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# NATIONAL LIBRARY OF THE PHILIPPINES



# ANNUAL REPORT 2022

## **MANDATE**

The National Library of the Philippines (NLP) is the repository of the printed and recorded cultural heritage of the country and other intellectual, literary resources and information sources.

## **VISION**

By 2027, the National Library of the Philippines shall be the premier library in the country, with an extensive collection of library resources available in different forms and media, providing excellent customer service experience through automated library facilities and online services, driving the intellectual, social, and cultural progress of the Filipino society.

## **MISSION**

The National Library of the Philippines is an ISO certified national repository of printed and recorded cultural heritage in the country that acquires, organizes, conserves, and preserves Filipiniana resources and provides equitable access to information resources on various platforms, and delivers world-class customer service for Filipinos.

## **QUALITY POLICY**

We, at the NLP, as a repository of cultural heritage, commit to acquire, conserve and preserve all printed and recorded Filipiniana resources, ensure equitable access and provide inclusive and resilient services to support, intellectual, cultural and national development in accordance with the applicable requirements while continually improving our quality management system.

To uphold this commitment, we shall:

- Espouse human resource welfare and development and values formation programs to harness the fullest potential of our people;
- Implement responsive policies, programs, and initiatives;
- Acquire and generate the best-available library resources; and,
- Integrate risk and quality management systems into the processes across the organization, particularly in policy formulation, decision-making, planning, service provision, performance evaluation, and improvement processes.
- It further commits to complying with statutory and legal requirements and continuously improving our quality management system.

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# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



**CESAR GILBERT Q. ADRIANO**  
Director IV  
National Library of the Philippines

The year 2022 may be considered the time when COVID-19 infection was no longer distressful. The period when the revolutionized process was not confusing anymore. And, the moment when the latest information and communications technology was neither complicated nor unusual any further. It could be said that everyone has adapted so well with the out-turn of the pandemic.

Indisputably in 2022, NLP continually, diligently and effectively performed its functions in serving the reading public without interruptions. Within the year, the agency resumed its full operation by reopening the reading room services in accordance with the guidelines issued by the *Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease (IATF-EID)*.

As the NLP offered a safe and comfortable place for reading, learning and learning stakeholders like students, researchers, and writers began to visit the library and eventually the number of library users served gradually increased.

Accordingly, to address the current needs of the clients, the NLP intensified the selection, recruitment, and promotion process to fill in the vacancies in the agency. By strengthening the human resource, the operation of the agency particularly library services were improved and reinforced.

In mid-year, the NLP was privileged to have assisted the newly elected president of the country, President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr., as it successfully repaired and reconditioned the *Holy Bible* used by former President Ferdinand E. Marcos Sr. in his oath taking. The restored, reconditioned, and the same Holy Bible was then used by President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. in his oath taking.

In the same year, significant event happened in the National Library of the Philippines. For the first time, upon the initiative of First Lady Marie Louise "Liza" Araneta-Marcos, the Presidential Library (PL) was set-up within the NLP. These select and enriched collection of reading resources from Malacanang Palace have drawn significant number of clients who now regularly visit the PL.

With a more lenient health protocol, the agency carried out the *NLP Founding Anniversary Exhibit* in August which featured the rare and special collection of the Filipiniana Division. It is directed towards awareness on Filipino culture, tradition, and history. Likewise, the creation of *NLP Gallery* was considered.

Moreover, the conduct of the NLP Tour gradually favored and the establishment of Children's Library was commenced to advance the value of the printed and recorded cultural heritage and to inculcate patriotism among the youth.

Furthermore, the library earnestly observed various celebrations designed for intellectual progress and sustainable Filipino culture.

Hence, this Annual Report details the performance of the agency in serving the public and advancing towards an exceptional library service in the "new normal" setting.

# NLP 2022 IN NUMBERS

## BUDGET UTILIZATION REPORT

Project/ Activity/ Program	Allotment	Obligation	Unobligated Allotment
<b>Regular Appropriation</b>			
NLP	204,450,000.00	202,381,484.37	2,068,515.63
Tondo Congressional Library	2,199,000.00	1,078,401.70	1,120,598.30
Bohol Congressional Library	585,000.00	577,128.98	7,871.02
Batanes Congressional Library	1,041,000.00	927,339.55	113,660.45
Total CA	-	-	-
Supplemental Appropriation	6,264,704.00	6,223,174.53	41,529.47
E-gov Fund (NLP)	7,965,344.00	7,965,343.11	0.89
<b>Total NLP Budget for 2022</b>	<b>222,505,048.00</b>	<b>219,152,872.24</b>	<b>3,352,175.76</b>
<b>Continuing Appropriations (CA)</b>			
NLP	27,677,774.02	26,728,936.45	948,837.57
Tondo Congressional Library	986,587.70	236,568.93	750,018.77
Bohol Congressional Library	3,072.54	2,430.00	642.54
Batanes Congressional Library	35,565.74	4,740.00	30,825.74
Total CA	28,703,000.00	26,972,675.38	1,730,324.62
Supplemental Appropriation	-	-	-
E-gov Fund (NLP)	-	-	-
<b>Total NLP Budget for 2022</b>	<b>251,208,048.00</b>	<b>246,125,547.62</b>	<b>5,082,500.38</b>

# BIBLIOGRAPHIC SERVICES DIVISION

**9072**

**Library user served**

**Applications Processed**

**10,435**

**863**

**Indexed library collections**

**Articles of selected library  
collections indexed**

**7594**

**1642**

**Entries edited for PNB**

**Bibliographic Entries registered  
to International Center (IC)**

**1358**

# CATALOG DIVISION

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**1**

Library user served

**441**

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**2**

Processed applications for  
Cataloging-in-Publication (CIP)

