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UST Library holds its first 'CPD' program

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Having been approved by the Professional Regulatory Commission (PRC) as a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) provider this year, the UST Miguel de Benavides Library had the privilege of hosting its first ever CPD program, a 2-day seminar entitled "Awareness and Appreciation of the UST Heritage Collections" last July 20-21, 2017 at the UST Library Conference Hall. The event was attended by UST Librarians, UST Library Support Staff and 29 from other libraries and institutions. The program was awarded 8 credit units by the PRC.

The seminar aims to: (1) present the rare and priceless University Heritage collections and discuss its importance in relation to the nation's history; (2) share the conservation and digitization practices of the UST Library; and (3) update the library professionals on the new library trend, the *MakerSpace*. With these objectives in mind, the UST Library, through its Professional Training and Development Committee invited several competent speakers to share their thoughts and expertise with various topics relating to the UST Heritage Collections.

The opening remarks was delivered by Ms. Ma. Cecilia Lobo, assistant chief librarian of the UST Library. Shortly after, UST Archivist Prof. Regalado Trota Jose, MCH, gave a very interesting presentation of the collection of the Archives of the University of Santo Tomas (AUST), formerly known as *Archivo de la Universidad de Santo Tomas*. Being the official repository of the original documents and records relevant to UST since its foundation in 1611, Prof. Jose discussed the nature and importance of the AUST collections. He also shared pictures of their projects and collaborative efforts with several institutions and groups. He ended his talk with these parting words "may your search be fruitful. Pass on the fruits of your search!"

CPD — the inculcation of advanced knowledge, skills and ethical values in a post-licensure specialized or in an inter- or multi-disciplinary field of study for assimilation into professional practice, self directed research and/or life-long learning

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Lib Talks



"Collection Management for Engineering Libraries" forum

Rosemary B. Balbin

The Consortium of Engineering Libraries - Philippines (CELPH) conducted a half-day forum entitled "Collection Management for Engineering Libraries Part 1: (Collection Assessment Techniques)." It was held in OZ-Audio Visual Room Adamson University Manila last May 24, 2017. The UST Miguel de Benavides Library was represented by three librarians namely: Marivic Usita, Nora Matawaran and Rosemary Balbin.

The forum was set in motion by CELPH PRO, Ms. Maxie Doreen Cabarron as the master of ceremonies. Ms. Sharon Maria Esposo-Betan, CELPH Chair, made an overview in her opening remarks, pointing out on how to develop and educate librarians in order to better manage the print and non-print collections. It was then followed with an IET (Institution of Engineering and Technology) Product Presentation by the Emerald Headway representatives, namely: Ms. Nerissa Roldan and Mr. Adrian Tang, Business Development Manager. They introduced the IET and publishing resources for CELPH and how to share knowledge, intelligence and coordination among other members of the consortium. They tackled on how to better help libraries and the school population in maximizing the use of the digital formats. They want that IET be known, get engaged with other members and concentrate on the best quality of contents that they offer without limitations.

The UST Miguel de Benavides Library has been a member of CELPH since 2012. So far, CELPH has fourteen (14) member institutions who can readily access the Wiley Online Library. It is a portal that offers broadest and deepest multidisciplinary collection of online resources which includes journals, online books, and hundreds of reference works, laboratory protocols and databases. As of the time being, CELPH can access 31 titles of e-journals contents since 1994, e-journal archive collection dated 1872-2006 and e-books 461 titles. They also mentioned about INSPEC which is a major indexing database that empowers quality research published by IET. They can download engineering video archives of conferences around the world without the hassle of personally traveling to attend conferences abroad.

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Keeping up-to-date on electronic resources training

Arlene P. Matias

The Miguel de Benavides Library, true to its mission in expanding its resources, continuously increases its collection with electronic resources. Hence, the General Reference and Information Section regularly conducts training specifically for librarians in order to update them with the different electronic resources that the library subscribes to. They need to be updated of the features of these electronic resources as their preparation to conduct tutorials effectively for the students.

Moreover, it is also important to collaborate with faculty members who know the particular subject areas and the specific resources needed to support course studies. Thus, it is essential for them to know the collection as well as the electronic resources subscription of the library. With this in mind, library coordinators and some faculty members were also invited to attend regular trainings on electronic resources.

Last July 13, 2017, another one-day training on electronics resources was conducted. For the morning session, participants were given a background of Web Access Management (WAM). The transition from the EBSCO Discovery Service to Worldcat Discovery Service was also discussed by the reference librarians.

The first part of the training was the CAS SciFinder wherein Ms. Pamela Oon, the application specialist from SciFinder, discussed how to optimize searching by combining search. She also discussed the structure, reaction and reference way of searching. This session was attended by the faculty members from the College of Education, College of Tourism and Hospitality Management (CTHM), Institute of Physical Education and Athletics (IPEA), and College of Science.

In the afternoon, Ms. Alexandra Apit of Bureau van Dijk discussed the structures and searching strategies for Osiris database wherein the content includes major unlisted/delisted, companies worldwide. Ms. Apit also discussed the features of Mint Asia Pacific, another database

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In-house training on book repair techniques and bookbinding

Ginalyn M. Santiago

Books and other printed materials in libraries consist of diverse materials that differ in type, size and format. With the higher demand of access, physical condition of these materials from new ones becomes severely damaged. Some of them are in need of conservation attention.

The staff development program of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library supports continuing education among its personnel through seminars as well as participation in other trainings particularly on preventive conservation activities for the benefit of its collection and to extend its usefulness. Thus, the library organized a one day training-workshop with two sessions on simple book repair techniques and bookbinding last August 16, 2017. This was held at the Antonio Vivencio del Rosario UST Heritage Library. The workshop was facilitated by the following staff of the Heritage Library: (1) Ms. Ginalyn Santiago, assistant head librarian and head book restorer for the proper book repair techniques; and (2) Mr. Nemesio Magtaan, the staff in-charge of bookbinding.

This was not the first time that the library had its training and seminar on book conservation. In fact, a training on bookbinding was organized in November 8-23, 2006 at the Heritage Library with its late former Head Librarian, Ms. Antonia Garcia which was participated by the library support staff. Also, a four day

seminar-workshop in March 28, April 27, May 4 & 9, 2012 was also conducted at the Conservation and Restoration Laboratory of the Heritage Library where Ms. Maita M. Reyes, a well-known chemist conservator, was invited to facilitate the lecture and workshops which aim to improve the skills and upgrade the knowledge of the librarians and support staff in paper conservation.

For this year's training-workshop, the main objective is to update librarians and support staff on the proper use of repair supplies and proper techniques on simple book repair and bookbinding. Different conservation problems of books and proper treatment on each type of condition were also included in the training.

