

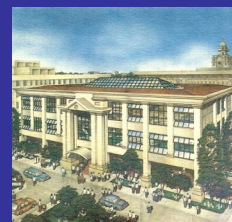


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UST Library welcomes Queen Sofia of Spain



Fr. Aparicio as he presents some of the rare books to Queen Sofia.

The University of Santo Tomas gladly welcomed Queen Sofia of Spain last July 6, 2012. She arrived at around 10:00am and was welcomed by hundreds of flag-waving students, faculty members and university officials. Queen Sofia together with Rev. Fr. Herminio Dagohoy, O.P., UST rector, offered flowers to the statue of Fr. Miguel de Benavides, the founder of UST and the third Archbishop of Manila. The visit to the University of Santo Tomas was part of the itinerary when the Queen paid a five-day visit to the country (arrived on July 2) to reaffirm the special ties of Spain with UST.

Queen Sofia and her delegates were also scheduled to visit the UST Miguel de Benavides Library, considered as the oldest in the country and in Asia. The Prefect of Libraries, Rev. Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., welcomed the group and eagerly toured them to the Heritage Library, a special repository of the historical materials of the University with approximately 30,000 volumes of rare books that have been gathered in the past 400 years.



Queen Sofia checks the chemicals being used in the restoration process.

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PGLL summer conference

Another step in the fight against “ignorance of the law” accomplished! The Philippine Group of Law Librarians, Inc. (PGLL) seminar on “Popularizing the Law 2012” (PopLaw 2012) held at the Java Hotel, Laoag City, Ilocos Norte last May 2-4, 2012 was a success. Topics on a wide range of subjects relating to law and libraries attracted not only law librarians but paraprofessional library staff and book publishers as well.

The competent and experienced speakers for PopLaw 2012 were:

Atty. Antonio M. Santos, professor from the University of the Philippines (UP) and currently the director of the National Library of the Philippines (NLP). He discussed the functions of NLP as repository of cultural heritage, implementer of the copyright law, implementer of legal and cultural deposit law, and as the national center of numbering systems.

Mrs. Emma M. Rey, archivist and executive director of the Congressional Library Bureau, talked about disaster preparedness for libraries and archives under Republic Act No. 10066 or the National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009.

Cong. Teddy A. Casiño, representative of Bayan Muna Partylist, mentioned the “need for freedom of information law in the Philippines,” specifically, the House Bill 133 (Freedom of Information) he filed at the House of Representatives.

Atty. Andrew Michael S. Ong, deputy director general of the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines. Atty. Ong discussed intellectual properties, mainly, copyright, patents, and trademarks and their impact as a moral and economic right.

Atty. Diana Lynn M. Arellano, professor and a practicing lawyer of Arellano Law Office, elaborated on two topics: 1) marriage, divorce, and annulment; and 2) overseas worker recruitment. These are personally interesting to some of the participants who are married or contemplating on working abroad.

Usec. Manuel L. Quezon III, undersecretary of the Presidential Communications Development and Strategic Planning Office, Office of the President, focused on the nation’s project: the Official Gazette online. This is the online version, edited and published by the Presidential

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The Philippine e-library (e-lib) project



The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) together with the Library Technology (LibTech) Source Philippines, Inc., an iGroup Asia Pacific Ltd. affiliate conducts a series of trainings and

orientation on accessing the ProQuest Central for the Philippine eLibrary project recipients. The University of Santo Tomas Miguel de Benavides Library is one of the identified members of Philippine Higher Education Research Network (PHERNet). The activities provide in-depth information on this web-based multidisciplinary database for its proper and maximum utilization. It was held at the Eulogio Amang Rodriguez Function Hall, University of Rizal System in Morong last June 13, 2012. There were 22 participants from various institutions.



Training attendees pose for a souvenir photo.

The Philippine eLibrary is one of the first eleven government funded projects conceptualized in 2003 with Php166,700.000 as budget for a one year implementation. It was launched by the heads of participating agencies, namely, The National Library of the Philippines (NLP), University of the Philippines (UP), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Department of Agriculture (DA), and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and bound by a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on February 04, 2004. The project aims to: 1) provide in depth information on CHED funded library access to the eLib recipients for the proper maximum

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“Library Connect”

“Tools for all your teaching needs” – a cliché used by Elsevier, a company that promises to provide the best online sources for ebooks on business, computer science, education, economics, microbiology, genetics, nanotechnology, public health, and many more.

The company is scheduled to have a series of a one-day seminar in five (5) different countries including the Philippines.

In the Philippines, the seminar entitled “Library Connect” was held at the InterContinental Hotel, Makati on July 9, 2012. The participants were warmly welcomed by the Regional Sales Director, Academic & Government, Science & Technology, Ms. Jo-an Chia.

The first speaker was Dr. Lourdes J. Cruz, director for Research Evaluation, National Academic of Science and Technology. Dr. Cruz discussed “*Philippine government’s long-term strategy for research and improving higher education quality in the Philippines*,” with emphasis on the twelve (12) pillars of competitiveness. She also mentioned the limited number of research papers being published in the Philippines.