**290**

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**3**

Volumes of received library  
materials from CDD

**7893**

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**4**

Volumes of catalogued library  
materials labeled and delivered

**10,936**

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**5**

Conducted activity related to  
development of technical policies

**2**

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# COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Library user served

**1,270**

Legal Deposit applications processed

**235**

Volumes of Filipiniana materials acquired

**445,392**

Volumes of library materials processed

**433,157**

Number of activities with  
exchange partners

**5**



# FILIPINIANA DIVISION

Library user served

73,732

Pages of  
Filipiniana materials  
preserved

257,056,381

Pages of Filipiniana  
materials preserved and  
conserved

895,113

Library materials managed

177,519

Registration of NLP collection in  
Philippine Registry of Cultural  
Property

3

# **FINANCE AND** **ADMINISTRATIVE** **DIVISION**

<b>Regulatory documents for financial management submitted</b>	<b>3,060</b>
<b>Requested financial management transactions processed</b>	<b>30,672</b>
<b>HRM planned activities undertaken</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Required regulatory and legal administrative a subamitted</b>	<b>1,107</b>
<b>Administrative document transactions acted upon</b>	<b>7,773</b>
<b>Procurement activities conducted</b>	<b>3,815</b>
<b>Supply and Property management activities undertaken</b>	<b>586</b>
<b>Records management activities accomplished</b>	<b>4,434</b>
<b>NLP properties managed and maintained</b>	<b>623</b>

# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

130,361

Library user served

142

Public libraries supported

17

Information System  
Maintained

2

Information System  
Developed

429,002

Number of pages of  
Filipiniana collections digitized

# PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION

**1**

Number of public libraries and reading centers established

**32**

**2**

Library Users of extension/affiliated Public Libraries

**6,887,144**

**3**

Number of extension/affiliated public libraries and reading centers supported

**208**

**4**

Number of training conducted in affiliated public libraries and reading center

**18**

**5**

Affiliated public libraries and reading center supported through training

**122**

**6**

Affiliated public libraries and reading center supported through resource allocation

**217**

**7**

Locally Funded Programs administered

**10**

# **REFERENCE DIVISION**

<b>Library user served</b>	<b>66,919</b>
<b>Number of volumes utilized</b>	<b>250,274</b>
<b>Promotional, educational and cultural activities</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>Training conducted</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Number of reproduced library material into alternative formats</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Library materials managed</b>	<b>85,180</b>
<b>Number of titles/volumes received</b>	<p><b>Books</b>  <b>865 titles</b>  <b>973 volumes</b></p> <p><b>Serials</b>  <b>553 titles</b>  <b>839 volumes</b>  <b>1,054 issues</b></p>

# RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS DIVISION

Library user served

**8,038**

Copyright Application processed

**7,645**

Promotional, cultural and educational  
activities conducted

**375**

Publications

**12**

Encoded copyright entries in KOHA

**5,894**



# 2022 Highlights



# NLP SERVICES: KEEPING THE INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL STANDARDS

Since 2017, when the National Library of the Philippines sowed the seeds of providing high standards of service through ISO 9001-2015 certification, the agency through the consistent effort of the management and the members of the Quality Management System (QMS), NLP adheres to its mandate and conforms with the international standards for the stakeholders.

In 2022, NLP successfully complied with the audit requirements set by the International Organization for Standards and the Civil Service Commission. This ensures that the clients' needs are provided based on the approved procedure and standards of NLP.

## CSC PRIME-HRM Bronze Award

Considered a great achievement, NLP was recognized as one of the Bronze Awardee of the PRIME-HRM conferred by the late Director May Antonette Arriola, CSC-NCR (BSP-FO) on February 16, 2022 at the NLP Auditorium.

Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano, NLP Director IV and PRIME-HRM Champion, proudly received the conferment together with Assistant Director Edgardo B. Quiros, Division Chiefs and Officer-in-Charge, members of the PRIME-HRM Committee and other NLP staff.

This conferment showed that NLP has met the PRIME-HRM Level 2-Maturity Indicators in the System, Practice and Competencies of the four core HRM Systems: Recruitment, Selection and Placement; Performance

Management; Learning and Development; and, Rewards and Recognition, based on the online assessment by the CSC NCR at NLP on June 15-16, 2021. With this NLP was also found to be continuously compliant with the civil service law and rules in terms of implementation of the HR programs and maintenance of HRMs.

NLP is one of the first batch of awardees who was recognized during the 2022 PRIME-HRM Bronze Award Awarding Ceremony of the Civil Service Commission-National Capital Region (CSC-NCR) on June 8, 2022 at Luxent Hotel, Quezon City and broadcast live via Facebook page of the CSC-NCR. The award was received by Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano with Ms. Dolores D. Carungui, Librarian V and Chief of the Reference Division.

## ISO 9001-2015 Recertification

Accomplished with flying colors, NLP passed the reassessment of the Quality Management System and was awarded the Recertification to ISO 9001-2015, re-certified by the Certification International Philippines, Inc. (CIPI).

Once again, NLP was recognized as an ISO 9001-2015 certified institution for these scope of activities: repository of printed and recorded and cultural heritage of the country and other intellectual literary and information sources; acquisition of library collections; preservation and conservation of



The late Director May Antonette Arriola, CSC-NCR (BSP-FO) while the conferment of Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano, NLP Director IV and PRIME-HRM Champion PRIME-HRM on February 16, 2022 at the NLP Auditorium.





Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano with Ms. Dolores D. Carungui, Librarian V and Chief of the Reference Division, during the 2022 PRIME-HRM Bronze Award Awarding Ceremony of the Civil Service Commission-National Capital Region (CSC-NCR) on June 8, 2022 at Luxent Hotel, Quezon City

Filipiniana collections; provision of access to library sources; technical assistance to affiliated public libraries; and production of library resources.

The Certificate of Registration was given by Mr. Leonardo D. del Carmen, CIPI Director of Certification, who was live via Zoom, and received by NLP Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano and Assistant Director Edgardo B. Quiros at NLP Auditorium on March 7, 2022.

This recertification will serve as a constant reminder and an inspiration to NLP to continuously provide quality service to its stakeholders.

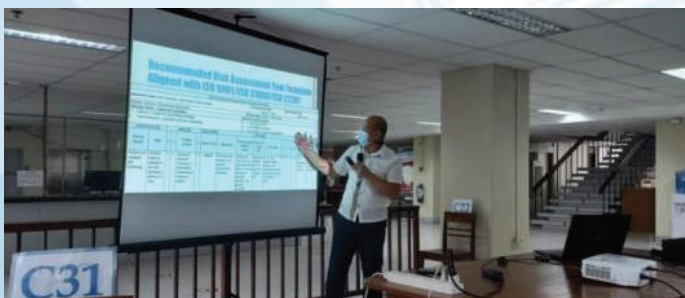
NLP has first been recommended for ISO 9001:2015 Certification way back November 2018 and was conferred a Certificate of Recognition on 24 October 2019.

The DAP Project Team including its members; Ms. Angela C. Vargas (Project Manager of DAP); Ms. Mary Ann Mayo (Activity Facilitator/Project Staff); and, Mr. Antonio Santos (DAP Resource Person) guided the NLP-RM Core Team with Ms. Jennifer C. Dimasaca (RM Core Team Leader), QMS Leaders and PSCP Members, RM Champions and Process Owners and RM Secretariat.



**Enhanced Risk Management Framework of NLP**  
Through the technical assistance provided by the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) and facilitated by the NLP Risk Management (PM) Core Team, the National Library of the Philippines, undergo six months of training courses and workshops on strengthening Risk Management. The training-workshops intended to craft the enhanced risk management framework, processes and documented information aligned with ISO 9001-QMS requirements, ISO 31000 RM and Public Service Continuity Plan (PSCP) of the agency.

Upon project completion, the crafted framework, process and documented information were assessed to determine whether the RM is effectively implemented and monitored against the ISO 9001-2015 QMS requirements and ISO 31000 RM and PSCP guidelines. Through the assessment of DAP, further opportunities for improvement on the current RM practices and documented information to complement the sustenance of the ISO 9001-2015 certification and ensure public service continuity.



Mr. Antonio Santos (DAP Resource Person) guided the NLP-RM Core Team in one of the onsite training-workshop on Risk Management.

# NLP 135<sup>TH</sup> FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

The National Library of the Philippines marked its 135<sup>th</sup> year on August 12, 2022 as it celebrate its Founding Anniversary with the theme: *Pambansang Aklatan: 135 Taong Tagapagdaloy ng Batis ng Karunungan at Kultura Tungo sa Pambansang Kaulanran.*

Numerous achievements of NLP were highlighted in this year's celebrations under the leadership of Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano and Assistant Director Edgardo B. Quiros supported by each division, and with the best effort of the 2022 Anniversary committee headed by Finance and Administrative Division Chief Fe B. Basagre as the overall chairperson and TNLEA President Cherry B. Melquiades as the overall vice chairperson.

On August 11, 2022, NLP with the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) headed by Dr. Rene R. Escalante led the Unveiling of the Historical Marker of NLP. It was witnessed by the board members of NHCP and NLP employees in the morning of August 11, one day before the celebration of the founding anniversary. This was followed by the inauguration of the NLP Exhibit which showcased some of the treasures under the safekeeping of the library. Also, the launching of the recent publication of NLP titled, *Beyond National Library: The National Library of the Philippines from 2017-2022* presented a glimpse of the agency's developments in the last five years.

The two-part program on August 12, 2022, is dedicated to the recognition and appreciation of the loyalty, dedication, hard work and years of service of many of its employees. Indeed, these days were the most exciting days for all the NLP employees especially during the presentation of each division showcasing each of their talents and creativity.

## Unveiling of the New NLP Historical Marker

The Unveiling of the Historical Marker of the National Library of the Philippines is indeed one of the historic moment of NLP as the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) recognized the that Museo

Biblioteca de Filipinas, which was established on 12 August 1887, is the founding year of NLP. In the past years, many have contested the date of NLP's foundation day. After research and gathering documents, NHCP acknowledged the date of its establishment.

Assistant Director Edgardo B. Quiros opened the program and gave his welcome address. This was followed by the unveiling of the marker led by Chairperson Rene R. Escalante together with OIC Executive Director Carminda R. Arevalo and NLP Directors. This was witnessed by the employees of NLP and other staff of NHCP on 11 August 2022 at the NLP ground area. A program was facilitated in the morning and was attended by the Executive Directors of other cultural agency and the NHCP Board of Directors including; Commissioner Earl Jude L. Cleope, Commissioner Emmanuel F. Calairo, Commissioner Lino L. Dizon, Commissioner Lisa Guerrero Nakpil, Ex-Officio Member and National Museum of the Philippines (NMP) Executive Director Jeremy Barns, Ex-Officio Member and National Archives of the Philippines (NAP) Executive Director Victorino Mapa Manalo

Prior to the unveiling, on July 9, 2022, a resolution was approved by the NHCP Board Members recognizing Museo Biblioteca as the beginning of the National Library and August 12, 1887 as the symbolic date of its foundation.

