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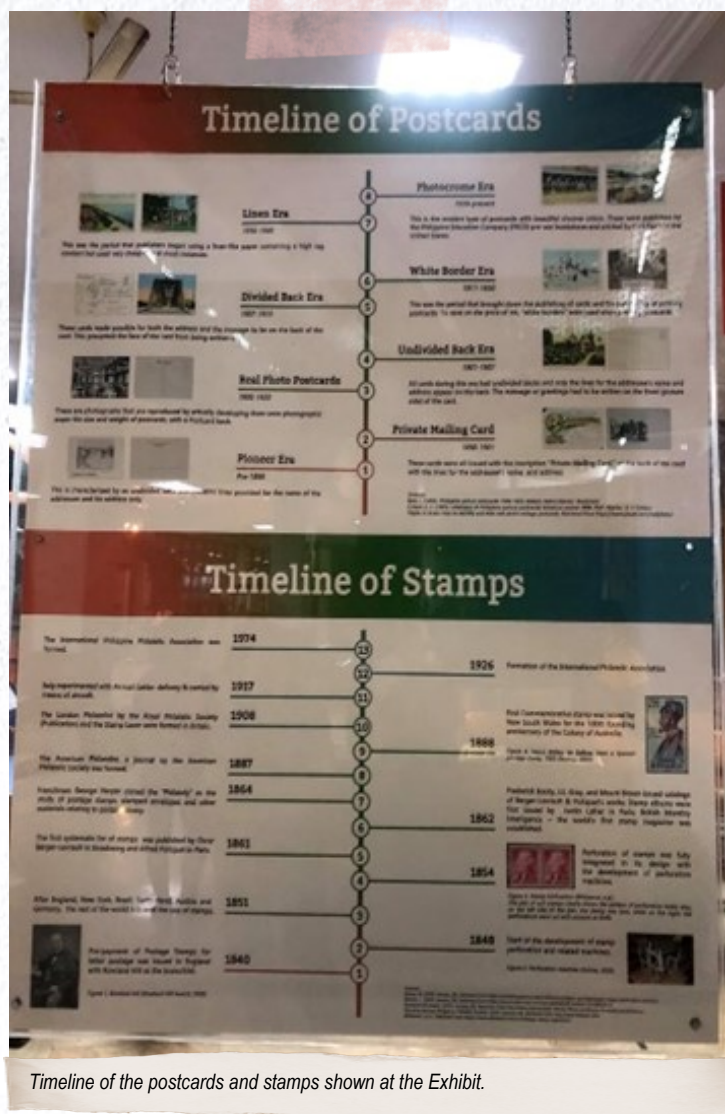
The exhibit at the lobby of the University of Santo Tomas (UST) Miguel de Benavides Library ushers everyone to a journey to walk through the Philippine cultural landscapes entrusted to the University through the Miguel de Benavides Library by the Pichon Family and Robert Biggert. The collection consists of postcards, books, and maps depicting Philippine culture and the presence of the United States of America in the Philippines during the 19th Century. This is in collaboration with Archivo de la Universidad de Santo Tomás (AUST) and the UST Museum. Also exhibited are historic stamps from the UST Museum and from the Archivo del Convento de la Santa Cruz de los Padres Dominicos de San Juan del Monte, M. Manila, and important letters from the holdings of the AUST.

The opening of the exhibit *Recuerdo de Filipinas* was held last January 30, 2020, and formally launched with a short program. The Invocation was led by the Assistant Chief Librarian Ms. Diana V. Padilla. Chief Librarian Ms. Maria Cecilia D. Lobo in her welcome remarks, said that "Recuerdo means *memory and remembering*," and added that, "nowadays, most millennials are on the internet, web chat, text messaging, and other means of social media that they are no longer aware of the traditional way of communicating with their loved ones."