The second topic, “*Consortial benefits and approaches*” was lectured by Ms. Paula Kaufman, dean of Libraries and University Librarian at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She cited the Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) as her case study, boasting of the Library’s status as the second largest in North America with 14 million volumes and 700,000 e-books aside from the rare and special collections. She mentioned that it is important to have consortium among libraries in order to avoid duplication of materials thereby making large savings for member libraries.

“*Research Workflow*” was the topic discussed by Dr. Thomas C. Leonard, University Librarian of the University of California, Berkely. In his lecture, Dr. Leonard mentioned that libraries are important for students and scholars to connect to the world of information and ideas; to assist with

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What is RDA?

Changes in the library working environment have impact on the access of both the personnel and the end user. New things entail new trainings. Fast becoming popular among these is the “Resource Description and Access” (RDA), the working title of the new standard that will be the successor to Anglo American Cataloguing Rules 2nd edition (AACR2).

In connection with this, the Philippine Association of Academic and Research Librarians, Inc. (PAARL) in cooperation with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA)-National Committee on Library and Information Services (NCLIS) sponsored a 2 day seminar entitled “National Training Workshop on “Resource Description and Access” (RDA).” It was held on August 30-31, 2012, at the Angelo King International Center, De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde Hotel in Malate, Manila. The training aims to evolve on the better understanding in the adoption of RDA in different types of library matters available in Philippine libraries. It was attended by librarians, professors of library science and directors of libraries from the different colleges and universities in Metro Manila and from the provinces as well.

The welcome address was delivered by Atty. Antonio M. Santos, director of The National Library of the Philippines and who is also the head of NCCA-NCLIS. Invited speakers were:

Prof. Corazon M. Nera, director, Sotero H. Laurel Academic Resource Center of the Lyceum of the Philippines University. She lectured on the following: Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBR) which is the “descriptive cataloging,” Functional Requirements for Authority Records (FRAD), the main heading or use of access point using authority data, main author or creator and Functional Requirements for Subject Authority Data (FRSAD) which is the subject cataloging. FRAD and FRSAD are the extensions of FRBR. The primary objectives of these models are to provide a defined, structured framework for relating the data

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Excellence and professionalism in the workplace

The UST Human Resource Department (HRD) launched its first plenary learning session for the A.Y. 2012-2013 with a theme "Creating a Culture of Excellence and Professionalism." It was held on July 4, 2012 at the Benavides auditorium of the UST High School. All members of the university support staff were invited to take part in the activity.

Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, OP, UST vice-rector, made the opening remarks giving a brief overview about excellence and professionalism. This was followed by Ms. Rowena R. Castro, assistant director of HRD, who introduced the resource speaker, Ms. Daphne Barrameda-Granfil, CEO, DBG Training Management & Public Relations Consultancy.

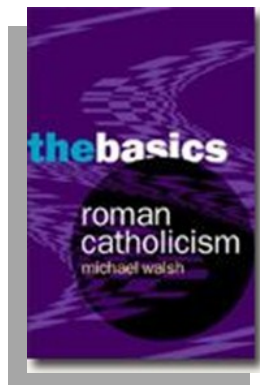
Ms. Granfil perfectly combined her expertise in sharing and facilitating a balanced lecture with her humor and talent as a performing artist that absolutely fascinated all of us as we learned and entertained at the same time. The important aspects she tackled in the professional world are: Image, Competency, Communication, Conduct and Significance. She purposely incorporated a classic song that serves as an introduction on each aspect that she wanted the participants to work out. She reminded everyone the simple ways on how to act and behave properly as professionals like the basic wearing at all times of the University ID as part of the complete university uniform. She encouraged all to do their functions to support the work place and keep motivated in improving their work performance.

The HRD Director, Atty. Jacqueline Lopez-Kaw, made the closing remarks and awarded the certificate of appreciation to Ms. Granfil.

"Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence" by **Vince Lombardi**, a quote cited by Ms. Granfil which has made a great impact on the participants.

Rosemary B. Balbin

BOOK REVIEW: Roman Catholicism: the Basics



"To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary.

To one without faith, no explanation is possible."

- St. Thomas Aquinas

To mature in Christian faith is a duty of every faithful who wishes to deepen his relationship with the Lord and the Church. This book entitled "Roman Catholicism: The Basics" written

by a former Jesuit, Michael Walsh, is a great tool for any individual who wishes to understand and grow in his faith. First, the book doesn't attempt to convince anyone of what Catholic faithful believes nor it defends the Roman Catholicism practices and traditions. Second, the book shows the basics of Roman Catholicism in an organized and orderly way.

