at the Serials Section requires the staff to retrieve it from the shelves. With online journals, the articles can be browsed with just a few clicks by the users through Internet connection.
6. Unlimited simultaneous access.
7. Multiple users can access the same journal at the same time.
8. Online journals save space. Instead of allotting space for print journals, it can be used as additional area for other library services.
8. Usage is self-directed and users become independent learners. Through the user-friendly interfaces available on the online journals, users have the ability to learn by themselves even without aid from the library staff.

It is an opportune time that the UST Library is offering the journals in electronic format where users can maximize the use of electronic journals considering its immense searching capabilities. The online format streamlines the literature searching of the academic community and thus, may enhance the research output of the Thomasian academe.

UST Library opens “satellite library”

Juanita D. Subaldo

Today, the Miguel de Benavides Library administration continuously adopt the changes in library structure, facilities, services, etc. in order to create a more engaging and flexible space to meet and support the needs of the library patrons.

In response to the request of the UST architecture students, the UST Miguel de Benavides Library Humanities Extension - Architecture Library (Architecture Commons) and the Workshop Area (Drafting area) was opened and blessed last February 26, 2019 by Fr. Manuel Roux, O.P. regent, College of Architecture. These areas were conceptualized thru the initiative of Arch. Rodolfo P. Ventura, dean, College of Architecture, and for the exclusive use of the College of Architecture faculty members and students.

These areas are located at the ground floor of the Domus Mariae International Residences (formerly UST Printing and Publishing House). The library has a seating capacity of 44, while the drafting area can accommodate 60 users.

More than 700 titles of selected books from the Humanities section were transferred to the Architecture Library selected by Arch. Vinson P. Serrano, library coordinator of the College of Architecture with the help of the UST librarians. All books in this library are for room use only.

The library schedule is from Monday-Saturday, 8:00 am - 8:00 pm.



Lib Talks



CELPPh holds forum and general assembly

Marivic G. Usita

On January 23, 2019, the Consortium of Engineering Libraries-Philippines (CELPPh) held a forum as Part I of the activity entitled **Library-Faculty of Engineering (LIFE) Collaboration in a Research University** at Henry Sy, Sr. Hall, the Learning Commons, De la Salle University in Manila.

The invited resource person was Dr. Jonathan R. Dungca, dean of the Gokongwei College of Engineering, De La Salle University. He incorporated the engineering trends and developments, innovations of research, the advantages of research among the faculty of engineering and the strengthened librarian and faculty partnership enabling the achievement of the purpose of a research university.

The **Proposal Presentation of eResources on Engineering** and related disciplines took place as Part II of the activity during the day. Several Publishing industries namely: CE-Logic, Inc., Emerald Group Publishing, Goldenrey Direct Marketing, Libtech Source Philippines, Inc., MegaTEXTS Phil., Inc., Systems and Shelves, EBSCO Publishing, Elsevier and Wiley eTextbooks were invited to offer by way of a demo, their respective products which are directly related to engineering programs at consortium pricing institution members.

Likewise, the once a year General Assembly took place at Technological Institute of the Philippines (TIP), Manila on January 24, 2019. The President's accomplishments and Treasurer's financial statements were reported to the members.

The new set of Officers for the year 2019-2020 were inducted as the final activity of the assembly. They are the following:

President	:	Mr. Sonny Boy Manalo (TIP Manila)
Vice-President	:	Ms. Maxie Doreen Cabaron (University of San Carlos)
Secretary	:	Mr. Bonifacio Ramos (Holy Angel University)
Treasurer	:	Ms. Sharon Esposo-Betan (U.P. Diliman)
Auditor	:	Ms. Veronica Jose (Mapua Institute of Technology)
PRO	:	Ms. Rainera Boholst (Cebu Institute of Technology)

Library Human Values Committee holds a forum on "Happiness according to St. Thomas"

Marjorie Irish A. Suarez

"TRUE HAPPINESS INVOLVES THE FULL USE OF ONE'S POWER AND TALENTS."

— John W. Gardner

Finding true happiness is often neglected and being taken for granted by most people nowadays. As part of the inter-faith and multi-religious activity of the Human Values Committee headed by Ms. Arlene P. Matias, a forum on **'Tips from St. Thomas on how to live a happy life'** was held last January 30, 2019, at the UST Miguel de Benavides Conference Hall. The forum was attended by Grade 8, class of St. Bernadine from the Junior High School and Grade 7 section A from the UST Education High School.