The inspirational message was delivered by Mr. Gilbert B. Javier, chief of staff, Philippine Postal Corporation (PHLPost), on behalf of Hon. Joel L. Otarra, postmaster general and CEO. Jenneth Capule, exhibit curator, provided an overview of the exhibit. According to her, sending of postcards is bringing back to an era of communication of sending messages through mail delivery, unlike today, where sending letters to anyone and anywhere is just "in an instant!" Mr. Expedito Pichon was the Pichon family representative who expressed his gratitude to the University through the UST Miguel de Benavides Library. He likewise thanked the former and present chief librarians who supported the turn-over of their postcard collections and other valuable Filipiniana collections.

The word of thanks was delivered by Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., prefect of libraries. He expressed the University's gratitude to the Pichon family for entrusting significant historical personal collection of Erlinda Pichon and Robert Biggert and to the collaborators: the UST Museum, UST Archives, the Philippine Postal Office, different departments of the University, and the library administrators and staff for their dispositions to make the exhibit possible. He added that the small exhibit is intended to acquaint present students with the traditional way of sending postcards as a means of communicating with friends and relatives to any part of the world. Assistant Professor Anna Maria Gloria S. Ward, a faculty member of the Faculty of Arts and Letters and the executive director of the Anargyroi: UST Faculty of Medicine and Surgery (UST FMS) Foundation Inc. (AFI), was the emcee during the program. The College of Accountancy Singers rendered wonderful performance for the affair. Ribbon-cutting preceded to formally open the exhibit.

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Timeline of the postcards and stamps shown at the Exhibit.

The interactive postal activity is in coordination with the UST Post Office which allows visitors to experience the old tradition of sending their chosen postcards with varying sceneries/designs to anyone and anywhere in the world through an official mailbox found at the exhibit; cost is at ₱50.00 per postcard.

The effort of putting up the exhibit was through the hard work of the following:

Consultants: Architect John Carlo L. Sayco, assistant director, UST Museum; and Ms. Rona Catherine R. Repancol, faculty member, National Service Training Program (NSTP)

Committee Members: Jenneth G. Capule, overall-chairperson; Lejempf V. Flores, Raquel B. Lontoc, Nora M. Matawaran, Arlene P. Matias, Edward H. Puzon, Jonas T. Sahagun, Juanita D. Subaldo, Marivic G. Usita, and Sabina C. Viernes

This event in the UST Library, which will run until May 30, 2020, leaves another significant memory both to the University and to Philippine history.

The theme and the title *Recuerdo de Filipinas* lithographed by C. Martin, Manila inspired two postcards found among the collections that belong to the period called the "Private Mailing Card Era (1898-1901)" which are considered rare.

The highlight of the exhibit was divided into three sections: I. **People and their Culture** - depicts cultural life: the everyday life showcasing the economy, industry, education, and transportation during the 19th century; II. **Architecture** - represents some of the Philippine architectural styles that developed through the centuries; and III. **Mindanao** - traces the Pichon's homage, the Davao Oriental; the collection highlighted the natural and cultural heritage of this region.

Books, maps, stamps, letters, memorabilia, and other materials from the collection feature the American interests in the Philippines in general and those that are related to the exhibit. Included also are collection of letters along with postcards signed by important personalities like St. Pope Pius X, King Alfonso XIII of Spain, Blessed Buenaventura Garcia Paredes, O.P., and Arthur McArthur.



About the Donor

The Pichon family came from a prominent clan in Davao Oriental where the patriarch, Ricardo served as Mayor from 1951 to 1963. Eduarda, the family's matriarch, assumed the challenging roles of being a mother and a politician's wife. Their 59 years of marriage were blessed with twelve children, who in their own capacities have continued their parents' legacy. Two of the Pichon siblings studied at the University of Santo Tomas. Corazon Pichon Stanly, a graduate of the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery in 1966 and Erlinda, whose postcard collection forms part of the materials turned over by the family had a brief stint at the Faculty of Civil Law and completed her Master's Degree in English Literature in 1965 before finally settling in the US. While living in the US, Erlinda met Robert Biggert, and together acquired the valuable Filipiniana materials featured in this exhibition.