The first part of the book discusses the structures of the Church such as what made the Church distinctly Catholic and Roman, Catholic Hierarchy, the Pope and the Papal primacy, the structures such as Parishes, Dioceses, Basic Christian Communities and most importantly the Vatican as the source of all the configurations of the Church. The second part on the other hand, focuses on beliefs and religious purpose of the faithful. The author clarifies the importance of liturgy as the source and summit of our Christian life emphasizing on the seven sacraments of the Church which he immediately integrated with devotional life of every believer and how this popular devotion builds up the Church that shapes and defines our society. The author provides a glossary with very simple definitions and ends his book with short bibliography and an index. There are no colorful pictures and eye catching illustrations, but summaries are given to close each chapter. The book is simple to examine and comprehend especially when one is really serious about understanding the Catholic faith. As a Christian Living Education teacher in the High School department, I must say that if a person wishes to grow in faith, one must never falter to learn more on what he or she believes in. As what is mentioned in the famous 1970's musical entitled "Godspell" we should see this book as a way for us "to see God more clearly, Love Him more dearly and follow Him more nearly every day of our lives."

Mr. Joseph Christian M. Legaspi
Faculty, UST HS

Saint Dominic: an unending inspiration

It is indeed ironic how the founding father of a congregation is less recognized than the saints born from the order he established. Peculiar as it may sound, this is actually true with the popularity status of Saint Dominic de Guzman, the founder of the Order of Preachers, more commonly known as the Dominican Order.

Saint Dominic may not be the most distinguished saints of all time but his contributions to the Catholic Church and to our Faith are of great value. He was the one who introduced the importance of asking the intercession of the Virgin Mary, our Mother, through praying the rosary. Saint Dominic is also renowned for his fearless battle against the Cathars during the peak of the Albigensian heresy. With a long list of valuable efforts that led to the strengthening of the Church, it is only right for us to give him recognition by at least learning about his epic journey towards the Kingdom of God.

In commemoration of Saint Dominic's feast day, the UST Miguel de Benavides Library, Committee on Human Values chaired by the Librarian of the UST High School, Mrs. Michelle M. San Gabriel, organized this seminar about the life and teachings of Saint Dominic. It was held last August 10, 2012 at the UST Library conference hall. The said event was attended by the librarians of the university and the senior students of sections St. Dominic and St. Dwynwen, with their "Christian Living Education" teacher Mr. Joseph Christian Legaspi. The group was privileged to have Rev. Fr. Florentino A. Bolo Jr., O.P., the former Secretary General of the University, as the speaker. A panel of reactors consisted of Prof. Allan Basas, faculty secretary from the UST Institute of Religion and Bro. Jun Arvie G. Bello, from the UST Central Seminary, were also present.

The seminar started off with Fr. Bolo presenting basic facts about Saint Dominic. He used a powerpoint to give emphasis to the background of Saint Dominic and the people and places he encountered during his life. But what made the talk interesting was that Fr. Bolo presented it in an unconventional way. He introduced Dominic not as a holy person who did nothing but pray and preach, but rather how normal he is. Dominic is indeed a prayerful child but like other humans, he, too experienced suffering and had to undergo many challenges in life before being granted the privilege to join God in heaven. Fr. Bolo focused on how reachable being holy is. He pointed out that one does not need to perform miracles just to be close to God but as long as one shows love to his brothers and sisters, one becomes a step closer to achieving an eternal life with our heavenly Father.

After the talk, Prof. Basas and Bro. Jun Arvie Bello shared their insights, respectively. Prof. Basas gave a parallelism about the heresy during the time of

St. Dominic and the misleading concepts present in the society today. He tackled mainly about the RH Bill and how people are deceived into agreeing into it. Much like the Albigensian heresy, the controversial bill draws in people to shift paradigms by giving false promises that are very tempting. The terrors of the consequences of the RH bill are hidden beneath a layer of hypocritical intentions of changing the world for the better. This technique is very much similar to the one used by the Cathars wherein they hid in zeal to draw people and convert them. Prof. Basas concluded by saying that in the modern times, all Catholics should unite and be like Dominic. All should find inner light and radiate it to others so that they could be illuminated to see the Truth hidden beneath the many layers of fraud in society.

On the other hand, Bro. Arvie also gave a parallelism but focused more on the values practiced by Saint Dominic and the values that students nowadays should possess to be able to achieve their goals. He summarized everything by saying that everything starts with Vision which then develops into a Mission. That Mission then becomes the fuel for Action. Having these three components in our daily lives will then lead to the fulfillment of our goals. He also reminded the audience how they should act, speak and think not only for their own betterment but for also the people surrounding them.

After the talk, an open forum ensued. Eileen Sarmiento, a fourth year student from the High School department inquired about the reason why Saint Dominic always carried the Gospel of Saint Matthew, the difference between the Lay and Clergy Fraternity and the practice of mendicancy during the modern times. The panel of reactors, Fr. Bolo and even Fr. Angel Aparicio, the Prefect of Libraries, unselfishly shared their knowledge to answer the queries of Ms. Sarmiento.

Ms. Sarmiento, when asked what she thought about the talk, said: "I learned that St. Dominic is very devoted in promoting our faith. With God's grace he was able to proclaim His kingdom and to spread His will. He has a pure heart and good will for the sake of mankind. Saint Dominic, truly, is an inspiration not only to us students, but also to every Catholic who wants to change the world."