The participants for the morning session were the following: Daisy Mae Abolucion (Support staff – Serial), Jenneth Capule (Head Librarian – Graduate School), Angelica Cruz-Ciar (Asst. Head Librarian – Humanities), Catherine De Leon (Head Librarian – Filipiniana), Kaori Fuchigami (Head Librarian – Senior High School), Annabelle Lauro (Support staff – Junior High School), Nora Matawaran (Head Librarian – Serial), Arlene Matias (Head Librarian – Social Sciences), Leonila Manuel (Head Librarian – Education High School) and Marilou Palermo (Head Librarian – Religion).

For the afternoon session, the following were the participants: Ma. Serena Alejo (Support staff – Filipiniana), Lilibeth Cardenas (Support staff – Circulation), Karl Leo Dela Rama (Support staff – Science and Technology), Agnes Estudillo (Support staff – Humanities), Edgardo Lapid (Support staff – Civil Law), Jasmin Mangona (Support staff – Ecclesiastical Faculties), Ma. Theresa Milabo (Support



The library staff as they actively participate in the activity.

staff – General Reference and Information), Elma Nagorite (Support staff – Social Sciences) and Marjorie Suarez (Asst. Head Librarian – Junior High School).

Repairing a book is not an easy task. It requires time, proper knowledge and skills of the staff and adequate materials to be used. Thus, in-house training is deemed necessary to update librarians and support staff of the Miguel de Benavides Library with the correct repair techniques and proper tools/materials that will save time and money from repairing repeatedly the same book.



Utilizing big data to enhance library service

Mercy C. Bano

It has been the role of librarians to investigate and decipher the particular information needs of their clientele and figure out what data sources would fulfill those inquiries. This has changed, however, with the rise of “Big Data” and the development of new technologies and tools that assist librarians to organize and to make sense of this torrential slide of information. The librarians and information specialists, play a vital role in a big data universe.

Big data is defined by Dumbill (2012) as data sets whose size is beyond the ability of typical database software tools to capture, store, manage, and analyze. Bieraugel, (2017) stated that it is characterized by three V's: Volume, Velocity and Variety. Volume refers to the total expanse of data being created. Velocity covers the speed in which data is created. Variety refers to collected type of data that are controlled and structured that makes big data sets more challenging to organize and analyze.

Thus, big data can be utilized to better serve the Thomasian community on their academic research. Thomasian librarians, are called to embrace and continue the role in making big datasets more valuable, useful, visible and accessible by creating taxonomies, designing metadata schemes, and systematizing recovery techniques.

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The 38th MIBF

Manila International Book Fair

Jonas C. Sahagun

Back for its 2017 edition was the Manila International Book Fair (MIBF), the country's biggest and longest-running book fair, held last September 13-17, 2017. It was bigger than ever, occupying the two levels of SMX Convention Center in Mall of Asia Complex, Pasay City, with the second level dedicated to children's book and young adult literature.

Already on its 38th year, the MIBF continue to spread the love for reading among the Filipinos. It showcased the largest and most varied collection of literature for leisure and academic reading, everything from printed to non-print materials, fiction bestsellers, textbooks, multimedia, and even educational aids, all under one roof. As part of the collection development activity of the UST Library, some UST faculty members and librarians went to the MIBF to select materials for their respective colleges and sections, as well as buy books and other materials on discount for their personal or professional use.

The MIBF also provided a venue for the exchange of ideas through organized special events, gathering not just publishers, distributors, booksellers, authors, illustrators, and the academe, but also the end users: students, professionals, and book lovers. Some UST librarians were privileged enough to attend some fora organized by professional library organizations as listed below:

Emerging e-Learning Technologies in Libraries

Date: September 14, 2017

Speakers: Mr. Alan Taule; Mr. Francis Uyham; and Mr. Justin Josef Villano, M.Ed.

Organizer: U.P. Library Science Alumni Association (UPLISAA)

UST participants: Catherine De Leon; Lejempf Flores; Fatima Ramos; Maynard Vitug

Data Privacy in the Age of the Internet and its Implications to Librarians

Date: September 15, 2017

Speaker: Atty. Joseph Dexter Feliciano

Organizer: Philippine Association of Academic/Research Librarians, Inc. (PAARL)

UST participants: Kaori Fuchigami; Diana Padilla; Marilou Palermo; and Jonas Sahagun

The MIBF has clearly evolved from an event for the publishing industry and the academe to one of the most-awaited exhibitions for all sorts of readers. It is with this fact that surely the 2018 edition will again be awaited by bookworms of all ages and walks of life.

2017 Feast day of St. Dominic

Michelle M. San Gabriel

In commemoration of the feast of Saint Dominic de Guzman last August 8, the UST Miguel de Benavides Library thru its Committee on Human Values, headed by Michelle M. San Gabriel and assisted by Kaori B. Fuchigami, organized a film screening of the **“Dominic: Light of the Church.”** This is a Filipino-produced international production, which is the first full-length feature on the life of the founder of the Order of Preachers, Saint Dominic de Guzman. The movie was produced in 2011 by the Office for Social Communication of the Dominican Institute of Preaching.

This was followed by a comprehensive discussion on the **“Life and Works of St. Dominic”** which was held last August 30, 2017 at the Conference Hall, Main Library. The event was attended by the Library Administrators, some members of the Committee on Human Values and selected sections from the UST Junior High School, St. Anne and St. Aurea. The invited resource for the said activity was Mr. Joseph Christian M. Legaspi, Christian Living Education (CLE) Coordinator of the UST Junior High School. He discussed the life of Saint Dominic by presenting basic facts and giving emphasis on his background; people he has encountered and places he has visited. He presented the discussion in an unconventional way that made it more interesting and exciting to the young students.

Saint Dominic may not be the most recognized saint of all times but his legacy will keep on inspiring people who are devoted to move forward with transformation in the hearts and minds of the human race. His name might be forgotten but his influences will be forever instilled in the history of the Catholic Church.

To make learning fun and enjoyable to students, the committee had an online trivia contest about Saint Dominic. Members of the committee would like to express their sincere gratitude to the students who sent their entries and helped in making the said activity a success.

Congratulations to the following winners:

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| 1. August 16, 2017 | Ruth A. Caoile, IICS |
| 2. August 17, 2017 | Ma. Jane Camille F. Gesmundo, AMV-COA |
| 3. August 18, 2017 | Samantha-Wee Lipana, Arts and Letters |
| 4. August 23, 2017 | Clarice Eleanor E. Mabeza, AMV-COA |
| 5. August 24, 2017 | Alyssa S. Guerrero, Senior High School |
| 6. August 25, 2017 | Xandy B. Azarcon, Commerce |
| 7. August 29, 2017 | Percy A. Sy, Ecclesiastical Faculties |
| 8. August 30, 2017 | Ann Margret T. Santos, Senior High School |
| 9. August 31, 2017 | Rona Jasmine C. Debil, Senior High School |

Trivia questions on St. Thomas Aquinas

Michelle M. San Gabriel

In line with the Saint Thomas Aquinas' Feast Day, the Committee on Human Values had a trivia contest about his life and works. The objectives of the activity were the following: (1) to encourage the Thomasian community to remember and reflect about the legacy of its patron saint; (2) to highlight the relevance of his works in the present time; and (3) to inspire students to follow his footsteps as their beloved saint.