A poster about the Donor (Pichon Family).

UST Library “alumni” reunited after a decade at the Balik Aklatan 3

Rosemary B. Balbin



Library administrators and staff “ALUMNI” from across generations came back to the University of Santo Tomas campus and gathered at the UST Miguel de Benavides Library lobby for its 3rd grand Balik-Aklatan Homecoming aptly titled “Pagbabalik-tanaw, Pagdiriwang, at Pagkakaissa.”

It was held on a Sunday morning on February 09, 2020, coinciding with the celebration of the 30th year of establishing the UST Central Library Building. The event welcomed 140 guests and participants that included the former and present library administrators, librarians, support staff, and former working scholars (now known as San Lorenzo Ruiz scholars) who had rendered their expertise, services, and assistance in the University Library.

Even during the campus’ strict monitoring of the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19), the Library took all the necessary precautions and preventive measures to blissfully proceed with this once-in-every-decade library tradition for the old and new “alumni” of the library to be back home once again. Participants wholeheartedly and excitedly reserved this special day and traveled long distances to mingle with former colleagues, re-live the good times, and have a happy face-to-face casual chit-chat with each other reminiscing their library experiences, and see what their friends are up to this present time.

The joyous event started with a concelebrated Mass officiated by three of the past and present Prefects of Libraries namely: Rev. Fr. Javier Arrazola, O.P. (1973-1978), Rev. Fr. Ermito de Sagon, O.P. (1991), and Rev. Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P. (1992-present). It was joined with a soulful choir composed of some librarians and staff and was led by Arch. John Carlo L. Sayco, assistant director of the UST Museum. Opening remarks was done by the Chief Librarian Ms. Maria Cecilia D. Lobo. Ms. Diana V. Padilla, assistant chief librarian and the event’s over-all chairperson, read the congratulatory message in behalf of Rev. Fr. Richard Ang, O.P., acting rector of UST, who conveyed his warm message for the jubilant occurrence of

the Library where he mentioned one of the greatest writers in the English language, Jane Austen, and quoted: *“Think only of the past as its remembrance gives us pleasure,”* as his way of describing this rare decade reunion. Manila Honorable Mayor Francisco Domagoso, known for his screen name “Isko Moreno” also sent his heartfelt audio message for this much-awaited event. There were song performances, games and raffle prizes to the delight of everyone. Special tributes were given to former Prefect of Libraries, namely, Fr. Arrazola, O.P., and Fr. De Sagon, O.P.; and to the former Chief Librarians: Prof. Candida C. Agcaoili, Prof. Juana L. Abello, the late Prof. Erlinda F. Flores, Ms. Angelita P. Timbangcaya, and Ms. Estrella S. Majuelo.

“The Sagip-Aklat Rare Book Sponsorship Program” was later introduced by Ms. Jenneth G. Capule, head librarian of the Antonio V. Del Rosario (AVdR) UST Heritage Library, which aimed to seek assistance and support the restoration and preservation of the old, rare, and historic, timeless treasures of the Library. It served as a good cause and an important highlight of the event.

Many colorful emotions and nostalgic memories, interests, and thoughts were rekindled in the joyful Balik-Aklatan 3 reunion. Indeed, everyone felt the overwhelming happiness of seeing a family, a friend, a colleague once again. There were lots of pictures to share for everyone to see. However, the feeling of being actually present in person on that said occasion was way beyond that would definitely create lifelong and fantastic memories to cherish and behold. I guess everyone went home happy with refreshed relationships, and once again, re-connected. After all, that is the true essence of a reunion!

Event Highlights



Isang pamilya ngayong Pasko

Lady Catherine R. de Leon



Highlighting is the 7-foot high Christmas Tree made of old catalog cards and selected photos from the following: The Library outreach, Nativity scenes from the *Misteryo ng Pasko* exhibit held in 2012, and the Library Christmas party celebrations through the years. A hanging angel with “Gloria in Excelsis Deo” was placed on top of the tree and a ‘Belen’ was displayed to show the main reason why Christmas is celebrated. In addition, lanterns were created to represent the trip of the Holy Family to Jerusalem.