The high school students were able to relate to the guest speaker, Rev. Fr. Maximo P. Gatela, O.P., assistant dean, UST Faculty of Philosophy and Regent, UST College of Tourism and Hospitality Management. Fr. Gatela discussed the topic lightly and in a well explained manner about students' paths towards the tertiary level, and life in general. Along with him are two panel reactors, Assoc. Prof. Revenendo R. Vargas, a faculty member from the Institute of Religion and Sis. Jessica Quirante O.P., Dominican Sister and a student of the UST Graduate school. During the open forum, it was noticed that students were hesitant to ask topics which bother their emotions. But as the panel of reactors gave their insights and perspective on the issues they could all relate to, students started asking questions as regards to their feelings and emotions on how to attain happiness in their current situation as high school students.

The Human Values Committee conducts an activity to commemorate the feast day of St. Thomas every January 28 and to celebrate his life and legacy as a priest, doctor of the Church, and the patron saint of the University.

The panel of reactors:
(L-R): Fr. Gatela, O.P.,
Sis. Quirante O.P. and
Assoc. Prof. Vargas



Fr. Gatela, O.P.
as he delivers
his lecture

CEU MLIS holds a forum on 'upping the depth of librarianship'

Marilou G. Palermo

The Centro Escolar University (CEU) Master in Library and Information Science (MLIS) organized a one-day forum entitled, **'Vintage courage: upping the depth of librarianship'**, held last January 30, 2019 at ISC Mezzanine in CEU Manila. It was attended by MLIS CEU students as well as librarians from other library institutions including yours truly. Dr. Rosette E. Nuera of the National Teacher's College started the forum with her opening remarks.

The forum aimed to: have a thorough knowledge on archives management; prepare an effective disaster and risk management program; encourage more enrollees and opportunities on the field of librarianship; and develop qualities and skills to be an effective library leader.

Prof. Salvacion M. Arlante, faculty of CEU MLIS, was the first guest speaker who talked about archives management, and disaster/risk management for libraries. Her discussion focused on the following aspects: nature of archives management and its components; data protection and freedom of information act; conservation program for archives; disaster management program of the library; counter-disaster management for archival records and library collection; risk assessment threats; disaster control plan; and preparation, prevention, recovery and post-disaster action plan. To end her talk, she showed a documentary video on typhoon Yolanda victims together with a musical video created by well-known international singers in order to raise funds for the rehabilitation of Leyte and to extend help to the victims of the calamity.

The second speaker was Ms. Mariquit M. Pedrasa, circulation librarian, Lyceum of the Philippines-Laguna. She focused on the topic 'library leadership' where she enumerated the qualities of a good and effective leader such as skills and knowledge of a leader, creativeness, research-oriented, active participation in the field of librarianship, and lastly, a good listener and follower. She also discussed the 'Carol's 10 steps to become a great library leader' taken from the article entitled 'Leadership qualities for future library leaders' by Carol A. Brey-Casiano. These steps are: (1) be a good mentor; (2) learn how to become a good follower; (3) be visionary; (4) be a good servant; (5) take the risks in taking actions and decisions; (6) take care of yourself; (7) maintain a positive attitude; (8) never turn down opportunities; (9) learn how to motivate people effectively; and (10) keep your sense of humor. Lastly, Ms. Pedrasa encouraged the participants to actively engage in research tasks and present their papers in local and international conferences with pride and courage.

The last speaker, Prof. Corazon M. Nera, director of libraries, Lyceum of the



Ms. Palermo (1st from left), and Prof. Nera (4th from left) with the librarians and MLIS CEU students and organizers of the forum.

Philippines, started her discussion by asking LIS undergraduate and post graduate students the reasons why they enrolled in this field. Some of these were: (1) her mother is a librarian and she was encouraged to follow in her footsteps; (2) opportunity to travel abroad for free by presenting research papers; and (3) love for books and curiosity in the nature of work in the library and so on and so forth. Their reasons led to the realization of great opportunities in librarianship. Prof. Nera also discussed the military training skills for librarians. Her talk revolves on 12 principles of military strategies for career development which include: courage, mission, optimism, anticipation and preparation, target, speed, pursuit, mobility, resiliency, security, reality, and leadership principle.

The lecture-forum is held once a year by the CEU MLIS 283 class as part of their course project. This is to promote the profession and encourage more enrollees by inviting authoritative guest speakers in the field of librarianship to speak on the developments and opportunities on the said field.

UST Librarian attends seminar on "Colonial History"

Michelle M. San Gabriel

Last February 15, 2019, the UST Tanghalang Teresita Quirino, Benavides Building, became the avenue for experts and interested students and other Thomasians in the field of History to build a discourse on further understanding some of the salient elements of the Philippine colonial history. Guest speakers John D. Blanco from the University of California, San Diego, talked about the **'Missionary Chronicles as Colonial**

History'. Yours truly, being the current head librarian of the UST Ecclesiastical Faculties Library, was sent to attend.

The conference emphasized the rationale behind why educational authorities should consider including extensive methodologies of teaching colonial history in the secondary curriculum. In a general perspective, the discourse boils down to politics and the pluralistic approach of

understanding the archipelago's colonial literature, highlighting the challenges in comprehending the Philippine history and the probable solutions to these barriers.

