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Estrella Majuelo, UST Chief Librarian with (L-R) Librarian from San Carlos University, Prudenciana Cruz, Director of The National Library and Teresita Moran, Chief Librarian of Ateneo Professional Schools Library.

The 72nd IFLA Conference was held in Seoul, Korea from August 20-24, 2006. The main theme of the 2006 IFLA World Library and Information Congress is "Libraries: Dynamic Engines for the Knowledge and Information Society." This was attended by more than a thousand librarians from all over the world. According to Ki-Nam Shin, President of the WLIC 2006 Seoul, the "theme will allow everyone to find insight into the future and on the progress of world's libraries."

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) was founded in 1927. It is an independent, international and non-governmental association that has formal associate relations with UNESCO. The aims of the Association are:

- to promote international understanding, cooperation,

discussion, research and development in all fields of library activity and information science; and
to provide a body through which librarianship can be represented in matters of international interest.

The IFLA Governing Board thought it appropriate to hold IFLA 2006 in Korea since it was in Korea that the movable type printing press was invented in the early 13th century and that the oldest extant movable metal-type book, Jikji, was printed in 1377. I had the opportunity to see this pride of Korea when I visited the National Folk Museum located in the Imperial Palace. According to IFLA President Alex Byrne, from its history, Korea has really achieved a lot in terms of modernization and many latest technologies have been

produced in this country.

The opening session started at 10:30 in the morning. In the afternoon of the first day was the Exhibit party to signal the opening of the exhibit. New library products and services were on display.

Some of the important topics discussed are the following:

1. Academic and Research Libraries
2. UNIMARC
3. Public Libraries and the Democratic Process
4. Libraries for children and Young Adults
5. Genealogy and Local History
6. Rare Books and Manuscripts
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E-BOOKS, E-LIBRARY, E-PUBLISHING

In line with the celebration of the 27th Manila International Book Fair, the Philippine Association of Academic and Research Libraries (PAARL) sponsored a forum entitled “E-books, E-library, E-publishing.” This was held last August 30, 2006 at the World Trade Center in Roxas Boulevard.

The forum provided librarians, information professionals, students and school administrators an overview of the major developments in information technology particularly electronic resources. It aimed to discuss issues and concerns relating to the electronic and library environment.

Invited speakers for the forum were Mrs. Salvacion M. Arlante, Director of Libraries, UP Diliman and two vendors of online databases Ms. Jean Tiu Lim and Mr. Aaron Joshua Tiu.

Some of the topics discussed were: What E-books Are, their Advantages and Disadvantages; E-book Technologies and Market Players; and the Role of E-books in Libraries. At the simplest level “an e-book is the contents of a book made available to the reader in electronic form” (Hawkins, 2000). E-books can be similar in format to a printed book or can contain audio, video or live hyperlinks. They can be read online while connected to a remote server, downloaded or sent via email attachments. Alternatively, they can be purchased on diskettes or CD-ROMs from bookshops or other vendors. E-books can be read on handheld dedicated e-book reading devices, desktop and laptop computers. The advantages are: easy navigation and searching, and the convenience of links to other pages and sites. Some disadvantages are: devices are still expensive; have to rely on battery life; have to plug in and have access to computer; can restrict how many times a document is read; and can restrict printing.

I believe that e-books will definitely be part of our future. How big a part remains to be seen. For academic purposes, e-books

BOOK WRITING, PUBLISHING AND SELLING

The Philippine Group of Law Librarians, Inc. (PGLL) sponsored a forum entitled “Book Writing, Publishing and Selling.” This was held on September 1, 2006 at the World Trade Center in Roxas Blvd. It was attended by members of PGLL, librarians, library science students and guests.

The program started with the Invocation, followed by the national anthem and the opening remarks. Mrs. Milagros Ong, the Chief Librarian of the Supreme Court of the Philippines introduced the first speaker, Atty. Jose Midas P. Marquez from the Office of Justice Reynato S. Puno of the Supreme Court of the Philippines. Atty. Midas shared to the group how he came into book writing. He mentioned in his talk that when you steal from one author’s work, it is plagiarism while if you steal from two or more authors’ works, it is research. He had written two books namely: the League of Life, Love and Law : a Biography of Senior Justice Josue N. Bellosillo published by the Supreme Court Press in 2003 and The Constitutional Philosophy of Philippine Jurisprudence: the Writings of Senior Associate Justice Reynato S. Puno, published by Central Books Supply in 2005. With his experience in book writing, he mentioned how he had done research for his first book; he visited libraries, bookstores, asked information and suggestions from friends and relatives. While with his second book he made use of the actual cases, opinions, sources of history, philosophy and literature, law books and citations. He said that he was guided by intuition and common

HEALTH, BEAUTY AND WELLNESS

On the occasion of the 27th Manila International Book Fair, the Medical and Health Librarians Association of the Philippines (MAHLAP), sponsored a forum entitled “Health, Beauty and Wellness.” This activity was held at the World Trade Center in Pasay City on September 1, 2006.