Saint Dominic may not be the most recognized saint of all time but his legacy will keep on inspiring people who are devoted to forwarding transformation in the hearts and minds of the human race. He is truly the epitome of humility and perseverance. His name may be forgotten but his influences will forever be instilled in the history of the Catholic Church.

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An "affair with books"

Booksellers and bookstores had once again gathered at the 33rd Manila International Book Fair (MIBF) held at the SMX Convention Center at the Mall of Asia Complex in Pasay City from September 12-16, 2012. The event's goal was to promote good reading habits among the Filipino youth, and to create opportunities for students, faculty members, librarians and readers from all walks of life to avail information resources on learning and instruction and books for leisure reading.

The organizer, Primetrade Asia, Inc., along with its partner organizations, has managed to put together a myriad of remarkable exhibitors of information sources in different formats specifically geared towards booklovers, bibliophiles, librarians and all ardent readers. The organizers also provided other activities that have made the longest running book fair in the country a hodgepodge of fun, worthwhile and educational experiences.

Activities such as "The Best of Anime 2012," which continued to bring excitement to its audience as anime and manga enthusiasts checked out books, comics, magazines and toys that were put on sale. There were also scheduled book signing by authors of various genres. Authors like Lourde Veyra, Ambeth Ocampo, Jenni Epperson, Pol Medina, and Jinri Park graced the occasion.

UST librarians and library coordinators looked through the different exhibitors and worked together in selecting books and other materials relevant to the information needs of library users.

Several librarians had the opportunity to enhance their knowledge in the profession by participating in some of the seminars and forums that were organized. On day 1, Catherine de Leon and Edward Puzon attended the forum sponsored by the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI) entitled "Publishers, Booksellers and Librarians: a Renewed Partnership of Reading and Life-long Learning." This forum provided a venue to discuss strategies of identifying models of promoting and encouraging a culture of reading and reiterating its vital role in fostering life-long learning. Kaori Fuchigami and Angelica Frances Ciar participated in the forum "CANI (Continuous and Never Ending Improvement) on Library Profession and Services. This was organized by the Philippine Association of Academic and Research Librarians, Inc. (PAARL) and was meant to provide

library professionals the opportunity to acquire knowledge and skills on the latest trends in the library profession and information services, and to review issues affecting the library profession and services.

The forum entitled "Look Good Feel Great Always: Empowering Tips for Librarians and Information Specialists" sponsored by the Association of Special Libraries in the Philippines (ASLP) was held on day 2. It was attended by Arlene Matias and Mercy Caña who, undoubtedly, gained valuable insights on creating simple personal care plans that will help keep one always fit and on the go. This was tackled by a highly regarded resource speaker in the field of wellness and good grooming, Hon. Lucy Torres-Gomez. In order to help the realization of a party-list for librarians, the Philippine Group of Law Librarians (PGLL) organized a forum entitled "Party-List for Librarians and Information Professionals." Congresswoman Luzviminda Ilagan, Gabriela representative, lectured in behalf of Congressman Teodoro Casiño, and Michael Pinto were the resource speakers. This forum provides a venue for library and information professionals to express their feedback and suggestions on how this movement could materialize. It was attended by Marivic Usita.

On the third day of the fair, Ma. Theresa Estoya and Fatima Ramos attended the MAHLAP-sponsored forum "Food, Diet and Health: a Forum on Healthy Eating Without Depriving Yourself." This topic was discussed by Dr. Maria Christina S. Reyes of The Medical City. The Book Talk Society of the Philippines, Inc. tapped Prof. Eros Atalia to be their resource speaker for the lecture-forum "Laughter Behind Reading: a Book Talk of a New King towards Developing the Culture of Book-talking, Series No. 1." Raquel Lontoc represented the UST Library.

The event proved to be a resounding success. Books and reading enthusiasts had a chance to acquire the most sought after titles; librarians and academicians were treated with the luxury to select materials for the benefit of their students; and library professionals were given the opportunity to enhance their knowledge and derive inspiration from credible speakers.

Edward H. Puzon

Modern equipment for restoration

One of the major components of the **Lumina Pandit II: a sustainable partnership program between the UnionBank of the Philippines and the University of Santo Tomas** is the Conservation of rare books and other collections housed at the Antonio Vivencio del Rosario UST Heritage Library.

The UnionBank of the Philippines financed the purchase of equipment and laboratory furniture to facilitate the first phase of the conservation project which is the restoration of rare antique bibles.

Equipment & Laboratory Furniture

For restoration:

Leaf casting is a special machine that mechanically stabilizes paper weakened by holes, ragged borders by filling in missing parts on the paper. Leaf casting operations can be repeated as often as once a minute per leaf. The use of this machine lessens the time allotted and the number of staff working in the restoration of a book.