May this year’s theme be a constant reminder that families are united because of God’s love for us and we must share the love by giving back to our less fortunate brothers.

This year, the Christmas 2019 Committee team headed by yours truly with the help of the young pool of librarians namely, Symon Lagao, Elein H. Geronimo, Kristi Ma. Fevie V. Macasaet, Chiara Maye M. Navarrete, Rose Anne Camille C. Dionisio, and Marjorie Irish A. Suarez, and Arch. John Carlo L. Sayco, assistant director of the UST Museum, planned and designed a unique and one of a kind Christmas Tree as part of the UST Library Christmas decoration.

This year’s theme in the Miguel de Benavides Library was “*Isang Pamilya ngayong Pasko*” which showcased how the Library celebrates Christmas as ONE family, united and inspired by the Holy Family. It also manifested that being one family means sharing of blessings and extending love and compassion to the Library’s partner communities.



Miguel de Benavides Library Administration with the Christmas 2019 Working Committee.

OUTREACH

Christmas Party with the children of Cottolengo Filipino

Michelle M. San Gabriel

The season of giving and sharing love to others was truly personified by the Miguel de Benavides Library administrators, librarians, and support staff. This happened last January 12, 2020 in a Christmas party that took place at Cottolengo Filipino in Rodriguez, Rizal. The activity got delayed due to the full schedule of Cottolengo Filipino last December.

Present were the Chief Librarian Ms. Maria Cecilia D. Lobo with the Asst. Chief Librarian Ms. Diana V. Padilla. Four committees also joined in the celebration such as: the Extension Services, the Information Technology, Physical Facilities and Crisis Committee, and the Human Values. A total of 24 library staff participated in the said activity.

Ms. Lucille B. Adriano, member of the Extension Services Committee, led the opening prayer followed by a welcome message of Bro. Kenneth Pineda, a seminarian in Cottolengo Filipino. A song and dance number performed by the library staff truly heightened the energy of everyone. A Jollibee party was organized for the children which made them so delighted, more so when Jollibee mascot showed up.

The administrators delivered their respective holiday messages for everyone to reflect on. Rev. Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., prefect of libraries, whole-heartedly sent towels as his gifts to the kids. Health kits containing toothbrush, toothpaste, and soap were distributed, too. The program ended with the closing remarks of Ms. Michelle M. San Gabriel, chairperson of the Extension Services Committee.

After the event, while having their meals together, the library staff reflected on the happenings at the party. The smiles and laughter of the children truly engaged the season of giving, and gave the group another heartwarming experience.



The kids of Cottolengo with the Library staff pose with their best smiles for a photo-op together with Jollibee.

Money-saving tips for the Aeta kids

Fides C. Arrogancia



The group from MdBLib together with the kids pose for a souvenir photo.

Aeta kids from the adopted community of Miguel de Benavides Library (MdBLib) in Sitio San Martin, Bamban, Tarlac started the new year right. A group from the Library visited them last January 26, 2020 to teach them how to save their money. The said group was composed of some Library staff (Raquel B. Lontoc, Ginalyn M. Santiago, Symon Lagao, and Fides C. Arrogancia), the Library administrators (Rev. Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Ms. Maria Cecilia D. Lobo, and Ms. Diana V. Padilla), and a friend of the Library, Mr. Francisco Mulet, a Spanish pharmacist.

An afternoon filled with fun and enlightenment started with the viewing of the story *“Ang Ina ni Bobby at ang Isang Libong Tansong Barya”*. The story is about a spendthrift son named Bobby and how he regretted not saving the money his mother has been giving him. It was followed by the “question and answer” portion which was enthusiastically participated in by the kids.

The group also presented money-saving tips and distributed piggy banks along with refreshments.