Dr. Elizabeth Martinez, head of the Therapeutic Category of United Laboratories, Inc. was the guest lecturer. She discussed the ways on how to develop a healthy lifestyle some of which are: observe proper diet, right exercise, ideal weight, avoid smoking and drinking too much alcohol. She also encouraged reduction of salt, sugar and fat intake to prevent obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, stroke and other related illnesses. The speaker recommended the inclusion of fiber, potassium, calcium, magnesium and protein in our daily diet by eating fruits and vegetables. She concluded, that in order to be beautiful, healthy and happy, we should *think smart, eat well and move more.*

Antonia L. Garcia

REINVENTING INFORMATION LITERACY

A lecture-forum entitled “Reinventing Information Literacy” was held last September 1, 2006 at the World Trade Center, Pasay City, Metro Manila. It was sponsored by the Philippine Association of Teachers of Library and Information Science (PATLS) in celebration of the 27th Manila International Book Fair. Invited guest speakers were Ms. Zarah Grace Gagatiga, a librarian from Xavier School and Prof. Rene Romero from the Philippine Normal University.

The first speaker, Ms. Gagatiga talked about “Information Literacy at the School Level: a Librarian’s Perspectives.” She defined what information literacy is, then applied it in the context of the emerging technologies.

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LIBRARY CELEBRATES BENAVIDES MILESTONE



Photo shows Fr. Juan V. Ponce, O.P., Acting Rector, as he unveils the portrait of Benavides. Also present were Ms. A. Timbangcaya, Fr. Isidro C. Abaña, O.P., Secretary General, Fr. A. Aparicio, O.P. (partly hidden) and Ms. E. Majuelo.

Four hundred years after his death, the UST Library paid a fitting tribute to Fr. Miguel de Benavides, O.P. who was the acknowledged founder of the University of Santo Tomas. In a simple ceremony held last August 11, 2006, the UST Library was officially renamed in his honor after acting UST Rector Fr. Juan Ponce, O.P. blessed and unveiled the historical marker at the ground floor of said building. The affair also highlighted the opening of the exhibit about his life and collective works. Ms. Estrella Majuelo, Chief Librarian and Ms. Angelita Timbangcaya, Assistant Chief Librarian assisted Fr. Ponce and the UST Secretary General Fr. Isidro Abaña, O.P. in cutting the symbolic ribbon. Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., the Prefect of Libraries, delivered the opening remarks.

When Fr. Benavides sailed to the Philippines and began his evangelical work, he never envisioned that he would touch the lives of many Filipinos and leave

a lasting legacy in this country. It is just appropriate that the theme of his exhibit is “Go and Preach” – an admonition that he himself practiced with unconditional dedication and supreme sacrifice.

The exhibit is presented in seven chapters that vividly chronicle the



In photo are Ms. E. Majuelo, Fr. J. V. Ponce, O.P., Fr. I. C. Abaña, O.P., and Ms. A. Timbangcaya during the ribbon cutting.

GRADE SCHOOL BOOK LOVERS CLUB

The Grade School book club has been conceptualized through the concerted efforts of the Library and the Grade School administrators. It is now officially known as the “Book Lovers Club.”

The election of officers was held last July 24, 2006 at the Grade School Library activity area. The following are the newly elected officers of the Club:

Morning session

President : Kristina Mari L. Paderes
 Vice-President : Angelouh Djannarah Benigno
 Secretary: Jossadec Vergara
 Asst. Secretary: Hillary Laqui
 Treasurer: Eunice Ann Libaton
 Auditor : Bernadette Zaldivar
 PRO : Marian Tio Cuison
 Asst. PRO: Almira Lajara

Afternoon session

President : Reujan Delos Santos
 Vice President : Kathleen Tara Ochoa
 Secretary : Faye Fajardo
 Asst. Secretary : Abi Nelle Viernes
 Treasurer : Jessica Pineda
 Auditor : Iris Picadizo
 PRO : Samantha Salaya

The ‘oath taking’ was incorporated in the Mass held at the Santissimo Rosario Parish and was officiated by Fr. Eduardo Alaurin, O.P., Assistant Regent of the Grade School department. Ms. Angelita P. Timbangcaya, the Assistant Chief Librarian was the inducting officer.