The event was part of the International Writers and Scholars Series organized by the UST Center for Creative Writing and Literary Studies.

CE-Logic Inc. holds seminar-workshop at the UST Library

Lourdes Fatima C. Ramos

Last February 21-22, 2019, a two-day seminar-workshop on **‘Distinctive Library Services as Signifiers of Excellence’** was held at the conference hall of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library. It was part of the regional conference series sponsored by the CE-Logic Inc. in partnership with the InfoManagement Specialists, Inc. (IMSI), an organization committed to organizing and conducting training programs and seminars for academic, corporate and government organizations. The said regional conference aimed to convene library science professionals to discuss emerging trends and challenges in librarianship.

The program started with the welcome remarks of Rev. Fr. Angel Aparicio O.P., UST Prefect of Libraries. It was followed by the opening remarks of Prof. Salvacion Arlante, chairman of IMSI. For the smooth flow of the program, Ms. Rosemarie Rosali, secretariat of IMSI, gave the mechanics of the seminar, after which, Ms. Prudenciana Cruz, also a secretariat of IMSI, introduced the resource speakers.

The seminar-workshop had six sessions which were discussed alternately by Ms. Fides Abad, director of IMSI and Prof. Arlante. The topics were:

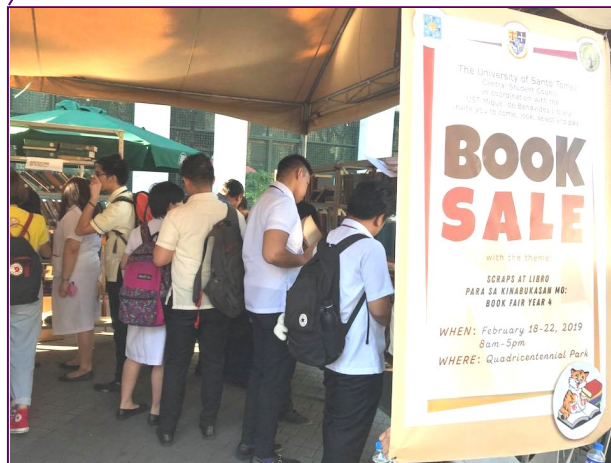
- Session 1: Influences Affecting Trends in Librarianship
by Ms. Fides Abad
- Session 2: Learning Resource and Digital Management by
Prof. Salvacion Arlante
- Session 3: Media Information Literacy
- Session 4: Competencies of Librarians for 21st-Century Clientele
- Session 5: Librarians and Office Staff Productivity and Leadership
- Session 6: Librarianship Towards Continual Professional Development



Ms. Abad while facilitating an activity for the participants

In a nutshell, the seminar-workshop directed towards the improvement of library services and to be equipped for the changing needs of the library customers. Libraries and librarians should innovate to stay relevant in this digital age.

At the end of the seminar-workshop, interested participants from other institutions were also given a chance to take a tour of selected sections of the UST Library.



UST Library holds 5-day book sale activity with the UST Central Student Council

Rosemary B. Balbin

The UST Library held its 5-day book sale activity last February 18-22, 2019 in collaboration with the UST Central Student Council with the theme **Scraps at Libro: Para sa Kinabukasan Mo Year 4** at the UST Quadracentennial Square.

Administrators, faculty members, students, support staff, alumni and even off-campus researchers flocked to book sale booth and explored its vast collection of pre-owned books in various disciplines. The Library's extra copies of books and journals were sold at a very reasonable price. Part of the proceeds of this activity was donated for the reconstruction of the 'Haven for Children School Library' in Cupang, Muntinlupa and also for the Library's outreach activities.

This book sale is facilitated by the Library Collection Development Committee : Nora Matawaran, head and its members, Angelica Ciar, Kaori Fuchigami, Kristi Ma. Fevie Macasaet, Ma. Victoria Acuña, Rowena Del Meda, Dolores Morante, and yours truly. It was certainly a successful event completed for good causes.

UST Librarian re-elected as PAARL Board of Director

Michelle M. San Gabriel

The current head librarian of the Ecclesiastical Faculties Library, Ms. Michelle San Gabriel, was re-elected as one of the Board of Directors of the Philippine Association of Academic/Research Librarians, Inc. (PAARL), which is the prevalent body of professional librarians in the Philippines committed to the cause of academic librarianship. The induction of officers was held last January 25, 2019 at Rizal Library, Ateneo de Manila University.



The newly inducted officers of PAARL (L-R): Mr. Dizon (President), Dr. Gamolo (Vice President), Ms. Peñaflor (Secretary), Ms. Delmundo (Treasurer), Mr. Guasch (Auditor), Ms. Bundoc (P.R.O.), Ms. Santos, Ms. Selencio, and Ms. San Gabriel (Board of Directors), and Mr. Chito N. Angeles (Ex-officio).