Angels on earth

Marjorie Irish A. Suarez



Sister Alma as she delivers her lecture.



A student from UST EHS as she asks question during the open forum.

*“Angels can fly because they
carry no burdens”*

Eileen Elias Freeman

Good people would often be tagged as Angels that were sent by God to save and help people from great troubles. Angels are messengers of God. Thus, these angels on earth are spreading goodness to the whole of humanity. As part of the inter-faith and multi-religious activity of the Human Values Committee headed by Arlene Matias, a forum on ‘Angels and the Angelic Doctor’ was held last January 30, 2020 at the UST Miguel de Benavides Conference Hall. The forum was attended by the Junior High School Grade 7 class, selected students from the UST Education High School (UST EHS), and some librarians.

The guest speaker was Sister. Ma. Alma Immacolata S. Mangahas, SFSC, president and principal of the Immaculate Heart of Mary College in Parañaque, and the first president of the Diocese of Parañaque Catholic Schools Association (DOPCaSA). She discussed the topic in a relatable manner. Student participants were curious about angels’ existence and how it affects the human lives.

The forum was held to commemorate the feast day of St. Thomas Aquinas every January 28 and to celebrate his life and legacy as a priest, doctor of the Church, as the Angelic doctor, and the patron saint of the University of Santo Tomas.

Donation of the Family of the late Mr. Nestor Mata

Rosemary B. Balbin



In photo are (L-R): Mr. Francis Mata, Ms. De Leon, Ms. Olamit, Ms. Balbin and Mr. Jan Mata with the donated materials.

Last September 06, 2019, UST Librarians, namely: Ms. Lady Catherine R. De Leon, Ms. Marcelita Lane T. Olamit, Ms. Rosemary B. Balbin, had the rare chance to visit the residence of the veteran and admirable Thomasian journalist, the late Mr. Nestor Mata, to see the collection that the Mata family would like to donate to the UST Library. It includes photos, books, and news articles which he authored and were mostly about journalism and world history. It was quite an experience to be able to walk through to the unseen and unheard significant place to many, yet definitely, a big part in building our Philippine history. It was where this famous newsman had once upon a time had meetings with his friends, journalists, influential public figures, and noble personalities of the country that shaped our country's history.

It was a humbling experience to be able to meet his sons, Mr. Jan and Mr. Francis, both UST alumni, who were very warm and welcoming. They toured us in their abode and gave us a brief background about their father. They shared to us the most notable headline in Philippine news-history wherein Mr. N. Mata, was a former Philippines Herald newspaper reporter, also known as the "crash sole survivor" of the March 17, 1957 plane crash in Mount Manunggal, Cebu, that lost the life of Philippine President Ramon Magsaysay. Their father later wrote a memoir entitled "One Came Back," which detailed President Magsaysay's last moments before the plane crash. They added that their father continued his writings even after his retirement days. We have been privileged to have heard some of Mr. N. Mata's personal and professional accounts straight from his equally famous and brilliant offspring!

On January 22, 2020, The University of Santo Tomas Miguel de Benavides Library received the bulk donation. It included eight big boxes and two big bags of books and journals together with Mr. N. Mata's antique typewriter, which he used to pen down his brilliant ideas, thoughts, and opinions that he publicly shared. It made the Filipino people inspired by his works. The Mata donation will undoubtedly be a significant addition to the UST Miguel de Benavides Library collections.

Our gratitude to the late Mr. Nestor Mata and to the Mata Family for entrusting their treasured collections to the UST Miguel de Benavides Library. We are all beyond grateful for this valuable donation!

Some Valentine's day vibes at the Library

Chiara Maye M. Navarrete



"Valentine's day vibe with Miggy and the colorful wall of reasons to love the library".

February is the month of love and appreciation. To celebrate the different kinds of love, the General Reference & Information section organized some activities and online contests for the Thomasian community last February 13-14, 2020.