The officers and members of the club have been trained to assist the library staff in maintaining the cleanliness and orderliness of the

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Aside from the sessions, the participants were made to choose one Library they wanted to visit. My choice was the National Assembly Library which is a resource-rich library providing an extensive information service to Assembly Members and the general public. The reading area is big enough to accommodate a good number of users. Sections are located in the different floors of the Parliament building. Before a tour of the library was made, the delegates were ushered to the Assembly Hall where functions are held. Although considered a 'special library', the set-up is similar to an academic library with its rich collections and with all its modern furniture and facilities.

In addition, the delegates were also treated to a cultural night to see the finest example of Korean tradition and modern performances. I'm glad I had the chance to attend, for indeed, it was a night to remember!

The experience was great. It gave me an opportunity to meet new friends and had some stimulating discussions with them. Friendly interaction with colleagues from across the world was evident.

All participants were given a copy of the activities of the Conference in CD format.

Estrella S. Majuelo

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may have many advantages over paper books. However, for leisure reading nothing can compare to curling up on a comfy sofa, holding a paper book, savouring page after page of printed text. The unique qualities of printed books cannot be replaced by electronic technology.

The UST Library was represented by Ms. Cecille Lobo, Mrs. Narcelita Lane Olamit and Mrs. Michelle M. San Gabriel.

Michelle M. San Gabriel

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sense when he had his research. What inspired him was his obsession for ideas.

The second speaker was Mr. Jose Paolo Sibal, Vice-President for Administration & Finance, Central Books Supply. His topic was book publishing and selling. He mentioned that publishing is different from printing. Publishing is the software while printing is the output. He mentioned about the most common publishing industries, the self-publishing, offset publishing and the old-fashioned publishing. He sighted the advantages and disadvantages of these types of publishing. According to him, publishing is an industry in itself that sells a lot of ideas. In this digital age, it is time to introduce the revolutionary new way of publishing books which is the Central Publish on Demand.

Publish on Demand is employing the latest state-of-the-art technology in book printing, from a digital file one is able to print a complete, professional perfect-bound book in a matter of minutes. It is the fastest, easiest way for authors to get their work into the hands of the readers. It puts the power of publishing within everybody's reach; it is fast, flexible and affordable; and it assists in the selling and marketing of books. **Print on Demand** is the new way of printing books on demand. With the first and only digital book factory in the country today, the system can print a complete book in a matter of minutes. This is offered only at the Central Books Supply.

After the lecture, an open-forum followed. The discussion answered several issues regarding book writing, publishing and selling.

Marivic G. Usita

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Information literacy is the ability to recognize when information is needed and to locate, evaluate and use the information effectively to accomplish a specific purpose. With the advent of technology there are additional skills that one must learn to become information literate. She mentioned the 8 Ws, the skills that teacher-librarians can develop in their students. The 8Ws include: Watching (exploring), Wondering (questioning), Webbing (searching), Wiggling (evaluating), Weaving (synthesizing), rapping (creating), Waving (communicating /marketing) and Wishing (assessing). Information literacy is important because it enables students to take advantage of the ever-expanding range of information resources available. It is recommended that information literacy skills are embedded within taught programmes of study. Information literacy is best learned as an integrated part of the curriculum, using the information resources and methods of reading and analyzing information which are appropriate and bring about the interests of the students.

She emphasized that librarians can contribute to the development of information literacy skills by collaborating with academic colleagues in schools to integrate information literacy into programmes of study and promoting the use of library resources in all formats in teaching sessions.

The second speaker, Prof. Romero focused on "Information Literacy at the Tertiary Level." He divided his lecture into four parts: the global trends on the context of learning, the different dimensions of literacy, the educational response and the literacy requirements to become global citizens.

The trends he mentioned are those of technology, terrorism and interdependence or globalization. He said that the different dimensions of literacy like functional, political, environmental and human rights are what make one truly literate and globally competitive; that in our technologically savvy world one thing must remain unchanged and it is the love for reading.

Overall, the seminar amplified the role librarians play in cultivating the literacy skills of the students.

Angelica Frances Cruz

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Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P. and Assoc. Prof. Nady S. Nacario, the Exhibition Designer in a souvenir photo of the 'Benavides Exhibit'.

relevant periods in the life of Fr. M. de Benavides. It traces his birth in Carrión de los Condes, Spain ca. 1551 and gradual ascent as a young Dominican priest who was called on a mission to propagate the Gospel in the Philippines. But even as he remained committed to share his Catholic faith, he always believed in social

responsibility, serving as adviser to the Spanish Royalty so he could advance the interest of the Filipino people. His humane convictions eventually got the ire of the local civil government and his role was relegated to purely ecumenical functions until his death in 1605.