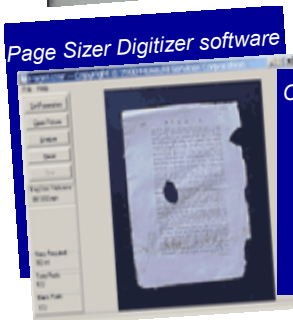
Suction Table



Leaf Casting Machine



Spirabilia



Page Sizer Digitizer software



Curateur Polyester Edge Welder



Laboratory

This PC-based computer software allows the user to accurately calculate the amount of pulp needed for each casting operation. The software performs a very specific purpose: the determination of the area of paper loss in the leaf casting process. It makes automatic calculations of the area of paper loss, and then specifies the volume of slurry solution needed for the cast. This software is compatible with any digital camera and personal computer with a "windows" operation system. It also works with any Leaf caster made by any manufacturer.

The suction table is developed to treat difficult problems in paper conservation. It is a useful tool for different treatment techniques such as: *Relaxation of the object/humidification process* - the use of moisture to relax the object for flattening; *Stain and spot removal* - additional

moisture required during the washing stage for stain removal; *Improved repair* - the suction table would help in other treatment techniques by speeding up and controlling the drying process.

It is used by Archivists, bookbinders, conservators and photographers to protect valuable documents, maps, plans, photographs and other sensitive objects by encapsulating inside inert polyester sheets. This machine can make customized shelves, envelopes and multilayered seals of flaps, tabs. The heat is applied only to the immediate edge being welded, so heat from the welding process does not affect the object 1/4 inch (.63cm) from the edge.

The SPIRABILIA workstation is one of a kind machine because it is safe for fragile materials. It is the ultimate cabinet for restoration of sensitive materials. Its purpose is to provide a safe environment for conservator, protecting against dangerous mould spores and pathogens, when cleaning inside and outside fragile and delicate rare books and manuscripts.

The workstation's work surface is accessible by using a pair of protective gloves and sleeves with which you can handle volumes.

Laboratory Refurbishment

The Conservation and Restoration Laboratory of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library serves as the facility for the conservation activities. Part of the improvements in the facility was the purchase a laboratory center table with sink to facilitate the restoration activities and a canopy hood for the suction of chemical fumes outside the room.

Ginalyn M. Santiago

UST library welcomes... from page 1

Among the precious and significant books that Fr. Aparicio presented particularly to Queen Sofia were:

La Guerra Judaica (*The Jewish War*), by Flavius Josephus, printed in 1492 and considered the oldest book and the only incunabula in the UST Library

De Revolutionibus Orbium Coelestium, Libri VI, by Nicolaus Copernicus, published in 1543. It talks about the life and work of Copernicus and his development of the revolutionary heliocentric theory of astronomy

Biblia Sacra, also known as the "Polyglot Bible" or "Biblia Regia" printed by Christopher Plantin between 1569-1573. This masterpiece was printed under the auspices of Philip II of Spain. The library has the five volumes out of eight that had been published

Facsimile of the first three books printed in the Philippines:

Doctrina Christiana en letra y lengua China

Doctrina Christiana, en lengua española y tagala

Shih-Lu: Testimony of the True Religion

Compendium Manualis Navarri, by Petrus Giuvara, printed in 1597. Interesting because it was published in Latin in Japan.

Different editions of Don Quixote de la Mancha, written by Miguel de Cervantes

The restored Hentenius Bible.

Other treasured books of the library were also put on display for the Queen to see.

Queen Sofia had also shown interest on how the restoration of books is being done in the Heritage Library. She went to the Conservation and Restoration laboratory and enthusiastically asked about the restoration procedures that are being followed and the kind of materials and chemicals used in the process. Afterwards, the whole entourage proceeded to the Archives department to see some important documents about the University.

Sumptuous refreshments were served at the ground floor lobby of the Library. They were also serenaded by the renowned chorale group, the UST Singers.

Though the Queen only stayed in the library for almost an hour, it was indeed a memorable event worth treasuring.

Diana V. Padilla

PGLL summer... from page 2

Communications Development and Strategic Planning Office (PCDSPO) of the traditional print Official Gazette printed by the National Printing Office.

Former Senate President, Ernesto M. Maceda, author of the first Philippine Librarianship Act and known to Filipino librarians as the "Father of Philippine Professional Librarianship," was a surprise guest.

The lectures elicited insightful questions and comments from the participants which were answered competently by the speakers.

To end in a light note, allow me to share a pick up line shared by Cong. Casiño at the start of his lecture:

Librarian ka ba? [Bakit?]

Kasi, lahat ng hinahanap ko... nakita ko sa 'yo.

Jonas T. Sahagun

The Philippine e-library... from page 2

utilization of the access; 2) give emphasis on the benefits of being a recipient of eLib access; and 3) discuss and explain the commitments and roles of an eLib recipient. Ms. Xenia B. Balgos-Romero, the CHED Librarian of the Information and Publication Division of Office of Policy, Planning, Research & Information, gave a talk on Philippine eLib.

The Sales & Marketing Executive of libtech, Mr. Carlos L. Eclevia, Jr., discussed the new platform of ProQuest Central that will help libraries carry out the mission effectively. ProQuest Central is the largest aggregated full-text database in the market today totalling more than 19,370 titles with over 13,010 titles in full text. It serves as the central resource for researchers at all levels in all markets. With its new platform, which is the "purpose-driven design," there are identified features that meet the needs of today's users throughout its development. In 2010, ProQuest Central garnered the CODiE award winner as "Best Online General Reference Service."