Among the thirty-two (32) Thomasian students who participated in the said contest, five (5) were declared winners representing the quickest students who responded with the right answer

each day from January 23-27, 2017. The following were the winners:

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| January 23, 2017 | Cyril Gem Gallano , Faculty of Pharmacy |
| January 24, 2017 | Patricia Kate Cruz , College of Commerce |
| January 25, 2017 | Jullian Ducut , College of Science |
| January 26, 2017 | Kristine Magnaye , College of Accountancy |
| January 27, 2017 | Rhea Therese Parsad , Faculty of Arts and Letters |

The IX Thomasian Lay Liturgical Ministers' conference

Mercy C. Bano

The UST Center for Campus Ministry organized a series of activities that were very helpful to the newbie lectors and commentators as they prepared to be of service to the people of God.

Last August 18, 2017, a conference entitled **“IX Thomasian Lay Liturgical Ministers' Conference: Building Community, Celebrating the Faith, Sharing the Master's Joy”** was held at the 4th Flr. AVR of the UST Tan Yan Kee Student Center. Two (2) librarians attended this activity, namely: Rosemary B. Balbin and Mercy C. Bano.

The registration started at 7:30 a.m. with the opening prayer led by the Director of the UST Campus Ministry Assoc. Prof. Richard G. Pazcoguín while Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, O.P., vice-rector for Religious Affairs delivered his welcome remarks. The sessions focused on the guidelines and role of the lay liturgical ministers in the liturgical celebration. They made mention of the preparations that every lay liturgical minister needs to know during the actual assistance in the Eucharistic Celebrations in their respective departments or in the University-wide celebrations.

In the morning session, Rev. Fr. Carmelo P. Arada, Jr., O.P. (fondly called Fr. Jek) emphasized the “Guidelines for Lectors and Commentators” and highlighted a Latin phrase **“sine dominico non possumus”** which means we cannot live without Sunday. He stressed the significance of Sunday and the Eucharistic celebration in the Christian religion.

The Lectors and Commentators Ministry is for the lay faithful who are willing to commit spiritually and pledge out their obligations and duties particularly in the declaration of the Word of God in liturgical celebrations. It is also the responsibilities of the lector and commentator to guarantee that the expression of the gospel is rendered with due meaning and importance for parishioners to lead a genuine Christian life. Fr. Arada also mentioned that being a lector is not just a function to do. Here we enter into the relationship with God, an essential relationship that mediates us to Him. Thus, Fr. Arada, concluded his talk by saying that “When we want to share and we want to love, we must be willing to be broken.”

Rev. Fr. Genaro O. Diwa, minister for Liturgical Affairs, Archdiocese of Manila delivered the last session entitled, “Continuing Formation for All Candidates for Commissioning as Lay Liturgical Minister.” Liturgy (*leitourgia*) is a Greek composite word meaning a public duty; a service to the state undertaken by a citizen (Catholic Encyclopedia, 2017). On the other hand, liturgy frequently implies the entire complex of official services, rites, ceremonies, prayers and sacraments of the Church. Thus, it is the participation of the people of God in the “work of God” through the church.

On September 2, 2017, a half-day retreat entitled **“Laity as Leaven”** was discussed by Rev. Fr. Broderick S. Pabillo, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Manila. He emphasized that “Apostolate of the Laity” is sharing in the salvific mission of the church (Filipino Catholic #1415). In the light, as laity people are called by God to exercise their apostolate in evangelization and sanctification to the world like leaven, with the zealous spirit of Christ.

September 7, 2017 was the Commissioning Rites that was held at the Santissimo Rosario Parish. Rev. Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries, was there to witness the installation of Rosemary Balbin as the new lector and commentator and Arlene Abad as she renewed her vow as lector this year.

Thus, the conference and retreat are really worth an experience and engagement as laity who is given this special vocation. It is also a way for Thomasian employees like librarians and support staff to fully appreciate their role in the Church in sharing the salvific mission of God.



Ms. Abad and Ms. Balbin with Fr. Aparicio, O.P. during the Commissioning Rites

Igniting team spirit in the Library

Lourdes Fatima C. Ramos

"Unity is strength ...
when there is team-
work and collabora-
tion, wonderful things
can be achieved."

- Mattie Stepanek

The UST Miguel de Benavides Library staff along with the Library administrators held its annual Planning and Teambuilding activity last July 27-28, 2017 at Shercon Resort and Ecology Park in Mataas na Kahoy, Lipa, Batangas.

To start the activity, Rev. Fr. Angel Aparicio O.P., Prefect of Libraries, celebrated mass and inspired everyone with his homily. It was then followed by a filling breakfast while each committee prepares for their accomplishment report for AY2016-2017 as well as their operational plans. After finishing all the eight committee reports, representatives from the benchmarking team gave a glimpse of what transpired during their visit in Spain and Australia respectively.

At around 4 p.m., the much awaited teambuilding activities commenced. The staff were filled with excitement on who will be the year's champion. Although the afternoon was gloomy, it did not stop the determined staff to win in the various activities prepared by the teambuilding facilitators, the Traverse Outdoor Staff. They gave a safety orientation to ensure that all participants will be out of danger. The activity started with a two-minute group yell contest to show their team

spirit. Afterwards, the group headed outside for the fun-filled outdoor activities such as *Wall Maze*, *Human Tank*, *Squared Puzzle*, and *Hoops Relay*. The place was filled with fun and laughter whether the team have won or lost in the activities. Finally, after dinner, a heart-pounding announcement of the winners was made: for third place, Committee on Professional Training and Development; second place, Committee on Human Values; first place, Committee on Information Technology; and the all-girls group and first time champions, Committee on Research and Publications. Rev. Fr. Angel Aparicio O.P. along with the Chief Librarian, Ms. Estrella S. Majuelo, awarded the prize for the winners. The rest of the evening was spent with activities of choice like swimming, basketball, and singing in the videoke. The next day, the library staff woke up early to stretch out their muscles with Zumba activity lead by the Traverse facilitator. This stretching activity prepared them for another thrilling activities such as wall climbing, zip line and rappelling.

Throughout the two-day activity, the staff expressed their satisfaction in the outcome which, hopefully they would carry the lessons learned to actual work.



Library Benchmarking in Spain

Diana V. Padilla



Biblioteca General Historica de Universidad de Salamanca

For the past years, the UST Library has been focusing on the preservation of its Heritage collections through its project called *Lumina Pandit* (spreading the light). After the exhibition of its rare historical collections in 2011, the Library sought the assistance of a partner institution, the UnionBank of the Philippines in which the conservation, digitization and publication of these materials have been realized. These significant collections have been dearly cherished since then. It is the vision of the two institutions to contribute to the promotion of excellence in teaching, research and service to the nation through the spreading of the light, knowledge and wisdom from generations to come.