Although Fr. Benavides did not live long to see the realization of his “colegio,” he was credited for being the founder and guiding light of the University of Santo Tomas.

Pictorial illustrations, copies of important historical footnotes and related articles are displayed prominently at the library lobby. Undoubtedly, these commemorative items have raised his image to a higher level of recognition. As one student aptly said, “Fr. Benavides is getting what he truly deserves, both as an indefatigable Christian evangelist and a fearless social “voice.”

The exhibit is a collaborative effort of various entities such as UST Museum, UST Publishing House, Quadricentennial Executive Committee and foreign organizations such as Archivo General de Indias, Biblioteca Nacional de España, and Ayuntamiento de Carrión de los Condes. It runs until September 30, 2006.

Ma. Luz C. David

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library. Other activities and programs of the club are the following:

Adopt a shelf. Members are given specific shelf wherein the books in that shelf are monitored by the assigned members. Books that are mutilated or have torn pages are then put at the working area to be repaired by the library staff.

Map-making and treasure hunt. This is the “craft hour” of the club members. This activity develops among the pupils analytical thinking in order for them to solve puzzles and to encourage team building.



Photo shows Ms. Angelita P. Timbangcaya, Asst. Chief Librarian as she inducts the officers of the “Book Lovers’ Club.”

Book discussion. This will help the pupils to exercise their reading skills which will eventually lead to improved classroom participation.

With these activities, the Grade School Library aims to achieve the following objectives:

- ✎ to encourage and facilitate children’s reading, and to instill good reading habits through the different library activities;
- ✎ to develop a sense of responsibility and discipline among children and to encourage cooperation between the students and the library staff; and
- ✎ to enhance awareness of the services provided by the library.

Arlene P. Matias

2006 MANILA INTERNATIONAL BOOKFAIR

The Manila International Book Fair is the premiere event for publishers and book lovers. Now on its 27th year, the Book Fair renews its commitment to stage the biggest and widest book show in the country, combining local and foreign companies and guest exhibitors. It also holds creative special events designed to complement the industry and to the delight of the viewing public and book-lovers as well. The event always makes it a point to bring out the best books and other library materials in the market. It also encourages every Filipino to read and take pleasures in the wonders of the written word and the knowledge that it conveys.

This year's Book Fair at the World Trade Center in Roxas Boulevard was formally opened to the public last August 30, 2006 and lasted up to September 3, 2006. It was organized by the Primetrade Asia, Inc. in collaboration with Asian Catholic Publishers, Inc., Book Development Association of the Philippines, Philippine Booksellers Association, Inc., and Publishers' Representatives Organization of the Philippines.

The librarians attended this annual activity to help in the book selection process in order to update the collection of their respective branch or section. UST administrators as well as faculty members were also invited during the Fair for them to select books that may be useful for their teaching and research needs.

After the Book Fair, the different dealers delivered the books selected by the library coordinators, faculty members and librarians for evaluation purposes. Each library coordinator was asked to counter-check the selections made by the faculty members from their respective college.

Ma. Cecilia D. Lobo

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September 25 has always been a memorable day for the Library staff. It is the day of Fr. Aparicio, the Prefect of Libraries, celebrating his birthday.

As in the past, it has always been

held in the library. The staff prepared a simple celebration which started at 3:00 in the afternoon. After the traditional candle blowing, everyone partook of the sumptuous merienda. A group of working scholars rendered a song number to the delight of the Father Prefect. The guests, who arrived as early as 2:00 pm., consisted of Fr. Aparicio's regular well-wishers, friends who never failed to greet him on his 'special day'.

Fr. Angel's birthday wish was for each one to offer a short prayer for him. To our beloved Prefect, we wish you good health and long life. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

IRANIAN AMBASSADOR IN UST

H.E. Jalal Kalantari, Ambassador Extraordinaire and Plenipotentiary of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, made a courtesy visit to the University of Santo Tomas last August 31, 2006. In line with this, he also had a scheduled visit to the Miguel de Benavides Library for a dialogue with the students. This was held at the Conference Hall of the library.

Ambassador Kalantari outlined Iran's firm policies on the peaceful use of the nuclear energy. He said that Iran is a signatory to the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and a member of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and, as such, its "nuclear activities are carried out in accordance with NPT regulations and under close supervision of the agency."