Mercy B. Caña

Library connect from page 3

research in order to expand fundamental knowledge of human nature, society, and the natural world; and to preserve cultural records in the formats that allow the growth and wider application of knowledge.

The Director of Libraries in the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Mr. Gerald J. Schafer, talked about “*Engaging university leadership: new tools for libraries.*” He discussed the transforming library roles in the 21st century and the new tools for engaging university leadership like institutional repositories, digital information, e-Publishing, open education resources and academic/research analytics. Among the tools he gave is “emphasis on the digital information.” He cited that the University of Massachusetts has a digital strategies group which provide direction and strategic planning for libraries’ development of digital activities that focus on digital content created or collected by these libraries.

A product presentation was given by Mr. Lionel New, the customer development manager. He discussed the “*Elsevier marketing program-outreach and marketing for libraries*” saying that the company can provide different resources that cater to the needs of the researcher.

Towards the end of the session, the participants were divided into three groups to discuss the topic assigned to them such as: eBooks collection, business models-thoughts, opinions on different models available today, what works and what doesn’t work; about engaging university leadership and relating its collection decision making; and last, engaging the end-users with the kinds of library activities that are popular with students and faculty and what makes a programme successful.

The three foreign speakers acted as moderator for each group.

Arlene P. Matias

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recorded in the bibliographic records to the needs of the users of those records. FRBR, FRAD & FRSAD are not conceptual models for data and not sets of rules; they are useful models that specifically relate their data (bibliography and authority) to user need to improve public catalogs, make discovery to resources more rewarding and less frustrating for users and arrange the relationship of books with their authors and their subjects.

Prof. Rodolfo V. Tarlit, the University librarian of the University of the Philippines. He discussed “Background and Structure of R D A” and “Identifying Manifestations and Items.” He presented the historical background and structure of RDA, including concepts such as core elements. The historical background on the development of RDA, review the underlying principles of AACR, with a view to determine whether fundamental rule revision is appropriate and feasible and if so, advising on the direction and nature of those revisions.

Ms. Ana Maria B. Fresnido, director, De La Salle University-Taft Libraries. She presented: Identifying Works and Expressions, Identifying Persons, Families, and Corporate Bodies.

Prof. Kathleen Lourdes B. Obille, the college secretary of the University of the Philippines Library and Information Science discussed Identifying Relationships, and Preparing for RDA “12 Things to Remember.” According to Prof. Obille, the functional objectives are to find works, expressions, manifestations, or items that are related to those retrieved in response to the user’s search; and understands the relationship between two or more works or expressions represented by preferred access points.

This seminar was all about the new trends and rules that will be adopted in cataloging policy and will be very useful particularly for cataloguers.

Narcelita Lane T. Olamit

Law Library Renovation

The summer of 2012 had been a busy season for the Law library. A new library layout had been provided and the renovation began during the last week of March and continued until the last week of May 2012.

The damaged flooring has been improved by the replacement of new vinyl tiles on a 333 m² (square meter) floor area of the library. The Reserve counter has been transferred and remodeled to match the new library layout. It is now located in an area which is more accessible to students and which allows the Law library staff to easily oversee the other three areas of the library. Twenty (20) units of shelves have been added, mostly at the Reference area, to accommodate the growing collection.



A closer look at the newly installed vinyl floor tiles.

Although the library was getting the much needed facelift, it continued to entertain researchers temporarily adopting the closed shelf system throughout the summer period. Clientele could still borrow books, access legal articles, and engage the library staff to ensure research success.

Meeting the reading space needs of students and faculty was a challenge and a solution was provided by allowing the use of the Graduate School section of the library and the ground floor reading area.



The remodeled Reserve counter overlooking the main reading area.

The Library administration is hopeful that with these improvements, the Law library will provide faster and better service to its clientele.

Jonas T. Sahagun



"To those with ears to hear, libraries are really very noisy places. On their shelves we hear the captured voices of the centuries-old conversation that makes up our civilization."

~Timothy Healy



“NEW LOOK” for UST High School

As part of the neo-centennial celebration of the University, the UST High School department has prioritized two main projects, the renovation of its library and the construction of a fully functional audio-visual room. The improvement of the library aims to maximize its functionality in terms of accessibility and standards mandated by the Department of Education.

The plan to maximize the available space of the library was based on the recommendation of the HS head librarian, Michelle M. San Gabriel, after a careful assessment of its growing collection. New shelves have been acquired to accommodate the newly-acquired books to significantly boost the effectiveness of the High School library in providing a wider array of reference and content materials.



The renovation of the library was completed last June 2012. It has an improved lighting systems, a mini reading lounge, installation of new aluminum analog tint glass doors and partition as sound block, replacement of the existing ceiling



with gypsum board of metal purling joist, repainting of walls and ceilings, acquisition of twenty (20) new bookshelves and the refurbishment of old shelves, installation of thirty (30) panels of new roller blinds, rehabilitation of the package counter, and the installation of new modular circulation counter, computer tables and OPAC table.