A two-day film showing entitled *"It's a movie date @ the Lib!"* was conducted at the Library conference hall which featured four movies namely: *"The Greatest Showman," "Kita Kita," "La La Land,"* and *"That Thing Called Tadhana."*

The movies are from the multimedia collection of the Library that are popular to the students which display the kinds of love such as romantic love, self-love, and unconditional love. This activity aimed to promote the Library collection through film showing; to share Valentine vibes in the Library through light-hearted and entertaining movies; and to preserve the students' well-being by giving space in the Library that would give them time to relax from their academic life.

A selfie/groufie contest titled, *"I Heart USTMdLib"* was organized by allowing Thomasians to think outside the box and to make the heartiest pose in any area of the Library.

A fun and timely contest titled, *"Say What You Meme, Miggy"* was also part of the love month activity. Through this activity, Thomasians were able to express their love and appreciation for the Library through "Miggy".

The Reference & Information section prepared a white board that says – *"I love the library because..."* for those who would like to post a gist of their love for the library or for someone else.

There are many kinds of love and one of these is the romantic love. In line with this, the Reference Section posted a few of its #LoveraryKiligStories in the Library's Facebook page. These are love stories from couples who happened to meet inside the Library while they were working either as employee or as working scholar.

In addition, the Library organized *"Pick-a-Post"* activity in connection with the Pichon Exhibit last January 30, 2020, where Thomasians could express their love in a traditional way by sending postcards via airmail through a mock Post Office, in coordination with the University's Post Office.

For the treats and prizes, the Library gave Readers' Café gift certificates for the early birds in the film showing, cash prize for the online contests, and alcohol sprays.

In line with the celebration, other sections and branches of the Library also conducted activities for the Thomasian community.

Valentine's day fun at the JHS Library

Symon Lagao



Students muster at the request area on the first day of the "De-love-ery."



The JHS Library staff as they prepare the poems.



Poems ready for delivery.

Love was in the air at the UST Junior High School (JHS) Library! Last February 13-20, 2020, students, teachers, and staff were invited to participate in the JHS Library's first-ever poem delivery activity entitled *"De-love-ery: Let the poem do the talking."* The patrons were asked to select a poem about love from Lang Leav's poem collection and the Library delivered it to their friends, teachers, and special someone within the JHS building. They were also allowed to include a short message.

The JHS library received a total of 337 delivery requests and the most selected poem was "Just Friends" from Leav's "Love and Misadventures." The poem reads:

I know that I don't own you,
and perhaps I never will,
so my anger when you're with her,
I have no right to feel.

I know that you don't owe me,
and I shouldn't ask for more;
I shouldn't feel so let down,
all the times when you don't call.

What I feel- I shouldn't show you,
so when you're around I won't;
I know I've no right to feel it - but it
doesn't mean I don't.

The participants, especially the students, enjoyed the activity and said that this allowed them to express their affection without revealing their identity. They also wish that in the next Valentine's celebration, the duration of the activity be extended to a longer period.

UST Senior High School Feb-rary (February & Library) Activities

Rose Anne Camille C. Dionisio

Since ancient times, the second month of the year, February, has been linked with the word "Love" because of St. Valentine's feast day that is every 14th day of the month. Also, this day is universally considered as the day of lovers. However, there is so much more aside from "romantic love". In UST Senior High School Library, we also honor other types of love that most young individuals tend to forget through film showing, sweet treats, and bulletin board displays.

"Screen Play: Showcasing love through movies" was a film showing activity organized by SHS Library for the SHS community. It aimed to present different kinds of love through movies; to make a connection between the students and the films based on the moral and emotional appeal made by the films; and to expose students in "real" scenarios with the help of motion pictures. The film showing was divided into four clusters wherein one movie from each cluster will be played per day.