Per the given guidelines for the election of PAARL executive board and board of directors, members in good standing and good moral character with paid membership for the past five years could be nominated. Having met the requirements, Ms. Ma. Cecilia D. Lobo, UST Chief Librarian, nominated Ms. San Gabriel. Out of the sixteen (16) nominees accepted by the Board of Election, the first nine (9) nominees with the most number of votes, which was casted electronically from November 11 to December 2, 2018 were elected to the board.

The PAARL Executive Board 2019 are the following:

President: Dr. Fernan R. Dizon
(Asian Institute of Management)

Vice President: Dr. Maria Gia G. Gamolo
(Far Eastern University)

Secretary: Ms. Janice D.C. Peñaflor
(De La Salle University-Manila)

Treasurer: Ms. Rosela D. Delmundo
(Jose Rizal University)

Auditor: Mr. Juan Martin R. Guasch
(Asian Institute of Maritime Studies)

P.R.O.: Ms. Judeelyn S. Bundoc
(Adamson University)

Directors: Ms. Michelle M. San Gabriel
(University of Santo Tomas)
Ms. Marivic G. Selencio
(San Beda College-Alabang)
Ms. Engracia S. Santos
(Ateneo de Manila University)

Library Staff attends Community Mass

Ma. Arleen M. Abad

In observance of the All Saints' and All Souls' day, the Miguel de Benavides Library administrators and staff celebrated a Community Mass intended for the departed loved ones of the Library Staff with the Prefect of Libraries, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P. as the officiating priest. This was held on October 26, 2018 (Friday), 12:00nn at the Conference Hall, Miguel de Benavides library.

The Human Values Committee organized this activity which started in 2017.

The UST Library Human Values Committee continues to inspire library staff to pray the Holy Rosary

Demetria L. Estudillo

The UST Miguel de Benavides Library Human Values Committee is driven to motivate all the library personnel to actively participate in praying the Holy Rosary daily. Every week, the Committee assigns a library staff to lead the prayer before the work resumes at 1:00 pm.

Praying the Holy Rosary enables one to meditate the mysteries of the joyful life, luminous, sorrowful death and glory of Jesus Christ and of His Blessed Mother.

The Roman Catholic believes that devotion to the Holy Rosary will help obtain world peace, will bless and preserve homes, will give courage in hardships of life, will be a means to nurture and preserve faith, and a powerful way to obtain graces from God. The Library will continue to say this beautiful prayer to ask the Blessed Mother to continue to protect, help and guide, and lovingly intercede for each library staff and their family and for everyone as well.

UST Library commemorates Christmas with #KwentongPasko project

Lady Catherine R. de Leon

Christmas is a celebration that commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ. It is common knowledge that the Philippines celebrates the longest Christmas season in the world. However, only a few may have a deeper understanding of the beginnings of Christmas in the Philippines. Thus, the UST Miguel de Benavides Library presented a mini-exhibit with a theme **#kwentongpasko**, which aimed to bring into realization the story of Filipino Christmas. The 'hashtag' used can be read in two ways. First, **#kwentongpasko** depicted the story of the beginning of Christmas in the Philippines. Second, **#kwentongpasko** showed stories behind the different Filipino traditions and rituals during Christmas.

On the **#kwentongpasko**, photos beginning from the nativity scene all the way through the misa de aguinaldo, were exhibited to help the generations of today understand how Christmas began. In addition, famous Filipino traditions were also depicted: from *simbang gabi*, *noche buena*, *pasko kasama ang mga Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW)* to gift giving and sharing, outreach and others.

In line with the theme **#kwentongpasko** emerged the idea of creating the first ever UST Library book Christmas tree. It was made of books that are to be donated by the Miguel de Benavides Library. It was a great way to display the book collection and showed the holiday spirit at the same time. It was also a unique concept that even though these books are already old and some are even dilapidated, these can still be used in time for the occasion.

This creative book Christmas tree is also an engaging substitution to the traditional Christmas tree. Books

represent the Miguel de Benavides Library and at the center of it was the Belen which symbolizes the birth of Jesus Christ as the true meaning of Christmas and the best representation of the Holy Family – the Child Jesus, the Virgin Mary, and Saint Joseph. Above the tree is an angel proclaiming 'Gloria in excelsis Deo'.

The success of the first book Christmas tree was spear-headed by the Library administration with the UST Librarians Association (USTLA) board and members. The tree stands 8 feet tall and consisted of 1,518 volumes of books and 1,000 pieces of light bulbs. The inauguration was held at the UST Library ground floor lobby last December 4, 2018 with the Prefect of Libraries, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., delivering the opening remarks. Then yours truly, as USTLA president, gave a brief explanation on how the said project actually came about. The UST Library looks forward to bringing in more exciting activities and projects for the next Christmas.