Dr. Escalante presented the content and significance of the marker not only to the history of the National Library but to the history of the Philippines. He highlighted the significant dates on the establishment of the national library during the time of the Spanish period and acknowledged the first Filipino Director of the national library and its contribution in enriching the collection of the library. Present in signing the document transferring the historical marker to NLP are Dr. Escalante, Director Adriano, OIC Exec. Director Arevalo and Asst. Director Quiros. Director Adriano stated his appreciation to the NHCP and mentioned the significance of the marker to the history of the agency and to the NLP employees.



Newly installed NLP Historical Marker





### Inauguration of NLP Filipiniana Exhibit

After the program's unveiling, the guests and staff proceeded to the second floor of the building for the inauguration of the NLP Collections and the Book Launching of the NLP Coffee Table Book. The Filipiniana Rare Collection Unit of the Filipiniana Division facilitated the exhibit with the members of the NLP Anniversary Committees. The exhibit showcased some of the most important collections of NLP including the original manuscript of Dr. Jose Rizal's Novels, *Noli Me Tangere* and *El Filibusterismo*. The collection of incunabula was also displayed with the other works and writings of Rizal. Documents that are part of the Philippine Insurgent Records were also in the exhibit such as the original copy of the *Acta de la Proclamacion de la Independencia del Pueblo Filipino* or the Philippine Declaration of Independence. The exhibit was open to the public for the whole month of August and was extended until the first week of September due to the clamor of the public. It was also featured in many news outlets and social media and was visited by numbers of library patrons and even local officials.



### Book Launching: BEYOND NATIONAL LIBRARY

Another part of the celebration was the launching of the first coffee table book of NLP titled, *Beyond National Library: The National Library of the Philippines from 2017-2022*. This publication highlights the achievement and developments of NLP in the last five years under the administration of Dir. Adriano. The book intends to give its stakeholders the various programs and services and the recent changes in the leadership, facilities, activities and projects of the national library to provide excellent and high quality service.



### Anniversary Celebration

On the morning of August 12, more than 200 NLP employees gathered to celebrate the 135th Founding Anniversary of NLP with the theme, Pambansang Aklatan: 135 Taong Tagapagdaloy ng Batis ng Karunungan at Kultura Tungo sa Pambansang Kaulanran. The theme primarily noted the significant role of NLP not only as keepers of documents that are important in Filipino history and heritage, but also as an institution whose role is to be the source of knowledge about our culture and Filipino identity. Through this, NLP contributed to national development by being the provider of knowledge and information to the community.

As part of the annual celebration, NLP gave recognition to its employees who continuously provide excellent service contributing to the overall achievement of the agency. The program in the morning gave recognition to the NLP PRAISE Awardees, Loyalty Awardees and gave a tribute to the Retirees.

The event started with a Holy Mass and was immediately followed by the actual program. A video presentation created and produced by the Technical Committee headed by Christopher Diaz and the Research and Publications Division served as an opening presentation. This was followed by the performance of the acapella group, KNKTD, and invited performers from the National Commission for Culture and the Arts. Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano gave his welcome remarks and at the same time read the message from Her Excellency Vice President Sara Z. Duterte. The Vice President was not able to attend the program due to her tight schedule, however, her message was relayed to all the NLP employees. An inspirational message was then given by the TNLEA President Cherry V. Melquiades sharing her insights on being thankful to the opportunity that NLP employees received despite the pandemic.

The main part of the event is the Conferment and Recognition of the NLP PRAISE Awardees and Retirees which was facilitated by then Officer-in-Charge of the Human Resource Management, Michelle A. Flor, Assistant Director Edgardo B. Quiros and Director Cesar

Gilbert Q. Adriano. The following are the employees who were awarded in the following categories:

#### Internal Awards:

1. Gawad ng Pangulo ng NLP
  - Blesila P. Velasco
  - Jean S. Ico
  - Kristel Irish Mae Rey
2. NLP Achievement Award
  - Blesila P. Velasco - Awardee for the Cirilio B. Perez Award

#### Incentive Awards

1. Loyalty Incentives
  - 40 Years in Service
    - Marvin S. Vanguardia
    - Arlene S. De Castro
    - Leonardo P. Bernabe Jr.

- 35 Years in Service
  - Marietta A. Valdez

- 25 Years in Service
  - Arnulfo A. Data
  - Maria Lea I. Vilvar
  - Flordeliza T. Quinones
  - Jean S. Ico
  - Eleanor C. Siyang
  - Eliezer P. Dames
  - Carina D. Destrajo

- 20 Years in Service
  - Charlie A. Garcia
  - Fernando P. Manalo
  - Joy Ann P. Santos
  - Israel P. Mendoza

2. Personal Incentives Award was given to the 110 employees of NLP

3. Special Incentives
  - Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano
  - Edgardo B. Quiros



- Dolores D. Carungui
- Flordeliza Quinones
- Chona Galo
- Maricel M. Diaz
- Xenia P. Romero
- Jose Toimasito N. Fernando
- Maricris Abancia
- Rica Jane Marcelo
- Christopher Diaz

- Rose Chiong
- Eliezer B. Dames

2019-2021

- Nelia DJ. Milanez
- Carmelo Agapito D. Baranda
- Presentacion V. Braganza
- Marlon A. Mirasol
- Lorna B. Bulos
- Norma C. Bumanlag
- Edna I. Cervo
- Nina B. Fronda
- Eusebia M. Accad
- Ana M. Martin