The organization and management of the collections have also been improved. This was further enhanced by upgrading the mechanical, electrical, telecommunications, air conditioning, security and lighting systems of the area. These changes have made the place more conducive for study and research. It has also been noticed an increase in the number of faculty members and students using the library which, hopefully, would elicit a more positive impact on the students' academic achievements.

Mrs. San Gabriel appreciates the effort exerted by both the Library and the High School administration for the successful completion of the project.

Michelle M. San Gabriel

The Prefect's Birthday

It was a simple celebration of the library family last September 25 when the Prefect of Libraries, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., celebrated his 64th birthday. It was a fun-filled day as members of the staff excitedly greeted the Father Prefect.

Well-wishers flocked to the Library to extend their warm greetings not to mention the hugs and kisses and the gifts as signs of affection for the beloved Prefect.

words to match the unique qualities of the celebrant. Everyone enjoyed the hours of celebration feeling a sense of oneness with Fr. Angel.

The UST High School Reader's Club, accompanied by Ms. Michelle San Gabriel, head Librarian of the High School Library together with the Regent, Fr. Jesus Miranda, came to greet Fr. Aparicio. They brought with them a cake with book decoration on top of it. One of the members made a very beautiful rendition of the song "IKAW."



(Clockwise) Fr. Angel turns 64; UST High School Readers' Club surprises our dear Prefect; Ms. Majuelo together with some of the librarians serenade the celebrant; Ms. Abello, Ms. Cruz and Prof. Dolores Andres, Music Library Coordinator, pose for a souvenir photo with Fr. Angel.

As usual, the former and well-loved Chief Librarian, Ms. Juana Abello, who is already in her twilight years, has not failed to drop by and stayed for hours to enjoy the company of Fr. Aparicio and her former staff. Ms. Margie Cruz, former library staff, who has always shown her belongingness to the library, personally greeted the celebrant.

At the initiative of the Chief Librarian, Ms. Estrella Majuelo, some senior librarians prepared a special number, singing "When I am 64" by the Beatles. They changed the lyrics of the song selecting

Present also were some loyal friends of the Fr. Prefect in the likes of Ms. Eva Kalaw, Prof. Eloisa de Castro, and Prof. Trota Jose.

Again, HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FR. ANGEL and WISHING YOU GOOD HEALTH ALWAYS!

Sabina C. Viernes



New Assignments

Reshuffling of the staff has been a practice in the Miguel de Benavides Library. Oftentimes, they say that this is one way of capturing a role change, new environment adaptability whereby employee will experience skill and interest enhancement in the new assignment. For some employees, reshuffling may be an issue, but for some it becomes imperative especially if this brings out motivation for the employees and for the betterment of the organization. It is also a way of “giving opportunity to be involved in various functions of the organization; there is variety of work to assess oneself of fitting into the multiplicity of tasks, creating a future positive outlook in the work environment.”

The recent transfer of some librarians and support staff is not really a trend, but rather, to test and measure how one's fate and faith would turn out to be a challenging opportunity for them to become more productive and competent in their new roles.

Their past achievements and accomplishments may have inspired and nurtured them to become well-equipped with skills to place themselves at their best at the right place.

Effective July 1, 2012 the following librarians and support staff have accepted their new assignments, turning over pending projects and activities to their respective successor:

Names	Previous Assignment	Present Assignment
Librarians		
Alomo, Ana Rita	Head Librarian – General Reference and Information Section	Head Librarian – Health Sciences Library
Cruz-Ciar, Angelica Frances	Head Librarian – Science and Technology Section	Asst. Head Librarian – Science and Technology Section
Lontoc, Raquel	Cataloger – Technical Section	Head Librarian – EHS Library
Matias, Arlene	Head Librarian – EHS Library	Head Librarian – General Reference and Information Section
Usita, Marivic	Head Librarian – Health Sciences Library	Head Librarian – Science and Technology Section
Support Staff		
Cardenas, Lilibeth	Staff – Science and Technology	Staff – Circulation
Tiamson, Lordelyn	Staff – Circulation	Staff – Science and Technology

Marivic G. Usita

Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers."

— Charles William Eliot

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Medical Databases on Trials

The Health Sciences Library currently has diverse databases on trials, specifically for the 3 colleges it caters to, namely, Faculty of Medicine & Surgery, College of Nursing and the College of Rehabilitation Sciences.

The databases are as follows:

ClinicalKey (available at <http://www.clinicalkey.com/>). It is powered by Elsevier Smart Content, exclusively designed to align with physician workflows, so it delivers answers that are more relevant than those provided by conventional clinical search engines and significantly reduces the time physicians spend searching.

Cochrane Collection Plus (available @ <http://library.ust.edu.ph-EBSCOhost>). An essential source of high-quality health care data for providers, patients, and those responsible for researching, teaching, funding and administrating at all levels of the medical profession. The most comprehensive collection of databases from the Cochrane Library.

DynaMed (a v a i l a b l e @ <http://library.ust.edu.ph-EBSCOhost>). It is a clinical reference tool for medical students and residency programs that balances the latest content and resources with validity, relevance and convenience, making DynaMed an indispensable resource for answering most clinical questions during practice.