UST Library staff teach upcycling activity

Kristi Ma. Fevie V. Macasaet

To instill a sense of love and respect for one's environment is very important. Thus, the Library, as part of its outreach activity, thought about an activity that will introduce upcycling techniques. Last December 2, 2018, selected librarians and staff namely, Daisy Mae Abolucion, Ma. Victoria Acuña, Rosemary Balbin, Lady Catherine de Leon, Rowena del Meda, Kaori Fuchigami, Kristi Ma. Fevie Macasaet, Dolores Morante, and Elma Nagorite visited Sitio San Martin Bamban, Tarlac to teach the kids with the said upcycling techniques. The activity aimed to impart the importance of reusing discarded materials to create new and useful products.

All kids actively and enthusiastically participated in the activity as the staff shared crafty and fun ways on how to use and decorate old plastic bottles as pots. Likewise, parts of the plant and their functions were also discussed. Ms. Abolucion demonstrated the tips on how to grow tomato plants. Lastly, some food, seedlings and other planting tools were distributed at the end of the half-day activity. It was indeed an awesome day to show that while eco-friendly conservation takes hard work, it can also be a fun and a meaningful endeavor.



UST Library family celebrates Christmas party with Cottolengo Filipino kids

Rose Anne Camille C. Dionisio

The UST Miguel de Benavides Library started the endmost month of the year, December, with a Christmas party with loads of entertainment for the physically challenged kids of Cottolengo Filipino, Inc. Composed of the library administrators and four committees, namely, Extension Services, Human Values, Information Technology, and Physical Facilities and Crisis Committee, the group augmented the joyous ambiance inside the compound. They commenced the party with a prayer led by Arleen Abad, member of the Human Values Committee, followed by the welcome remarks from the Assistant Chief Librarian, Ms. Diana V. Padilla.

After the heartfelt message, the program started with host Daisy Mae Abolucion, member of the Extension Services Committee, by way of an intermission number performed by selected library staff and some kids from Cottolengo. It was followed by the game 'flower or teapot' which was prepared for the high-spirited children. The concept was to shoot a ball to the assigned box and strike a pose afterwards according to their team - flower or teapot. The kids enjoyed this activity since they did not settle with just a 'flower' or 'teapot' poses but they intentionally added the popular 'oppa' hand gesture or finger heart. After the said game, 'the boat is sinking' activity followed. The essence of this scheme is to make the players form random groupings based on the number asked by the host.

The group/s with the incorrect number will automatically get eliminated. The contest ended with only two kids left. Since the kids were filled with intense energy due to excitement brought by the compelling games, Enrique Gestada, Jr., member of the Physical Facilities and Crisis Committee, serenaded the group with his very own acapella version of the Christmas song '12 days of Christmas'. He nailed the piece and the crowd commended him with applause and admiration. Considering the amount of energy released in the first two games and tiresome performances by the library staff, the kids were still ready for the last game of the day - the cup stacking, the objective of which is to stack the cups up like a pyramid and strike an 'oppa' pose. Before the program ended, Fr. Julio Cuesta Ortega, director of Cottolengo Filipino, Inc., expressed his warmest gratitude to the UST Library for pulling off a party for the children and for the time and talent that the library staff shared to them. Finally, distribution and feeding of the healthy-packed food to the children took place.

The Christmas party in Cottolengo Filipino is a yearly activity of the Library that aims to bring joy to all its children and to make happy memories with them. The Library family looks forward to more new and exciting activities with them in the coming years.



Aeta kids gain awareness on “proper waste segregation”

Mercy C. Bano

“Train children in the way they should go; when they grow old, they won’t depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6

The Republic Act 9003 approved on January 26, 2001 also known as ‘Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000’, is an act providing Filipinos with information on ecological solid waste management program. To share this important information, the Library Research and Linkages Committee came up with an activity for the Aeta kids of Sitio San Martin Bamban, Tarlac last January 13, 2019.

The group aimed to impart information on awareness regarding proper waste segregation to Aeta kids by learning how to properly sort out waste materials in their respective trash bins. Their insights from this session will help them improve the cleanliness and orderliness of their community.

Marjorie Irish Suarez, Jenneth Capule, and Chona Facundo facilitated the activity. Videos on proper waste segregation were presented before the short lecture was given. The group provided materials for the activities like improvised trash bins with labels namely: biodegradable, non-biodegradable and recyclable. They also brought sample waste materials like plastic bottles, candy wrappers, fruit peelings, paper, and paper plate, for them to identify where they should classify the said items. The children were eager to join the activity. Afterwards, snacks were distributed.