The NLP retirees were also given a tribute celebrating their long years of service to the agency. Since, in the past two years the anniversary celebrations were conducted online, the retirees from 2019-2021 were also invited to attend the onsite awarding and tribute for them. The following are the retirees including in the Pasasalamat Award:

2022

- Arlene De Castro
- Elsa Daulat
- Cecil E. Umali
- Zenaida Maravilla

The PRAISE Committee together with the Awards Committee headed by Ms. Melody Madrid prepared the plaques and certificates that were awarded by all the awardees. In the afternoon program the NLP employees were given a segment where each division presented their talents in singing, dancing and acting for the Sumabay sa Awit, Tugtugan, Sayaw at Iba Pa: Paligsayahan ng Iba't Ibang Dibisyon ng NLP. The Team Boyfriends



from the Finance and Administrative Division hailed as the grand winner, Team Apo Hiking Society composed of the Public Libraries Division and the Information Technology Division won the second place and the Team Hot Dog from the Bibliographic Services Division with the Research and Publications Division was declared as the 3rd place winner.

The celebration was made more exciting through the various contests and activities such as the Best OOTD Award, On the Spot Awards, Pinoy Henyo and the NLP 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Theme Contest. Each winner were awarded with certificate and cash incentive.

# LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES MONTH 2022

The National Library of the Philippines (NLP) and the National Committee on Library and Information Services (NCLIS) of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) spearheading the celebration of the Library and Information Services (LIS) Month in accordance to Proclamation No. 837 series of 1991, declaring the entire month of November as LIS Month. The celebration is conducted every year to promote awareness on the invaluable service rendered by libraries and information centers, such as providing data and materials for lifelong knowledge, learning, for research and leisure.

In 2022 LIS Month is celebrated with the theme, *"Mga Aklatan Bilang Kanlungan ng Karunungan: Tagapangalaga ng Kultura at Pamanang Lokal,"* which highlight the significant roles of libraries in providing services and information in the promotion and preservation of Filipino culture and heritage. As many libraries becomes a repository of materials and information of the local heritage and history of the community, this ensure that these materials are preserve for the future use of the community.

This year, in partnership with library associations and public libraries, LISM Committee and NCCA-NCLIS prepared activities that will support and contribute to the improvement of library services and develop programs that will increase the role of library in nation building.

Due to COVID-19, activities in the previous year were held entirely on a virtual platform. However as health protocols restriction reduces in 2022, activities were conducted in hybrid format—online and onsite. Zoom and NLP Facebook page are the main platforms used, while onsite activities were held at Epifanio delos Santos Auditorium and Urdaneta City Public Library. All onsite activities were also live-streamed in the NLP FB page and shared in the NCCA Facebook page. For the outreach program, selected members of the NLP LISM Committee facilitated the activities at Urdaneta City with the assistance of the staff of the Urdaneta City Public Library. The hybrid set up most of the activities encourage the participation of other stakeholders even from other parts of the country.

The opening program was attended by the Vice President Sara Z. Duterte as the guest of honor and keynote speaker; Dr. Rene R. Escalante as the Chair of the NCCA; Prof. Salvacion M. Arlante as the head of NCCA-NCLIS with staff and member of the secretariat; directors and executives of the cultural agencies; presidents of the Library Associations; Invited undergraduate LIS students from Polytechnic University, Philippine Normal University and University of the East; NLP top management and NLP LISM Committee members. Several Media reporters were also invited by the staff of the Office of the Vice President for media coverage. While the opening and closing program gave the NLP as the lead agency, more opportunity to promote its services and collections to all

its stakeholders. The Filipiniana exhibit and the launching of the Presidential Library during the opening and closing ceremony gave the public an equitable access to the information sources necessary for research and knowledge development.

Major activities included the conduct of three webinars comprising three topics. This webinar workshop aimed to generate the interest of the targeted audience in the role of libraries and information center and the library materials/collection in conserving and preserving local heritage and culture. Webinar topics are:

- A. Restoration 101: A Webinar-Workshop in Basic Book Cleaning, Binding, Repair, and Preservation
- B. Guhit at Kuwento: Pagsasanay sa Pagguhit ng mga Kuwentong Pambata
- C. Aklatan at Pamana ng Bayan: Talakayan sa Gampanin ng Aklatan sa Pagbuo ng Kasaysayang Lokal

For the three webinars, the committee invited five speakers who are experts in the particular field. **Dr. Wensley M. Reyes**, an Associate Professor from the University of the Philippines-Manila and **Prof. Michael Charleston "Xiao" B. Chua**, an Associate Professor Lecturer at De La Salle University Manila and considered as the most active public historian on Philippine television shared about the role of libraries in strengthening heritage and history value among the public during the first webinar. While the second webinar discussed how creating children's stories could promote the Filipino culture through the presentations of **Ms. Zarah C. Gagatiga**, a Teacher-Librarian from Beacon Academy and Award Winning Author, Blogger, Storyteller and Board Member Representing Librarians, Philippine Board on Books for Young People (PBBY) and **Mr. Hubert B. Fucio**, a well known Children Books illustrator and visual artist. The final webinar was conducted in hybrid format inviting all public librarians and archivists to learn from **Mr. Ephraim "Eddie" Jose**, a Master Conservator of the country. From 1990-1995, he served as Chief Conservator for Asian prints and paintings at the Honolulu Museum, and is the founder of Druk Foundation for Art Preservation and the Thangka Conservation Center, Thimphu. He shared his specialization in restoring and mounting Asian works on paper and fabric, and his experience being at the forefront of Himalayan thangka conservation efforts. The participants experienced his extensive lecture presentations, and even hands-on workshop. A total of 522 online and onsite participants attended the three webinars comprise of librarians and library personnel, teachers, parents and students.