Fast technological advances rapidly affect the library in general. The Heritage Library has to 'go mainstream' with these changes; otherwise, the rare significant unique collections that it keeps, will die a natural death, in the sense that these books might be forgotten and its importance will no longer be recognized by the public. The late Amb. Ramon V. del Rosario, Sr. aptly and succinctly once said: It could disappear or die if you don't preserve it now. The preservation and accessibility of these important collections greatly depend on the determination of the institution and the commitment of its workforce. The institutions believe that the librarians and staff play an important role in the realization of these goals. Training and professional growth of the library staff are their utmost

concern; thus, I was sent to Spain being the head librarian of the Historical Library of the University. From June 1 – July 18, 2017, I had the opportunity to explore and visit some of Spain's historical libraries and archives such as: Biblioteca Nacional de España (Madrid); Biblioteca Historica Marques de Valdecilla – Biblioteca de la Universidad Complutense de Madrid; Biblioteca y del Centro de Documentación Europea, Universidad Complutense de Madrid; Real Biblioteca del Monasterio de San Lorenzo de El Escorial; Biblioteca de AECID (Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo); Biblioteca Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (UC3M); Archivo Franciscano y Ibero Oriental (Madrid); Biblioteca Tomás Navarro Tomás Centro de Ciencias Humanas y Sociales del Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas - CSIC (Madrid); Real Monasterio de Santo Tomas (Avila); Convento de los Augustinos Filipinos (Valladolid); Convento de San Esteban (Biblioteca y Archivo); Biblioteca General Historica de Universidad de Salamanca; Biblioteca Museu Victor Balaguer, Vilanova i la Geltru (Barcelona); Biblioteca de Reserva de la Universitat de Barcelona; CRAI, Taller Restauració & CRAI Centre de Digitalització, Universitat de Barcelona; and Facultat de Biblioteconomia Documentació, Universitat de Barcelona. The objective was to uncover the best practices on the Rare Books Library Management and eventually implement advances to the UST Heritage Library.

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UST Librarians in Australia

Kristi Ma. Fevie V. Macasaet

This year, five (5) librarians, namely: Ma. Cecilia Lobo (assistant chief librarian), Juanita Subaldo (head librarian, Humanities section), Fatima Lourdes Ramos (head librarian, Junior High School Library), Rosemary Balbin (Gift and Exchange librarian) and Kristi Ma. Fevie Macasaet (librarian, Science and Technology section) went to Australia for the annual benchmarking. This activity aims to discover and learn innovative and efficient trends in the areas of library facilities and services, library promotion and marketing, library technology, digitization practices and staff development.

The team arrived in the evening of June 28, 2017 at Canberra, also known as the “bush capital.” It was a long but exciting journey. Everyone enjoyed the cold winter weather with some Thai food and hot chocolate.

On the second day, June 29, they had their first library visit and cultural heritage tour. They visited the Old Parliament House (OPH) that houses the Museum of Australian Democracy, National Rose Garden, National Library of Australia (NLA), Parliament House and its Museum, Australian War Memorial, Mount Ainslie Marion Mahony Griffin View and the St. Christopher’s Cathedral.

At the NLA, Ms. Di Ouyang, assistant director of Asian Collections, and Ms. Margaret Bolton, assistant director of Overseas Collections, welcomed the team. They proceeded to the Asian Collections reading room where vast collection of Asian language books, journals, electronic resources were shown. NLA librarians also presented a 1941 Philippine map under the Japanese territory and Henry Otley Beyer’s collection, who was a pioneer of Philippine anthropology. The library tour gave ideas about their physical facilities and services.

On June 30, 2017, the team visited University of Canberra (UC) Library and the Australian National University (ANU) Library. At UC Library, Ms. Karen Rowe-Nurse, client services team leader and Ms. Helen Taylor, university librarian, warmly welcomed the group. They facilitated the quick tour of the 4-storey Library building. Afterwards, they



The librarians as they view the 1941 Philippine map under Japanese territory.



Macquarie University Automated Storage and Retrieval System (MU-ASRS)



A souvenir photo of the UST librarians with Ms. Trahn at Macquarie University.

headed to the Library’s Training Room 1 for a casual yet informative discussion about the Library’s marketing and promotion strategies. The team also had the opportunity of meeting other UC Library staff over the morning tea.

In the afternoon, the team visited ANU Chifley Library, one of the five specialized libraries of the institution.

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Ms. Diana Padilla, head librarian of the Antonio Vivencio del Rosario UST Heritage Library, took over for Ms. Estrella Majuelo, chief librarian of the UST Library and delivered the second presentation of the day. She talked about the importance of the UST Heritage Library's collections. Aside from the images of the different rare materials, her presentation also included several pictures of the various facilities and projects in the Heritage Library. As the depository of great historical bibliographical collections accumulated through the 400 years of existence of the University Library, Ms. Padilla shared and reiterated that the Heritage Library affirms to its main role of preserving the past through conservation and digitization of its rich historical resources that would promote excellence in teaching, research and service to the nation and humanity.

The third speaker of the day was Prof. Jorge Mojarro Romero, a faculty member from the UST Graduate School. His talk centered on old dictionaries and grammars of Philippine languages in the UST Heritage Library. He detailed the importance of how words develop new shapes and meanings to try to solve the need of the speakers, while also mentioning several important books, guides and dictionaries that relate to Philippine linguistics and sharing the merits of these works. He concluded by stating that Philippine languages did have their own grammars when most of European languages did not have their own. Further, following the changes in terms of grammar and words, it allows one to understand the path of one's own culture. Lastly, he said that the UST Heritage Library possesses an impressive collection of original books on Philippine native languages and that this is a heritage to be aware of, a value given their uniqueness, and a real pride for the Philippines.

Prof. Maita Maronilla-Reyes, chemist conservator, paper conservation specialist and faculty member, UST Graduate School, gave a fascinating lecture on the nature and importance of book conservation, while also highlighting some of the best practices.

She remarked that "as e-books increase and printed books decrease, the result is the rising value of printed books - specifically rare books, and the increasing demand for book conservation." Prof. Reyes ended by saying that as the world is heading towards a paperless society, printed books are becoming less and less, so that book conservation becomes even more significant.

Following Prof. Reyes was Ms. Ginalyn M. Santiago, assistant head librarian and head book restorer at the Antonio Vivencio del Rosario UST Heritage Library. She shared the conservation practices of the UST Heritage Library. Ms. Santiago presented a comprehensive guide on all aspects of conservation, starting with the scope of the program, analysis of the damage, environmental requirements, proper cleaning, handling, up to the preventive measures and treatment methods.

Closing out the day was Mr. Loreto and Mrs. Mildred Apilado's bookbinding workshop. They are bookbinding specialists from the Ortigas Foundation Library who gave the eager participants hands on training on binding specifically binding of serials. Participants were lumped into groups and enthusiastically worked together to finish their project, with Mr. and Mrs. Apilado going from table to table to provide assistance and instructions.