It was a starting point for promoting community awareness on proper waste segregation for a healthy environment at Sitio San Martin. It is hoped that more related activities will be conducted even by other library committees. The group was composed of Ms. Suarez, Ms. Capule, Ms. Facundo, Anna Rita Alomo, Mercy Bano, Marivic Usita, Ginalyn Santiago, and Ma. Serena Alejo.



Makibata participants visit the UST Library

Michelle M. San Gabriel

“Since you get more joy out of giving joy to others, you should put a good deal of thought into the happiness that you are able to give.”

– Eleanor Roosevelt

Makibata, the annual activity organized by the UST Student Organizations Coordinating Council (SOCC) and the Simbahayan Office for Community Development (OCD), was held last February 13 to 15, 2019. It was an event where UST Aeta scholars from Bamban, Tarlac and youth organization members and scholars from other partner communities had experienced the warmth of the Thomasian hospitality. It was also an opportunity to express their gratitude to the University for its support to their scholarship program. Games, exhibits, educational tours, and office visits were among the activities prepared.

The UST Miguel de Benavides Library was fortunate to be visited by 9 Aeta children, aged 7-10 years old. They rendered a song and a dance number. In return, the Library staff shared ample time with them and gave cash donations. Although they had a short interaction, the children’s cherished heartfelt moments were seen on their smiling faces.

The Makibata program invites the Thomasian community to share their blessings and give time to these wonderful children who show thousands of smiles with enormous dreams in their hearts.



The UST Library rolls out its first mini bookmobile

Lourdes Fatima C. Ramos

The members of the Professional Training and Development Committee along with the Chief Librarian, Ms. Ma. Cecilia D. Lobo and Graduate School Head Librarian, Angelica Frances Ciar, participated in outreach activity at Sitio San Martin, Bamban, Tarlac last February 3, 2019.

To jumpstart, a storytelling session was conducted by one of the committee members, Devine Abegail Gabayan. The children listened attentively to the story entitled ‘Ang kamatis ni Peles’ after which Jonas Sahagun, head of the Committee, gave comprehension questions to check if the kids understood the story.

The activity highlighted the first mini bookmobile which aims to serve as an extension of the UST Library by transporting books to potential readers in its adopted Aeta community. Although there is an existing library in the sitio, the committee brought story books from the former UST Grade School Library collection to widen the selection of reading materials. A colorful improvised bookshelf and a ‘library card’ were prepared which gave a feeling of excitement to the children. After explaining the process on how to borrow books, the readers lined up in the mini bookmobile to select books they want to read and enjoy. For those who cannot read yet, some of the members of the committee guided the kids in understanding the stories.

As the young Aetas showed much enthusiasm, may this mini bookmobile continuously roll-out so that they may develop in the children the love for reading.

UST Library acquires fire suppression system

Juanita D. Subaldo

Fire can happen anywhere, anytime, any day. Fire's impact to people, properties, and environment are extraordinary, causing deaths, widespread damage to resources, etc. The possible threat of fire damage to library collections is more than enough reason to implement a safety plan and fire protection system which is necessary in the library. Providing the best protection for library collections, from the most common causes of loss, is a basic principle of preventive maintenance and being prepared is the best way to deal with the situation. Emergency preparedness is an important factor of overall protection planning.

To protect the library collections especially rare book materials, the UST Library acquired FM200 also known as **HFC227ea fire suppression system** from Safeway Fire Safety Specialist. It was installed at the Stack Room of the Antonio Vivencio del Rosario UST Heritage Library and was officially activated last February 01, 2019. A brief presentation and an actual demonstration were conducted in two batches to formally orient the library staff. The first session was held last February 1, 2019 with the following participants: Juanita Subaldo, head of the Physical Facilities and Crisis Committee, In-house Mechanical Engineer Antonio Espejo of the UST Facilities Management Office (FMO), Jenneth Capule, Heritage librarian, and Ginalyn Santiago, head book restorer. The second batch was held last February 8, 2019 and the participants were the library administrators Ms. Ma. Cecilia D. Lobo, chief librarian, Ms. Diana V. Padilla, assistant chief librarian, and library support staff namely Nemesio Magtaan, Raissa Meig Young, and Rafael Travilla.



Fire suppression system

This fire suppression system will be used as suppressor to prevent the spread of fire in the library building. The FM200 fire suppression is a waterless fire protection system that used a combination of dry chemicals and/or wet agents. If it is discharged within 10 seconds, the fire will be controlled immediately. It is colorless, odorless gas that leaves no residue to clean up. FM200, a non-toxic agent, is the most widely used of all the halocarbon gaseous agents and it is designed in accordance with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 2001, also known as 'Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems'.