Another major activity is the conduct of the first ever LISM Research Conference. Submitted research papers have undergone the peer-review process of some of the experts in the field of LIS research. That includes, **Roilingel P. Calilung** Director of Libraries at the University of the Assumption City of San Fernando, Pampanga and the PLA

Executive Vice President; **Dr. Ma. Lindie D. Masalinto**, Chief Librarian of University of Perpetual Help-Dr. Jose G. Tamayo Medical University, Binan, Laguna where she is also an ISO 2015 Internal Auditor and a PACUCOA accreditor; **Prof. Ana Mae Cantel**, a Program Chair for Master in Library and Information Science and Full time faculty of CCS-BLIS Program at Central Philippines University; and, **Prof. Maria Pretty Lay Abdala**, a University Librarian from Bulacan State University. Six winning research papers were included in the Library and Information Services Research Publications which will be made available at the NLP and LISM website.

On the other hand, an outreach program was conducted visiting the libraries and reading centers in Pangasinan to provide a seminar for the library staff in the role of their library in preserving and conserving materials with significant value to their local heritage, and to conduct face-to-face workshops, storytelling, puppet shows to the identified public elementary school. Sixty (60) students from Urdaneta 1 Central School and (60) library staff of barangay reading centers of Urdaneta City were part of the outreach activity with the staff of the Urdaneta City Public Library. Moreover, the Outreach Program conducted in Urdaneta City to generate dynamic involvement of its local government officials, specifically the City Councilor and Chairperson of the Committee on Education, Councilor Franklin V. Villanueva, to intensify its programs in literacy and campaign for reading during the Storytelling and Basic Book Care Activity with the fifty-five (55) Grade 3 students of the Urdaneta 1 Central School and the thirty two (32) staff and Principal IV of the school, Dr. Salvacion G. Tabelin. It also motivated the City Mayor, Honorable Julio F. Parayno to extend more support to Urdaneta City Public Library in its efforts to promote and preserve the city's history and heritage. Through the seminar conducted for the staff of the newly affiliated Barangay Reading Centers, it provided information about the process of establishing local heritage collections in their respective reading centers. As stated by several participants, this kind of seminar is necessary in increasing and preserving their collection.

Other LIS Month activities are:

**Virtual Launching and Press Briefing of Activities** - An online program to introduce the theme for this year's celebrations and invite the public to various LISM activities. The programs were streamed live via Zoom and NLP FB Page.

**Librarians' Game Show** - A fun quiz bee for professional librarians (game show style) that shall test their knowledge, not only on librarianship, but in general things and happenings locally and abroad. Representatives from different library organizations will be invited to participate in the game.

**My Day in the Library** - A Tiktok Contest where participants will submit videos that show how their day in the library went. Videos will be posted in NLP's Tiktok account and entries with the most number of likes (hearts) will win.

**Lucky NLP Patrons of the Day** - NLP library users will be given a chance to draw a piece of paper from a box. Lucky users will be given special LISM merchandise based on what they were able to draw.

**Guess How Many Books are in the Shelves** - A picture of shelves of books will be posted in the NLP Facebook Page and in front of the NLP Building and participants will be asked to guess how many books are there in the picture. The one/s who will guess correctly (or the closest one) will win the prize.

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Library and Information Services Month Awarding and Closing Ceremonies and the Launching of the Presidential Library happened earlier today, 29 November 2022 with the First Lady of the Republic of the Philippines, Louise Araneta-Marcos as the guest of honor.

The winners of the different LIS Month contests were awarded by First Lady Louise Araneta - Marcos with NLP Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano and Honorable Bianca Cristina Zobel, Social Secretary of the Office of the President.

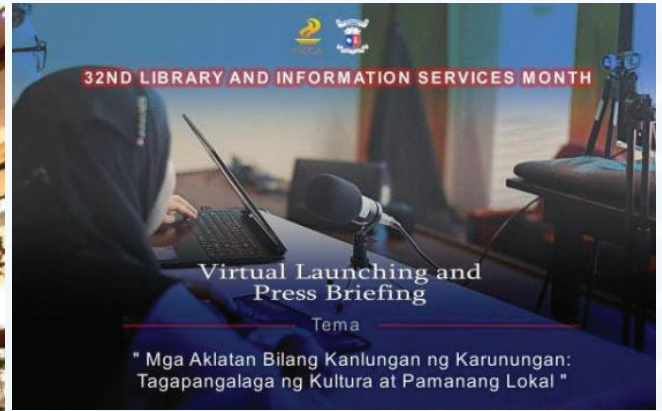
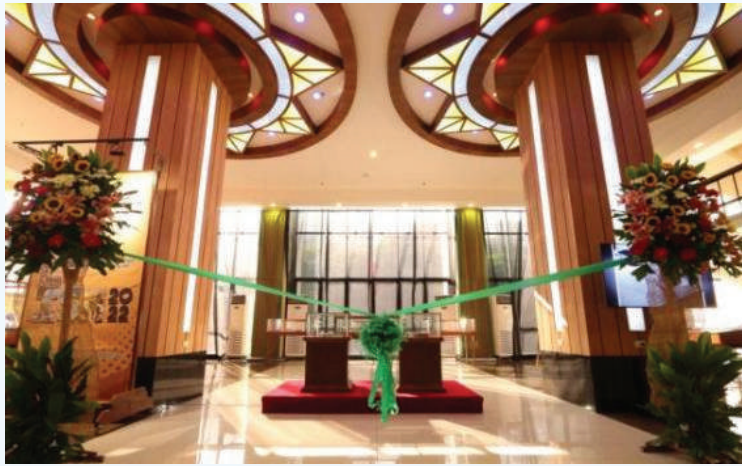
## Highlights of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Library and Information Services Month



Vice President Sara Z. Duterte attended the Opening Ceremonies of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Library Information Services Month, with NCCA Chair Dr. Rene Escalante and NCCA-NCLIS Head, Prof. Salvacion M. Arlante. Executive Director and heads of other cultural agency also witnessed the celebration.