Ms. Diana Padilla opened the second day and shared the digitization practices of the UST Heritage Library. An exhaustive presentation detailing the impetus for the digitization of the historical and priceless collections of the UST Library and Archives, its early attempts, funding from UnionBank of the Philippines, up to the on-going uploading

PHOTOS OF THE 2-DAY SEMINAR



Prof. Jorge Mojarro Romero



Prof. Regalado Trota Jose



Ms. Diana Padilla

Prof. Maita Reyes



Mr. Gerric Gomez

Bookbinding workshop



Ms. Santiago (*center*), as she receives the Certificate of Appreciation from Ms. Lobo (*left*) & Ms. Padilla (*right*)

of the scanned pages to the Digital Library via the digital library management software, CONTENTdm by Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) was shown. Ms. Padilla showed the audience how to access, navigate and browse the digital collection via its website at <http://digilib.ust.edu.ph>. It has also a link at the UST Library's Homepage. She ended by quoting two UST Rectors, one former, and one incumbent. Fr. Rolando de la Rosa, O.P., stated that **“the wisdom of the centuries that must be preserved, transmitted, and expanded is placed under the librarian's care,”** while Fr. Herminio Dagohoy, O.P. said that **“after we have spread the light, we now need to make sure that light remains available for all... Semper Lumina... making sure that the light is always lit. Not only is this its stability; it is the fulfillment of the project.”**

The final speaker of the day, Mr. Gerric C. Gomez, VP for Strategic Partnerships and Growth Markets, CE-Logic, Inc., gave a stimulating presentation on MakerSpace. This new trend finds its foundation on constructionism and constructivism ideologies, with the primary goal of having learners create their own knowledge by creating and interacting with objects. As reiterated by Mr. Gomez, the emphasis of *MakerSpace* so far has been on creating,

usually with some kind of technology, with STEAM or Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math as topics that fuel this trend. He invited the audience to imagine *MakerSpaces* as part of libraries' future, being a hub that extract and bring about the creative and innovative minds of students, wherein things of the future are created and made in libraries. Lastly, he said that the libraries of the 21st century provide a welcoming common space that encourages exploration, creation, and collaboration between students, teachers, and a broader community. They bring together the best of the physical and digital spaces to make them creators.

Rev. Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries, thanked everyone who attended and delivered his closing remarks. A tour of the UST Heritage Library, UST Archives, UST Museum of Arts and Sciences, and viewing of the UST Library videos at the Conference Hall followed after the participants returned from lunch. The participants, especially the guests, expressed excitement for the next event that the UST Library will host. The successful event was made possible through the efforts of the UST Library's Committee on Professional Training and Development with the support of the Library Administration, the UST Archives, UST Museum, and the library staff.

Collection Management... from page 2

The forum speaker was Ms. Janice Peñaflor, coordinator of the Technical Services from De La Salle University. Her talk was about collection assessment techniques used on how to evaluate and conduct for collection analysis. Her discussion focused on five collection based techniques which includes: (1) collection profiling which refers to statistical description of the collection by volumes and by number of titles per area by copyright year, by Library of Congress classification, infographic format, etc.; (2) list checking involves the use of selection aids like the catalogs, book review magazines like Publishers Weekly, Choice, etc. and compare the library's holdings against the standardized or authoritative list of the most popular evaluated library materials, (3) expert appraisal includes hiring an expert to look on one's collection and report to the library how he/she perceive the collection in the respective department and make some recommendations for improvement; (4) shelf scanning is recommended for small collection wherein they can conduct direct collection examination to see the general condition of materials and know the strength and weaknesses of the collection; and lastly, (5) applying standards for libraries like Philippine Association of Academic and Research Librarians (PAARL), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities (PAASCU) and Philippine Librarians Association, Inc.(PLAI). She also made mention of citation analysis and the importance of having a library user satisfaction survey and consider the users' perspectives.

The forum was absolutely an opportunity to advance awareness and indeed beneficial to all the present CELPH members. Libraries of the present setting need to be at par to fill in the gaps of the library's resources and equip librarians with upgraded knowledge and skills to be able to enhance expertise in their day to day library multi-tasking work and activities.



Mr. & Mrs. Apilado (center) display the Certificate of Appreciation given by Ms. Lobo (extreme left) & Fr. Aparicio (extreme right)



The participants as they tour the UST Heritage Library Conservation Laboratory.

Keeping up-to-date... from page 2

subscribed by the library which also provides company profile. Samples and exercises were given to participants. This session was attended by the faculty members from the College of Commerce, College of Education, College of Tourism and Hospitality Management (CTHM), and Institute of Physical Education and Athletics (IPEA). For the last session, Ms. Almira Salvador of CE-Logic presented the GALE Global Issues in Context, GALE Kids InfoBits GALE Student Resources in Context.

The training of electronic resources has helped not only the librarians but also the faculty members to understand further the different features and searching strategies of the different databases. Trainings will be continuously given to librarians and faculty members to update them with the library resources.

Library benchmarking... from page 8

My recent travel to Spain allowed me to meet, exchange ideas and share work experiences with my counterpart librarians who are in-charge of the historical collections. To my utter amazement, all of the directors, librarians, and archivists whom I have encountered exuded profound passion and commitment in their field. I instantly felt their fondness to make the historical collections come alive. I noticed their deeper sense of commitment to their work which is absolutely contagious. They would think of activities and projects to make these materials be known and be accessible to the public. For them, historical materials should not be chained and be kept away from users. These books should be disseminated and be utilized by the public. These books exist for us to read and learn from them.

One of the memorable conversations I had was with Ms. Martha Vizcaino of Biblioteca Nacional de España (BNE). Her work principle has made me rethink and reflect genuinely of my role as custodian of the historical collections of our University. Ms. Vizcaino said that “the historical books are talking, so, librarians have to speak with

them, too. The books are telling the history and we have to understand and share the printed knowledge to all. Don’t just store them. Make the books alive again so is with their authors.” I was so inspired by her. Her working principle should be understood by mind and remained in the heart of every librarian. She made me realized the importance of my profession in preserving the nation’s history through rare collections and it is the librarians’ responsibility to ensure that their light will continuously radiate for future generations.

After my trip, several projects and activities have already been proposed to improve the UST Heritage Library particularly on the following aspects: Acquisition of Rare Materials; Organization of the Collection; Physical Housing and Equipment; Collection Security and Disaster Preparedness; Care, Maintenance and Restoration; Library Promotion (exhibitions, publications, etc.); Books on Loan; Digitization; and Future Projects/Activities.

My heartfelt gratitude goes to UST Administration, UST Library, UnionBank of the Philippines, Embassy of Spain in the Philippines and the libraries and archives that I have benchmarked with in Spain. This experience made my commitment as a librarian firmer and stronger. It also opened vast opportunities for growth not only personally but for the institution as well. It is also worth mentioning that a private institution such as UnionBank staunchly believe in the UST’s commitment to preserve historical books and make them accessible to the public and to a wider clientele.