This fire suppression system comprises the agent, agent storage cylinders, release valves, fire detection system wiring, piping, and nozzles. When heat or smoke is detected, an electronic signal is sent to the control panel to send the clean agent gas through the cylinders and piping network. This automatic fire suppression system is the key to protect both inaccessible areas and employees, and can also be operated manually.

To maintain the fire suppression system, Engr. Guyde Gorre, Safeway Fire Safety specialist, suggested that preventive maintenance be done on a semi-annual basis. He mentioned that the gas or agent expiration is good for five years.



During the actual demonstration

GETTING TO KNOW THE

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A shy tourist spot

In the course of the University's celebration of its 400th year in 2011, the *Archivo de la Universidad de Santo Tomás* (AUST or Archives for short) was almost overnight "discovered" to contain original information about the institution's past. One by one, the UST's departments and colleges began to approach the Archives for assistance in writing their own histories or locating vintage photographs.

Students, alumni, priests and fellow archivists wanted to take a peek at the age-old documents which included the Foundation Act of 1611, the 17th century *baybayin* scripts, and Rizal's grades. University guests and the media followed suit; the latest celebrity to visit the UST Archives was the Queen of Spain. With its embarrassment of riches, the UST Archives has shyly become one of the University's top tourist attractions.

The AUST is the official repository of the original documents and records amassed by the University of Santo Tomas since its founding in 1611. It is the second largest collection of historical documents on the Catholic Church in the Philippines, after the Archives of the Archdiocese of Manila. The AUST was originally housed in a room next to the principal stairway in the UST building at Intramuros, the walled city of Manila.

The precious collection left Intramuros when it was transferred to the ground floor of the Central Seminary in the new campus in Sampaloc in 1933. Its location in the ground floor, like that of the Library in the Main

Building, did not prove to be a felicitous one. Sampaloc, then as now, was prone to floods, and the precious documents and books bear ample evidence of water stress such as stains, worm-holes, brittle pages, and the like.

In 1941, Japanese bombs over the Dominican church in Intramuros forced the evacuation of the rest of the archives and other valuables to the Sampaloc site. This was just in the nick of time, because the ancient Intramuros campus was destroyed when the Japanese military put Intramuros to the torch on the 7th and 8th of February, 1945. (The site of the old campus is now occupied by Land Bank of the Philippines; the original principal entrance was reconstructed in the Sampaloc campus, where it is known as the “Arch of the Centuries.”)

After the War, the Archives was raised to the third floor of the Seminary building in 1966. In 1993, appropriately marking 400 years of the printing press in the Philippines, the Archives was relocated to the fourth floor of the newly built Miguel de Benavides Library. Finally, upon the facilitation of the Prefect of Libraries, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., the Archives made another momentous move in July of 2012 to the fifth floor of the same building. This move enabled the division of the Archives into three sections: the historic section (up to 1945), the post-1945 section, and the microfilm section. AUST is now on the same floor as the Antonio Vivencio R. del Rosario Heritage Library, which makes the entire space an incomparable haven for researchers.

The collections

Both historic and post-1945 collections of the AUST broadly comprise student records, institutional records, collateral publications, plans and maps, drawings and photographs, and Dominican ministries. In accordance with archival practice, the original classification of the materials has been retained: *Becerras*, or documents bound into leather

covers, 58 volumes; *Libros*, books whether printed or in manuscript form, 224 volumes; *Folletos*, pamphlets, 429 volumes; *Libritos*, at least 777 titles (more than 200 dating between 1516 and 1799); and other smaller divisions. Indexes to the AUST were prepared in 1927 and 1944, but these are understandably quite skeletal. Two volumes of updated and annotated catalogues were launched in 2017. Generous support from Union Bank of the Philippines has facilitated the gradual uploading of archival materials on the Internet.

The collections at the AUST gain significance when one considers the paper trails left by generations of students and professors, of whom a chosen few are now national heroes or canonized saints. A majority of personalities who figured prominently in the Revolution against Spain and in the Philippine-American War (on either side) were schooled or taught at the University of Santo Tomas.

The AUST resources have been central in the various projects of the UST Quadricentennial, such as the writing of the UST history, the Lumina Pandit exhibit of book treasures; the 150th birth anniversary of Jose Rizal, and the exhibit at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris. Beyond UST, the Archivo possesses records of national interest; in fact, the development of Philippine history from the late 16th century to the present is amply represented in the UST Archives. For example, according to a law which reformed education in the Spanish realm in 1865, all secondary schools in the country had to submit transcripts of the grades they had given to their students to the UST for confirmation. This system was in effect until the end of the Spanish period. One can trace the rise of secondary schools in the Philippines, like the Ateneo Municipal, the Real Colegio de San Jose, and the Real Colegio de San Juan de Letran in Manila, as well as far corners such as Laoag (Ilocos Norte) and Guiuan (Samar).