LISM Activities including the Virtual Launching, Librarians' Quiz Bee, Outreach Program, Filipiniana Exhibit and Closing Ceremonies. During the closing program, First Lady of the Philippines, Louise Araneta-Marcos served as the guest of honor and led the launching of the Presidential Library. The First Lady also awarded the winners of the different LIS Month contests.



# THE LAUNCHING OF THE PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

On November 29, 2022 the Philippine Presidential Library, with an estimated 40,000 library collections, was launched during the Library and Information Services Month closing ceremonies at the National Library of the Philippines (NLP).

This was attended by First Lady of the Republic of the Philippines, Louise Araneta-Marcos as the guest of honor. Mr. Edgar Ryan S. Faustino, Director IV of the Presidential Museum and Library and Ms. Dina Tantoco, Deputy Social Secretary of the Office of the President, were present during the event. Officials of some library association witnessed the ribbon cutting including the President of the Philippine Librarians Association Inc., Mr. Rene Manlangit; Ms. Lucila Raquino, President of Association of Librarians in Public Sector Inc.; and, Ms. Thergie Ablin, President, Asosasyon ng Aklatan at Sinupan ng Diliman Inc.

The Philippine Presidential Library is a project initiated by the First Lady with the NLP through a Memorandum of Agreement sharing some of the collections of the Presidential Museum and Library which housed the collections of the different Presidents of the country. This is one of the primary offices under the Office of the President, tasked to preserve, manage and promote the history and heritage of the Philippine Presidency. Since NLP is also one of the cultural agencies under the Office of the President which is mandated to be the repository of the printed and recorded heritage of the country and other intellectual, literary and information sources, our vision is to be the premier library in the country. We aimed to have an extensive collection of library resources available in different forms and media, providing excellent customer service experience through automated library facilities and online services, driving the intellectual, social, and cultural progress of the Filipino society supports the First Lady's initiative to housed the collections to the NLP and develop a "Philippine Presidential Library."

In August 2022, the First Lady visited NLP to express her plan to house the presidential collections and checked the facilities of the agency. A memorandum of agreement was drafted by both parties during its second meeting in Malacañang Palace Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano, Assistant Director Edgardo B. Quiros, Ms. Jennifer B. Dimasaca, Chief of Bibliographic Services Division and Ms. Maricel M. Diaz, Asst. Chief of the Filipiniana Division.

The Philippine Presidential Library aims at making the library collections of the Presidents of the Philippines accessible to all Filipinos, to increase the use of reading materials in the country, motivating research and use of valuable information. It will be located at the NLP 2nd floor Mezzanine and will soon be available "open-shelf" to the public.

# FILIPINIANA EXHIBIT TRENDING IN SOCIAL MEDIA

The Filipiniana exhibit of the National Library of the Philippines which was launched twice this year yields an overwhelming positive response from both online and onsite audiences.

A total of 7,918 reactions with 2,014 shares were accumulated during the promotion of the exhibit in August and November. Different national media including the Philippine Star, Rappler, GMA News Online and SMIN News covered the event and posted it online resulting in a wider promotion and information dissemination inviting the public to view the exhibit.

With this online promotion, a total of 2,094 in August and 3,880 in November or a total of 5,974 visitors came to see the Filipiniana displays. Visitors vary from students, library users and parents with their young children. This was a great opportunity for all the young learners to be exposed to the rare and special collections of NLP.

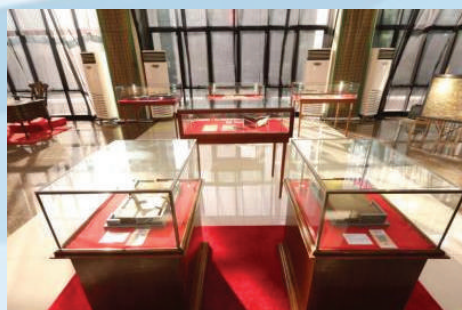
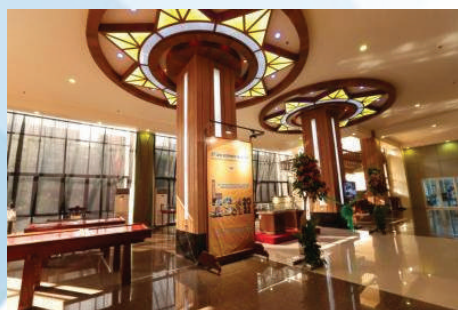
Last August 11, 2022, NLP inaugurated and opened an exhibit for its 135th Founding Anniversary and was extended until the end of the month. The clamor of the public for another exhibit resulted in putting up another Filipiniana exhibit for the Library and Information Services Month celebration in November. The exhibit is located in the second floor lobby of the NLP Building, open for public viewing for free.

The exhibit featured some of the most valuable materials from NLP's Rare and Special Collections under the custody of the Filipiniana Division. Included in the exhibit are the original manuscript and facsimile of Jose Rizal's *Noli Me Tangere* and *El Filibusterismo*, *De Molucis Insulis* (the first book written on the Philippines after Magellan's expedition), *The Philippine Incunabula* (printed works produced by the native press when printing in the country is still in its infancy), *Acta de la Proclamacion de Independencia del Pueblo Filipino* (Act of the Declaration of Philippine Independence), *Philippine Insurgent Records*, and many other important books, documents, and photographs that has been an important part of Philippine history, culture, and heritage.