At this day and age when information is just a click away, it must be instilled in everyone’s mind that library is still as relevant as it was before. It is as dynamic as the fast changing world. We, the librarians hold the key to make



Ms. Padilla (*right*) with Sra. Ana Santos Aramburo (*left*), directora, Biblioteca Nacional de España



(*L-R*) Fr. Aparicio, O.P., Fr. Jose Luis del Valle Merino, director, El Escorial Library, and Sra. Bescansa.

our libraries particularly the historical type, innovative, relevant and accessible.

My benchmarking activity in historical libraries and archives in Spain made me realize that the existence of the nation’s history greatly depends on the librarian’s care, to ensure that the knowledge and wisdom embedded in those rare collections continuously radiate for future generations, a mission to be zealously fulfilled by committed librarians through centuries.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my sincerest appreciation to my Spanish friends who made my trip truly memorable:

Fr. Angel Aparicio and family, Sra. Maria Victoria Bescansa and family, Sra. Maria Victoria Noguerol and family, Sr. Jorge Mojarro Romero, Señorita Alicia Pastrana and family, Sr. Francisco Mulet Zaragoza, Sr. Juan Antonio Muñoz, Sr. Juan Ferrer Llusar, Sr. Salvador Palacios, Sr. José Maria de Jaime Loren, Sra. Maria Elvira, and Srta. Anabel de la Paz and family. Thank you for the smiles, the laughs, the photos, the gatherings, the guidance, the learning, the pleasant memories and most of all for allowing me into your home. I was so blessed to have you all there. Muchas gracias por ser mi familia en España!

UST Librarians... from page 9

They were welcomed by Ms. Heather Jenks, associate director of Library Services, and Ms. Roxanne Missingham, the university librarian. ANU Library & Scholarly Information Services (SIS) is part of the Division of Information. Other departments under the same division are: the University Archives, University Records, Digital Repository and the ANU E-Press. This division provides a range of operational, advisory and strategic services to support the University's research, teaching and administration. According to Ms. Missingham, this is "a broad division that brings a number of things together that has to do with scholarly information." She also mentioned that for two and a half years (when these departments were merged) the Library and Archives had 18% usage increase.

The two-hour discussion with ANU staff focused on how the university conducts and administers information literacy programs and promotional activities. They ended the activity with a library tour. One of the new facilities that the team visited was the "One Button Studio," an easy-to-use video recording facility that is suited in producing short clips for learning and teaching purposes.

The team went to Sydney on July 1. For two days, they had the opportunity to visit some of the Sydney's famous attractions. They visited Sydney Opera House, Royal Botanical Garden, Government House, The Rocks, Hyde Park, Chinatown, St. Mary's Cathedral and the State Library of New South Wales (NSW). The State Library is one of the great libraries in the

world, with a history dating back to 1826. Its renowned historical and contemporary collection holds the growing heritage of the state and the nation.

July 3 was the last day of the benchmarking activity. The team visited University of Sydney Library and Macquarie University Library. University of Sydney Library consists of twelve (12) individual libraries located across the University's various campuses. The team had a tour of the three libraries namely: SciTech, ThinkSpace and Fisher. SciTech Library supports the Faculty of Agriculture and Environment; Architecture, Design & Planning; Engineering and Information Technologies; the Sydney Medical School and the Faculty of Veterinary Science, while *ThinkSpace* is a technology showcase and creative play space, aimed at sparking ideas and providing opportunities for collaboration. Some of the software being used in this area are Leap motion, *MakeyMakey*, and *MakerBot*. 3D printing and scanning are also available in the area. At Fisher, the largest and the oldest library, the group discussed the Library's information literacy programs, facilities and services, marketing and promotion and staff development. Ms. Katarina Ferro, information and events officer, and her group shared cool and innovative programs and facilities that they have not only for the University students but also for the whole community.

The team's last stop but definitely not the least was the Macquarie University Library, the largest academic library in Northern Sydney. It is exemplary for its sustainable building and its state-of-the-art learning and research environment. It is the home of the first Automated Storage and Retrieval System (ASRS) in Australia where robot cranes are used to pick-up books and convey them to the front desk.

Ms. Alison Briggs, manager of Library Space and Facility Planning, facilitated the tour before the meeting. Then, other Library staff imparted the latest trends in library technology, promotion

and marketing and staff development. Mr. Tony Wai, Discovery Services and Systems librarian, mentioned ASRS and ALMA mobile app. The app provides an easier way to access the "Pick up from shelf" list and an option to streamline workflows so librarians can get more done in less time, from anywhere in the Library. Mr. Brendan Krige, Library Content & Communications coordinator, discussed the Library's distance education services and web 2.0 applications. He gave emphasis on the use of less words (at least 140 characters) and consistency with the voice and image the Library's portray when posting. Ms. Isabella Trahn, Planning and Administrative Services manager, shared the staff development programs and rewards that the Library practiced.

This three-day benchmarking activity is truly informative and inspirational experience. The superb libraries that were visited facilitate not just reading of books, but also a meeting point of different people and a hub for knowledge creation. As the team went home, the enthusiasm and eagerness to share these ideas is genuinely undeniable.

The team would like to extend their sincerest gratitude not only to all the libraries that were visited but also to the University of Santo Tomas, the Library Administrators and the Professional Development Committee for the opportunity and support. 'Til the next benchmarking activity!





Marjorie Irish A. Suarez

Guidance is what a child needs in order for him/her to achieve his/her dreams. Learning by doing is one of the most effective ways on how a child can learn his/her chosen craft. Thus, creativity and imagination skills of the child should be part of that process.

As part of the UST Extension Service Committee activity, the chosen facilitators namely Chona Manguilin, Leonila Manuel, Ma. Teresa Estoya, Manuel Angelo Guinto, Edward Puzon and Marjorie Irish Suarez went to Sitio San Martin to give an art class, specifically to introduce leaf stencil, to the kids of the Aeta community last June 25, 2017.

Some of the co-facilitators managed the Aeta kids to settle down while the other half prepared materials to be used in the art activity. Ms. Manguilin led the prayer and started to hype the kids as motivation while others started to sing and dance the songs, *“Kung ikaw ay masaya”* and *“Watermelon, watermelon, papaya, papaya.”* The kids loved singing the said songs that they repeated them twice.

After a while, Ms. Suarez explained the task that the kids needed to accomplish at the end of the activity. She explained that out of the materials that people usually see every day, there could be art, because art is everywhere. She introduced leaf stencil to the kids and demonstrated one example in which they could copy and apply to their own piece of work. She also gave other possibilities on how they could play with the leaves as a way to conceptualize a more creative and more enticing piece of art.

It was satisfying to watch the kids form their own patterns and shapes. Also, it was fulfilling to know that these kids from two (2) years old up to fifteen (15) years old who participated were enjoying and wanting for more art activities. Letting and giving them enough time to finish the leaf stencil resulted into more

beautiful and wonderful work of art. The facilitators chose eleven (11) outstanding art pieces for recognition and also gave tokens as rewards.