The first cluster was Self-love, which focused on self-awareness and accepting one's self in order to attain happiness. In the midst of personal dilemmas and world crisis, it is important to love one's self to keep mental health issues at bay. Next cluster was Family Matters that focused on the nucleus, and basic unit of the society, the family. There may be misunderstanding, conflicts, and even drama, but family will always stick around even when the world turns its back on you. The third cluster was By Choice and By Chance, which focused on the bright, positive sides of adopting a child and having an adopted child in a lighter way. Numerous reasons are laid before us on why they adopt, either by choice (childless family, wants to have a child but don't want to be married, wants to have an additional member of the family but does not want to feel the extreme pain that pregnant women underwent), or by chance. And the last cluster was Support Group that focused on friendships that evolves into a family. True and reliable friends do not come much often but when they do, they stay.

SHS Library also posted on their bulletin board some tips and advice regarding the different types of love that parents ought to give to their children, how to take care of yourself, a handful of terminologies regarding adoption, and how to spot and how to be a good friend that library users might want to look up.

Another activity of the SHS Library was *Treats for our sweeties*. In every book they have borrowed or returned on or before the due date, library patrons will have a chance to pick up two saucer-like discs. Each disc has a corresponding sign - scissors, paper, or stone/rock. Scissors cut paper, paper covers stone/rock, and stone/rock crushes scissors. Whatever disc they win, there will be an equivalent prize.

In addition to the film showing, borrowing and returning treats, and bulletin board display, SHS Library also gave away a simple treat of chocolates for those who visited the library on Valentine's Day.

In the midst of ebooks, streaming services, and chocolates, it is evident that printed books, good movies with friends, and simple surprises can still give our library users a different kind of "kilig" experience.



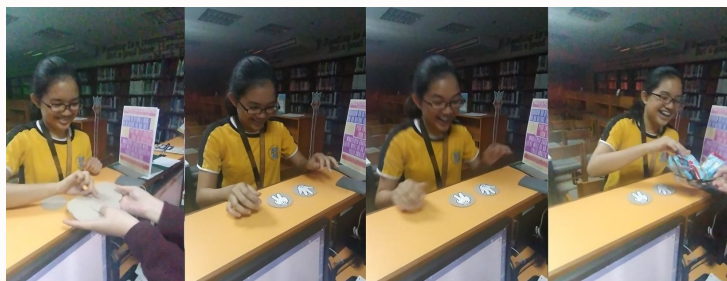
SHS Students enjoy watching featured films during "Screen Play: Showcasing love through movies."



Bulletin board display of UST SHS Library.



A simple surprise for every UST SHS Library user.



A joyous Audrey Bernice Chu of 12-HUMSS-3 making her best decision of what coaster to choose.

Feel the love @EHS Library

Marjorie Irish A. Suarez



The Education High School (EHS) Library celebrated love through movie viewing at the EHS library activity area last February 14-19, 2020. This goes to show that the Library does not only provide knowledge through books, support the curriculum of the school, and create a conducive place for learning. Hence, this activity which aims to:

- showcase the different kinds of emotions, particularly 'love';
- be able to appreciate art in the form of movies; and
- improve the personal relationship of students with their classmates and friends while watching movies together.

The EHS library provided few of the greatest movies, namely: A Walk to Remember, Dear John, Winter's Tale, and Paper Towns courtesy of the UST-JHS Library audio-visual collection. The four-day movie viewing activity was scheduled per section's available time in their Independent/Cooperative Learning (ICL) and during lunch break.

EHS students always look forward to different activities every month. Since it coincided with their Science Week celebration, many students were able to enjoy and watch the movies after their activities that lasted through the week.

PAARL: two years of gratitude and service

Michelle M. San Gabriel

Above anything else, I would like to thank the almighty God for giving me the strength to fulfill every task that I was able to accomplish in my almost two years of service (2018-2019) in the Philippine Association of Academic/Research Librarians, Inc. (PAARL).