The students asked questions regarding Iran's relationship with MILF and Abu Sayyaf and how they

support the Filipino Muslims.

After the dialogue, the Ambassador, together with his secretary general, had a tour of the library and was assisted by the Asst. Chief Librarian, Ms. Angie Timbangcaya.

Ma. Czarina D. Lopez



H.E., Iranian Amb. Jalal Kalantari during the dialogue with the students held at the UST Miguel de Benavides Library Conference Hall.

AGNES LAUZON-ESTUDILLO

Born on the 24th day of November under the zodiac sign Scorpio, this lady is the eldest in a brood of four. Agnes or “Nes” as she is fondly called by her close friends, is the daughter of Wilfredo and Estelita Lauzon.

A full-blooded Leyteño, Nes is married to Mr. Eduardo Estudillo. They are blessed with two children: Sean Angel and Alexandra. Her family is what she considers her happiness and strength in life.

She took up Commerce major in Economics from the University of Santo Tomas. She hopes to finish her

degree in the near future because she believes that education is essential in order to improve one’s quality of life.



Agnes has been serving the university for almost 22 years as a library support staff and has been assigned to the different sections and branches of the Library such as the Elementary, Health Sciences, Filipiniana and High School Library. Her current assignment is the Humanities section.

Being simple and easy to get along with are her most endearing qualities. Nes spends her free time taking care of her kids, reading books for them and cooking their favorite food.

Michelle M. San Gabriel

NEW LIBRARIANS



MA. CZARINA D. LOPEZ

Pretty and with a smiling face, Ma. Czarina D.

Lopez is Cha to her close friends. Born on the 18th day of January 1979, Cha is the youngest angel of Mr. Lamberto (deceased) and Mrs. Crispina Lopez of Quezon City. Her mother, on whose footsteps she followed, is a retired librarian.

Czarina finished her elementary education from St. Theresa’s College in Quezon City and obtained her Bachelor’s degree in Education major in Library Science from the University of Santo

Tomas. She passed the Licensure Examination for Librarians in 2001. She is currently enrolled at the Philippine Normal University taking up Master of Arts in Library Science.

Cha was formerly the librarian of the Mapua Institute before she joined the UST Library this school year. Presently, she is assigned at the Reference and Information section.

Among her favorites are coffee and collecting smiley items; her motto “Happiness is not an emotion.”

A native of Baliuag, Bulacan, Jenneth is the daughter of Mr. Jose and Mrs. Fely Gomez. She finished her elementary and secondary education from St. Mary’s Academy in Baliuag. She obtained her Bachelor’s degree in Education major in Library Science “Cum Laude” from the University of Santo of Tomas in 2004. It was in the same year that she passed the Licensure Examination for Librarians given by the Professional

Regulations Commission.

Jenneth was a former School librarian from the Immaculate Conception School for Boys in Malolos, Bulacan before she was hired by the UST Library this school year. She is presently assigned at the Health Sciences Library.



JENNETH D. GOMEZ

This young lady loves reading pocket books. Her favorites are the writings of Paulo Coelho, and for her, the best book that she has read so far is “The Alchemist” by Coelho.

Narcelita Lane T. Olamit

USTLA OFFICERS 2006-2007

The newly elected officers of the University of Santo Tomas Librarians Association (USTLA) for the year 2006-2007 took their oath of office last July 12, 2006. This was held at the Conference Hall of the Miguel Benavides Library with the Prefect of Libraries, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., as the Inducting Officer. Dr. Gil Y. Gamilla, President of the UST Faculty Union (USTFU), and other officers of the Union, Engr. Raymundo Melegrito and Prof. Stephen Buñi showed their support to the elected officers by gracing the occasion.

Elected into office are the following:

President : Antonia L. Garcia
 Vice-President : Ma. Luz C. David
 Secretary : Chona L. Manguilin

Treasurer : Juliet E. Palisoc
 Auditor : Madonna V. Alonzo
 P.R.O. : Ma. Cecilia D. Lobo

The officers will serve the Association for a term of one year.

Chona L. Manguilin



Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., UST Prefect of Libraries, as he inducts the new set of USTLA officers.

Quotes:

"Beware of the person of one book."

- St. Thomas Aquinas

"Some books are to be tasted; others to be swallowed; and some few to be chewed and digested."

- Francis Bacon

"Show me the books he loves and I shall know the man far better than through mortal friends."

- Dawn Adams

Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P.
 Prefect of Libraries

Ms. Estrella S. Majuelo
 Chief Librarian

Ms. Angelita P. Timbangcaya
 Assistant Chief Librarian

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