Outreach activity would not be complete without the goods and foods from the Extension Services Committee. The facilitators finished the activity by distributing packages to children and their guardians. Happiness and excitement were shown on children's faces in the photos taken not only because of the material rewards they received, but mostly because of the new knowledge, skills and values they acquired from their experience during the outreach activity.



You won't believe what happened last September 17!

Ma. Victoria C. Acuña



No, this is not a clickbait story on Facebook nor will this story consume your internet data. This is just a typical article on the library News-in-Print attempting to attract attention among our regular readers. What freshness can you expect from this mundane narrative visit in our Aeta community? Let's see.

One fine, dry Sunday, I woke my son up. It was supposed to be bicycle day, but instead, I have booked my son to come with us, the group of library staff including myself, to do an outreach activity for our Aeta friends at Bamban, Tarlac. The two-hour drive to

Bamban, Tarlac was maximized by our group as we cheerfully prepared the materials and strategized collectively for the educational game.



Lucila Adriano candidly lead the library staff in facilitating the game. While Mercy Bano, Rose Balbin, Jomar Tolentino and I, vigorously assisted her in accomplishing smoothly the tasks and encouraged the kids to an active participation. It was a simple word game where kids should identify the pictures drawn and have it spelled correctly using the letters provided. Simple words like car, flower, clouds, tree, and bag were identified. Some in-school children were quick to identify the pictures, while others had quite a hard time completing the words. It pained us to witness that those primary skills for children were not evident from them. Nevertheless, we were glad to have introduced new English words to some of the Aeta children in Bamban, Tarlac. Our group, as much as the kids, enjoyed this educational and entertaining game and we eventually left the place slaked by the richness of the activity.

As I conclude my story, one question kept reverberating in my head: What's in it to you that you do community outreach? WHY? It was the last question during the Biochemistry accreditation last September. Not one had quickly answered this random and unpredictable question. I didn't have the answer to it during that time, but now, I can confidently satisfy a reason behind the big WHY. It was to comply with the essentials of being human: to apportion our time with the underprivileged, to satiate the need of our stale soul, and to self-sustain ours beyond the constancy of shelves, books and computers.



National Heroes' Day in the UST community

Rosemary B. Balbin

Last August 28, 2017, a **"Tree Planting and Growing Activity"** was spearheaded by Assoc. Prof. Mark Anthony D. Abenir, DSD, the director of the UST Simbahayan Community Development Office and his very accommodating staff. The University Community Service Day was held in one of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources' (DENR) protected areas in Sitio Dayapa, Barangay Sampaloc, Tanay, Rizal. It aims to conserve, help prevent soil erosion and secure Quezon Province and Laguna Lake from flash floods at a future time. The tree planting activity was themed *"Maging Bayani Para sa Kalikasan"* and was attended by University Administrators together with Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, O.P. and Rev. Fr. Rodel S. Cansancio, O.P., faculty members, support staff and alumni with the guidance of DENR staff.

The activity started at the lobby of UST Tan Yan Kee Student Center Building wherein organizers gave their brief introduction and participants were given some reminders and short background about the place they were heading to before sending them to their mission area, Mother Nature. The two-hour winding road trip to get there may be long, but it was exceptionally gratifying. It was a totally peculiar experience and was an extremely opposite from the comfort zone of a normal university day-to-day office routine. From pens and papers, uniforms and formal attires and air-conditioned workplaces, here comes the participants transforming themselves to men and women wearing gloves, UST shirts and jeans, who suddenly plunged into a whole new atmosphere of fun and excitement in the steep, rugged and a broiling hot place of Rizal. Nature has his own way of rolling out its red carpet to his own guests, because as the participants hit town, they were welcomed by a very inviting ambiance of a perfectly blended deep blue sky and the cotton like fluffy clouds that immediately set the mode and communed them to the natural surroundings around; away from the city life. The short trek in going up was a bit challenging but everybody persevered to start out the simple heroic deed of the day. They brought out their gloves and carefully remove each tree seedling from its temporary containers and planted it permanently on the ground soil. They were all held captive of the experience as they all enjoyed planting trees, hopping in between a bit dense bushes, shrubs, and young trees; some had difficult time walking and balancing themselves as they slowly moved up and down the rocky slopes and made sure that each and every seedling has been planted properly below the ground surface not minding the scorching heat of the sun. They all accepted the challenge with high hopes for the future and worked together in keeping the environment alive for the next generations. As a proactive response to Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si*, the UST community is doing its share in promoting awareness and environmental care to save and preserve our Mother Earth. Together we will continuously help in protecting the ecology and prevent the unfavorable effects of the global warming and climate change. Thus, making earth a better place to live in.

The said event coincided with the commemoration of the National Heroes' Day that honors Filipinos who have fought and contributed to the country's freedom and liberation. Participants may not associate themselves with the Katipuneros and the known heroes on the battlefield who fought and saved the country for its independence. But it is with pride and joy that somehow in their own little way, they felt honored and thankful for the opportunity given to them to be able to contribute something which will help save the Mother Earth. They



may not see those seedlings they planted turn into a full grown-up trees in their lifetime, but this simple and noble act will be a legacy that will forever be there just like the heroes did, who thought of the future, especially for the welfare of the future generations to come. It will never be too late to plant a tree today for a better tomorrow. It was such a fulfilling and inspiring experience that will always have a soft spot etched in one's heart.

“What is the use of living, if it be not to strive for noble causes and to make this muddled world a better place for those who will live in it after we are gone?” — Winston Churchill

A souvenir photo of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library staff who were all smiles after the successful tree planting activity.



Father Angel turns 69

Lady Catherine R. de Leon



In numerology, number 69 is a number of idealism, family, and harmony. It's also a number of health and compassion. This year, Rev. Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., the Prefect of Libraries has turned 69 years old. September 25 is always a memorable day for the library staff. They usually dine together to celebrate Fr. Angel's birthday. This year, his birthday was celebrated on September 27. Everyone partook the sumptuous *merienda* that the Chief Librarian, Ms. Estrella Majuelo has organized. Several library coordinators and library friends came in also to greet their beloved Fr. Angel.

Celebrating his 69th birthday is truly a blessing not just to Fr. Angel but also to the entire Library family who wishes him good health so he may continue serving with compassion the Thomasian community.

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- Author of the article entitled *“The essence of a Library”* is Arlene P. Matias.

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- In the article *“Dangal” 2017*, there were only three (3) awardees mentioned; the awardees were actually four, namely Lucila Adriano, Arlene Matias, Michelle San Gabriel and Marivic Usita. Ms. Usita was recognized for her thirty-five (35) years of service and loyalty to the University.

Keeping pace with the ISO 9001:2015 updates

Anna Rita L. Alomo

Risk is not a new phenomenon, nor the latest management jargon. It happens in all facets of business. This can be any internal or external event that might adversely affect the ability of one's department to achieve its strategy, policy or operational goals.