Nursing Reference Center (available @ <http://library.ust.edu.ph-EBSCOhost>). A comprehensive reference tool designs to provide relevant clinical resources to nurses. It has in-depth content which includes conditions and diseases, skills and procedures, patient education, drug information, lab and diagnostic detail and best practice guidelines.

Rehabilitation Reference Center (available @ <http://library.ust.edu.ph-EBSCOhost>). An evidence-based clinical reference tool for use by the physical therapist, occupational therapists, speech therapist and rehabilitation students. It contains nearly 400 clinical reviews, providing clinically-organized summaries on rehabilitation topics.

Rehabilitation & Sports Medicine Source (available @ <http://library.ust.edu.ph-EBSCOhost>). A comprehensive research database containing more than 200 full-text titles covering all areas pertaining to rehabilitation, sports medicine and related topics.

Scientific & Medical ART Imagebase (SMART Imagebase) (available @ <http://library.ust.edu.ph-EBSCOhost>). Created by Nucleus Medical Art that provides a comprehensive collection of downloadable medical illustrations and animations. Ideal for students and teachers of Anatomy, Physiology, Biology and other Life Sciences.

These databases are available for access and are valid until **November 2012**.

Anna Rita L. Alomo

NEW LIBRARIANS



Kristi Ma. Fevie V. Macasaet

Ms. Kristi Ma. Fevie V. Macasaet graduated from the University of Santo Tomas *cum laude* with a degree in Bachelor of Library and Information Science in 2010. While in college, she was a recipient of the University's "San Lorenzo Ruiz Scholarship." She passed and placed 9th in

the 2010 Philippine Licensure Examination for Librarians, giving honor and prestige to her beloved alma matter. She is currently enrolled at U.P. Diliman taking up her Masters in Library and Information Studies.

Ms. Macasaet was formerly with the University of Asia and the Pacific (UA&P) before she joined UST Miguel de Benavides Library in August 2012. She is currently assigned at the Serials section and at the same time, assists in the publication of the rare periodicals catalog.



Maynard M. Vitug

Mr. Maynard M. Vitug obtained his bachelor's degree in Secondary Education major in Library Science, minor in Computer Technology at the University of Santo Tomas in 1999. He passed the Philippine Licensure Examination for Librarians in the same year and the Licensure Examination for

Teachers in August 2003. He tries to upgrade his professional knowledge by taking up Master of Arts in Education, Educational Technology at U.P. Diliman where he has earned a total of 27 units.

His first work experience was at the De La Salle Green Hills where he worked as Grade School Librarian/ Graduate Studies Librarian (*part-time*) for twelve years. In September 2012, he joined the UST Miguel de Benavides Library as librarian assigned at the Humanities section.

Raquel B. Lontoc

USTLA Officers 2012-2013

The event was also highlighted by the report of the outgoing University of Santo Tomas Librarians' Association (U S T L A) President, Ms. Diana V. Padilla, as well as the financial report by outgoing USTLA Treasurer, Ms. Ginalyn M. Santiago. The University of Santo Tomas Faculty Union (USTFU) President also gave an inspirational message, sharing that even though librarians are part of the minority in the Faculty Union, he said that *"the librarians are always in my heart."*

The new set of officers for A.Y. 2012-2013 are as follows:

<i>President</i>	: Jonas T. Sahagun
<i>Vice President</i>	: Michelle M. San Gabriel
<i>Secretary</i>	: Raquel B. Lontoc
<i>Treasurer</i>	: Marilou G. Palermo
<i>Auditor</i>	: Marivic G. Usita
<i>P.R.O.</i>	: Lucila B. Adriano

In his acceptance speech, the newly elected USTLA president cited some of his proposed projects/activities and made an appeal to members to help achieve its goals stating further that "your support to all the USTLA endeavors will be your best contribution."

Anna Rita L. Alomo

"New Outfit" for the UST Librarians



The Library's new uniform as modeled by: (L-R) Raquel Lontoc, Mercy Caña, and Edward Puzon.

Office uniform creates an impression of professionalism, improves the confidence of the employee, and encourages a sense of loyalty and commitment to the organization. It is extremely important as it

projects good image on the client; appearing well-groomed gives the feeling that the person is ready to take any service in hand.

Correspondingly, the U S T Miguel de Benavides Library continuously recognizes the significance of maintaining a proper dress code not only to students it serves but most especially to its employees. Last July 2012, the UST librarians started wearing their new set of office uniform for School Year 2012-2013. For female librarians, a mixture of white and blue for the top and teal gray colors for blazer, skirt, and pants. The male librarians opted for a combination of light blue short-sleeved barong and teal gray-colored pants. The uniform design was specifically selected by the librarians from among the various designs presented by the supplier and duly supported by the chief librarian.

The color blends, as well as the design, according to the librarians. It exudes a feeling of freshness, simplicity, and calmness. The librarians were pleased and satisfied with the outcome of the new uniform.

Raquel B. Lontoc

Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P.
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