Thus we have copies of the grades of Paciano and Jose Rizal in the Ateneo, where the originals were destroyed in the last war.

But beyond this, the AUST has an untold wealth of material that can enrich the study of local, national, and even international histories. It is truly the silent yet potent link of the University with the world.

Access to the AUST

Due to the fragile and specialized nature of our collections, the AUST is only open to Graduate Students and Professionals. (Undergraduate students may be granted access upon approval of a letter of request signed by their adviser. Because of space restrictions, groups may send only two representatives.) Please make as much use as possible of Library resources (Filipiniana, Serials, etc.) before coming to the AUST. Prepare a letter addressed to the Archivist with the following information: topic and purpose of research; type of materials (if known beforehand) needed at the AUST; intended date/s of visit; institution or affiliation, and contact directions of the researcher. The letter may be emailed or delivered to the AUST, or may even be prepared on the day of visit. Requests for all other types of research must be approved by the Archivist. To facilitate orderly use of the AUST's resources and equipment, it is best for researchers to send in their letters of request at least two weeks before actual research. AUST is open Monday to Saturday (Monday to Friday in June-July), 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 5 p.m.

We at the AUST are working to have the materials more accessible to a wider public. In this our own small way, we hope to raise the standards for research and understanding of historic culture.

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.



Sir Aldrine V. Guevarra, LPT, PhD.
UST Senior High School

*“There are many things to learn
but limited time, so read.”*

I was appointed as library coordinator of the UST Senior High School (SHS) Department twice, last August 2016-2017 and August 2018-2019.

I am not a library going person, in fact when I was in college, I only entered the Miguel de Benavides Library during my graduating year. It was thesis season and whether I like it or not, I needed to enter the portals of the Central Library. So, when I was appointed as library coordinator, it became a challenge for me to see the good in my new task.

Being a library coordinator serves multiple responsibilities to the students and faculty. Constant updating of new academic resources for our Library and engaging in library related programs for our Department are just some of the major tasks of a coordinator. It is both fun and challenging.

My two years as library coordinator for Senior High School gave me several key points of reflection; first as a library coordinator of the biggest Senior High School in terms of population in a single campus (more than 4,000 grade 11 students for the academic year 2016-2018), second the enormous task of a librarian (as I observe how our head librarian works), and lastly, the fulfillment of my job as a coordinator.

Our unit basically started from scratch. Our home base is the Buenaventura G. Paredes, O.P. Building or popularly called BGPOP. We occupy the 9th floor, rooms 9A, 9B, 9C with more than 4,000 Senior

High students during our inaugural year. **We were tasked to meet the demands of our learners in terms of library use, facilities, and collection.** Acquisition of new books and looking for new materials that will meet the demands of the new education curriculum, the K-12, are among of our primary duties. New subjects for both grades 11 and 12 require more supplementary materials. Subjects like Understanding Culture, Society and Politics (UCSP), Media Information Literacy (MIL), Contemporary Arts from the Region (CPAR), Philosophy of Man, Fundamentals of Faith, Personality Development, and Practical Research 1 and 2 are some of the new subjects, not to mention grade 12 subjects which are highly specialized. The need to have more materials is of utmost importance. The first year was basically enriching our library collection, both for printed and e-resources. We also conducted library orientations for all our learners and faculty members on multiple occasions.

Also, in my two years as coordinator, **I saw how the library operates and how the librarians work. It's not only books, manning the library or arranging the collections, but more than that. The head librarian is the heart and soul of the repository of knowledge and wisdom for our young and new learners. He/she does not just take care of the library, but taking care of books, which is the most important item inside our library. I have learned to appreciate more the work of a librarian, “hindi lang sila mga bantay ng library.”** I have

seen their love for books, their job, and most especially their concern for the students. Ask them any collection and where to find them; surely they will give you the answer right away. In the case of the SHS Library, I have seen the labor of love exhibited by Ms. Kaori Fuchigami (Head Librarian), Ms. Rose Anne Camille Dionisio (Asst. Head Librarian), Ms. Michelle Paciencia and Mr. Jomar Tolentino (Support Staff). I have seen how they beautify the library, shelves and even the walls. The decoration adjusts to the season or celebration. You would see a conventional design, yet the services are modernized. You would see in their actions the love and dedication.

Lastly, seeing how we grow in terms of collections, patrons, and services made me appreciate more my job as coordinator. For this academic year, we started with our book readers' club known as 'Alinaga'. We are also starting new programs like book swap, shelf-help (bibliotherapy), and adult coloring. By the coming academic year, the UST-SHS is going to transfer to our new home across España. If plans push through, the SHS Library will occupy two floors that can accommodate almost one thousand patrons.

Indeed, I have learned many things as a library coordinator. I am grateful to the SHS administrators for the opportunity and I am looking forward to doing more things as we move on in the coming years.

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