In line with this, the UST Quality Management Office (QMO) organized an in-house training/workshop in partnership with the University Registrar, TUV SUD PSB Philippines Inc. held last September 11 and 18, 2017 at the Function Rooms A & B, 4th floor of the UST Blessed Buenaventura Garcia Paredes, O.P. Building (BGPOP). Ms. Anna Rita Alomo, as Library Quality Management Representative (QMR) attended and participated the said trainings.

The first session focused on the topic about the implementation of an effective risk management for quality management system. This was presented by Mr. Roy Alminanza, auditor from TUV SUD PSB Philippines Inc.



Mr. Alminanza, as he gives the lecture/workshop.

He shared a concise but very edifying lecture added with an extremely productive set of workshops for all the participants. There were such group activities executed to intensify the capability of each participant to identify and determine certain risk and opportunities related to their respective environmental aspects, compliance obligations, other issues and requirements. Mr. Alminanza reminded the participants that in the process of risk assessment, they should know how to identify what might happen or what situations might exist that might affect the achievement of the objectives of the system or organization. Subsequently, once risk is identified, each department should know its existing controls that composed of their respective processes, features, people and systems. This gives the realization to all that risk management forms an integral part of one's planning and monitoring process and its internal control frame-

work. It contributes to considerations of resource allocation and prioritization and reporting on the process forms, a crucial aspect of the one's statement of internal control.

The second session dealt with the root cause analysis training. The invited resource speaker was Mr. Romel Ruben Sabeniano-Elnar, founder of Global Systems Management Consultancy, Inc. The training was composed of lecture and group dynamic exercises. He managed to express his presentation through a pragmatic and explicable way that leads to a better conception of all the participants. Furthermore, he explained well the methodology of problem-solving and reiterated that root cause analysis is simply a set of activities that provides systematic approaches in recognizing and understanding the real reason why a problem occurs. Mr. Elnar also shared some common tools and techniques on how to address or analyze a certain root cause occur in one's department, such as the Brainstorming; 5 Why Analysis; Cause and Effect Diagram; Failure Mode and Effects Analysis; and Fault Tree Analysis. Latterly, the topics presented during the training could possibly integrate to the management system specifically in the Library department through updating the list of possible risk/s; inform the relevant people about the actions taken; amend appropriate documentation; involve and train the manpower as necessary and any other ways to make the solution/s to the problem become permanent in the management system.

It was clearly bestowed to all participants that in realizing the purpose and directional areas of the university, every department should take into consideration the possible end results of all the things that they may do. Indeed, it stakes the welfare and satisfaction of the entire Thomasian community, leading towards partaking an effective and efficient quality education.



Ms. Alomo (*first from right*) together with other participants having their group exercise during the training.

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.



Asst. Prof. Donata D. Acula

Institute of Information and Computing Sciences

I started to serve as a library coordinator when the Institute of Information and Computing Sciences (IICS), formerly known as Department of Information and Computer Studies, was still part of Faculty of Engineering. The post was a bit challenging for me in the beginning because I have no background on how to properly perform my duty. But with the help of the accommodating library administrators, librarians and staff of the said unit, things became so smoothly running and were coping with the tasks almost seamlessly easy.

With the degree B.S. Math, M.S. Math and currently working on my dissertation to finish my Ph.D. Math Ed, I can claim that I am a Math enthusiast. Though I love dealing with the theoretical part of the subject, staying for seven (7) years in our institute and teaching Mathematics subjects in Computer Science, Information Technology and Information Systems seems a habit for me to relate the theories I have learned and turned into more practical and applied field. I always make sure that the concepts that I delivered in my class will be used by the students as a tool for giving a solution in a computing problem.

The IICS offered various tracks for each course. The Computer Science offered three tracks: Core CS, Game Development and Data Science. The Information Technology offered three tracks: Network and Security, I.T. Automation and Web and Mobile Development. The Information Systems offered two tracks: Business Analytics and Service Management. To make sure that the resources in the library are up to date in our subjects offered, continuous updates in the collections of both printed and non-printed materials are necessary. Regular requisition of library materials is conducted in cooperation with the IICS library committee and faculty members. Selection of books to add to the library collection was also done during book fairs. Cecilia Lobo, head of the Acquisitions Department of the library, is always there to give assistance in the selection and evaluation of books for purchase.

To optimize the usage of the learning materials and facilities in the library, I organize the orientation for freshmen students within the first 2-3 weeks of the new academic year. An online library resource tutorial for the students in our institute, especially those who are working on their theses, capstone and software engineering projects were also

organized. The said orientation and tutorials were facilitated by the librarians of the Science and Technology and General Reference and Information Section.

Every semester, the library coordinator with the help of the library committee members from each department makes sure that the books prescribed as well as the other books used as reference in the syllabi or course outlines distributed by the faculty members to the students are up to date. Library works per subject were also included in the syllabi. The nature of task coincides with my post as Teaching and Learning Materials Coordinator which started this A.Y. 2017-2018.

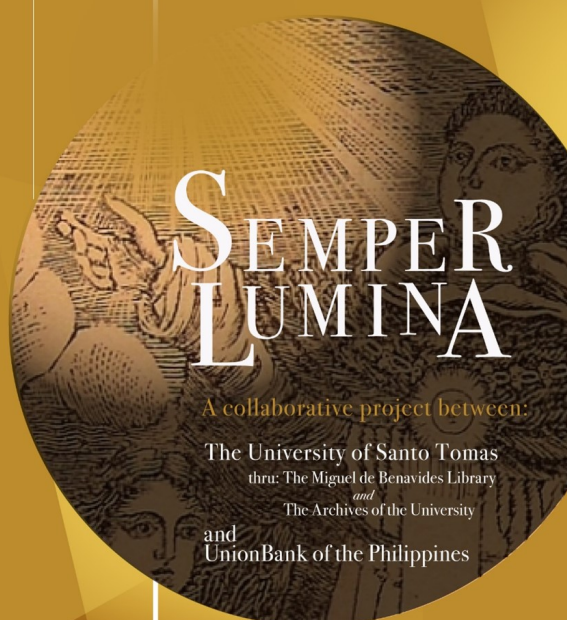
To give recognition to students and faculty members in our institute who are regularly visiting the library to borrow books and return them on time, we started the annual search for IICS Outstanding Book Borrower Award last 2014. Certificate of Recognition and simple token awaits those deserving students and faculty members.

The most challenging task of a library coordinator is the preparation of the documents needed for the evaluation for accreditation purposes. Since library is one of the main areas that the accreditors usually visit and observe during an accreditation, my task through the help of the library committee and the assistance of the library staffs is to arrange all the needed documents for the said evaluation.

The task of a library coordinator, I would say, is a very challenging yet fulfilling accomplishment. I treasure meeting new people (the librarians and staff) and value their great insights on how to make my stay here in UST worthy to my vision.

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