The years I had with PAARL, most especially 2019, had been a fruitful year, which I will treasure forever. Because of the UST Library administrators' trust and recommendation, I was given the opportunity to be part of the Organization as its Board of Director. My experience was amazing and memorable. I had the chance to meet the directors and other fellow librarians from different schools, especially from prominent universities in the country; it likewise widened my connections as a librarian; and more importantly, I gained new friends and encountered many opportunities to improve myself, and I will forever be grateful for that. PAARL will serve as my guide in continuing my passion as a librarian in the Thomasian community.

Another memorable event that I attended was the 47th General Assembly: Induction of 2020 Board of Directors and Awarding Ceremonies, where I helped in the registration and organization of the event to show my gratitude after my PAARL journey. The event was amazing, all thanks to the outgoing officers. I would like to thank the PAARL Officers, especially outgoing President, Dr. Fernan Dizon who is a University of Santo Tomas (UST) graduate, and to Sir Chito Angeles from the University of the Philippines. I was overwhelmed by the fact that three (3) UST graduates were given an award: Prof. Nora J. Claravall, a faculty member in the UST College of Education, who was given the “Lifetime Achievement award”; Ms. Editha Alamodin won the 3rd place for “Best Research”; and Ms. Celine Larragas, also bagged the 2nd place for “Best Research.”

I am indeed very happy that I bring pride and honor to the University in my service to this prestigious local community which has a large contribution in the field of academics, research and library development. I will forever cherish this experience in my career. I am passionate with what I do, and will continue to extend my support to PAARL and its growing community as long as I am needed and in the best way I could.

UST librarians earn master's degree

Rosemary B. Balbin

“All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.” – Walt Disney

Kudos to these three librarians of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library for their perseverance in pursuing their dreams by obtaining a Master's degree in Library and Information Science. Unmindful of the struggles, sacrifices and sleepless nights they had to endure for this long journey, these brave trios ardently traversed this significant accomplishment for themselves.



Mercy Caña-Bano, the assistant head librarian of the Health Sciences Library, triumphantly finished her Master of Arts major in Library and Information Science last December 11, 2018 at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) under the guidance of Prof. Marcela Figura, MLIS. Her paper “The Willingness of Faculty Members and Students of Polytechnic University of the Philippines towards Institutional Repository (IR): Basis for Development,” aims to investigate the willingness of the faculty members and students of PUP towards the development of IR. Her findings indicate that the totality of the respondents strongly agree on the development of IR in PUP as it plays a vital role in removing access barriers, accelerate research, and enrich education and share learning.



Elein Geronimo, assistant head librarian, Humanities Section, victoriously accomplished her graduate studies under the program Master of Arts in Library and Information Science in December 2019 at the UST Graduate School under the mentorship of Assoc. Prof. Nora J. Claravall, Ed.D. Her thesis entitled “Level of Competencies Among School Librarians in PAASCU Accredited Schools, District 1, Quezon City: Basis for Intervention Program,” recommends an intervention program as a basis to address the inadequacy in the school libraries of PAASCU-Accredited Schools in the District 1, Quezon City.



Edward Puzon, acting head librarian, Graduate School Section, successfully completed his Master of Arts major in Library and Information Science last July 19, 2019 at the UST Graduate School under the tutelage and mentorship of Prof. Allan B. de Guzman, Ph.D. His thesis is entitled: “Not Your Final Destination: A Grounded Theory Study on Adjustment among Filipino Librarians Who Experienced Job Rotation.” Cognizant of the dearth in literature, this grounded theory inquiry purports to shed light on the process of adjustment of a select group of Filipino librarians who experience job rotation within their organization. The

emerged Puzon and De Guzman BELT Theory of Adjustment process by which Filipino librarians adjust after being transferred to another post is typified by four distinct phases of: bemusing, establishing, leveraging, and transforming. This theory offers a number of implications on personal development, departmental initiatives, and institutional assistance and support relative to the phenomenon under study.

Congratulations! Caps off to all of you for this well-deserved success. May this attainment unlock many doors for you. Your Miguel de Benavides Library family is genuinely proud of you!

“Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school.”

– Albert Einstein

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