Moreover, on June 30, 2022 NLP was also featured by several online media articles by leading the repair and reconditioning of the Bible used during the Presidential Inauguration of His Excellency President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr.

The Filipiniana Division of NLP managed the cleaning and repair process of the same Bible used by his father, former President Ferdinand E. Marcos, who took his oath on two Bibles on 30 December 1965.

An online photo exhibit of the cleaning and repair were also posted online showcasing some of the basic preservation and conservation processes of NLP for its collections.



# 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ISBN AGENCY

The 2022 International ISBN Agency Annual General Meeting was held in Oslo, Norway, National Library of Norway, Henrik Ibsens Gate 110, Oslo 0255 on September 7 - 8, 2022 and was attended by 41 National Agencies in face-to-face meeting while the ISBN National Agency-Philippines and others joined via virtual. Also, the ISBN International Agency coordinated its efforts with those of the International ISMN Agency.

The meeting was introduced by Mr. Aslak Sira Myhre, Director, National Library of Norway and by Mr. Beat Barblan, the Chairman of the International ISBN Agency.

The ISBN National Agency - Philippines congratulates the following elected board and officers:

Chairman: Beat Barblan (US)  
Vice Chairperson: Ronald Schild (Germany)  
Treasurer: Jon Windus (UK and Ireland)  
Director: Giuseppe Fasanella (Italy)  
Director Fernanda Gomes Garcia Franco (Brazil)  
Director Miguel Jiménez (Spain)  
Director Michel Lanneau (France)  
Director Carol Riccalton (EU Organisations)

**Directors of Book industry representatives**  
International Publishers Assn José Borghino  
GS1 Steven Keddie  
CERLALC José Diego González Mendoza  
IFLA Ulrike Junger  
Euro/Int'l Booksellers Assn Julie Belgrado

During the Annual General Meeting (AGM) Workshop Session, it was noted that there was a significant rise in self-publishing during the pandemic." Publishers innovated their services, providing more digital tools and driving digital sales. The transition to using e-mail and online methods of communication was already underway before the pandemic but had increased. For some agencies, the hybrid approach to working both from home and in the office has become a permanent change and was found out to make agencies a more flexible, less paper-heavy approach and will definitely not revert back.

The ISO/TC46/SC9 focuses on standardization of information identifiers, description and associated metadata and models for use in information organizations (including libraries, museums and archives) and the content industries (including publishing and other content producers and providers).

Currently, we have the following identifiers:

Monographic publication	-	ISBN
Serial and continuing resources	-	ISSN
Article	-	ISBN / DOI
Contributor	-	ISNI

New ISO identifiers are underway, the RAiD (Research Activity Identifier) began in 2018 with a working group composed of 15 experts and 19 countries. It is a two part alphanumeric identifier, the prefix part and suffix part. The metadata may include other identifiers, e.g. DOI.

The other one is International Standard Content Code (ISCC) that identifies Digital assets (text, video, audio, etc.) generated from content and will be created using hash algorithms. It will be useful for deduplication of similar content, timestamping and versioning and usage tracking. Began in October 2019 with working groups composed of 34 experts and 12 countries.

The 2023 Annual General Meeting will be held in Rabat, Morocco.

# 47<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL STANDARD SERIAL NUMBER (ISSN) DIRECTORS MEETING IN CAIRO, EGYPT

The National Library of the Philippines (NLP) attended the 47<sup>th</sup> ISSN Directors Meeting in Cairo, Egypt on November 20 – 24, 2022 represented by Jennifer B. Dimasaca, Librarian V/Chief of the Bibliographic Services Division (BSD) with 36 participants from 29 countries including 10 African countries. The International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) National Center of the Philippines has been a member country of the ISSN Network since 1975 under the National Science Development Board (NSDB) and was transferred in 1981 to the NLP as part of its integrated bibliographic services.

The meeting became possible through the kind invitation of the Academy of Scientific Research and Technology (ASRT), the Egyptian National Scientific and Technical Information Network (ENSTINET).

ISSN is a standard code assigned by the ISSN Network for the unique identification of serials and other continuing resources in a defined medium version (ISO 3297:2022). All continuing resources, whether past, present, or to be produced in the foreseeable future, whatever the medium of production, are eligible for ISSN assignment.

Topics discussed and resolutions were made on the following:

1. **Predatory publishing;**  
The issue whether to assign or not to assign ISSN for Emerging or Questionable publishers was discussed in the meeting. Since the ISSN International Center and National Centers are not mandated to scrutinize the journals as to its quality, the IC and National Centers agreed to issue an ISSN to publishers who submitted and complied with all the requirements.
2. **Persistent identifiers in open science;**  
The ISSN-H was submitted to the MARC21 Committee for inclusion of fields 856.
3. **Bibliographic Standardization for the identification and description of print and online continuing resources, e.g. journals, blogs, academic repositories and others;**  
To have quality Bibliographic Data using the production tool ISSN+, guidelines were created in the Extranet for ISSN National Centers used. Errors and how to resolve the issues were also discussed and provided with guides.
4. **Additional information on ROAD provides free access to those ISSN bibliographic records which describe scholarly resources in Open Access: journals, monographic series, conference proceedings, academic repositories and scholarly blogs and others.**

The Directory of Open Access Scholarly Resources (ROAD) available at <https://road.issn.org/> is a free service offered by the ISSN International Centre with the support of UNESCO's Communication and Information Sector. Since 2013, ROAD has been providing free access to ISSN data for open access scholarly resources, i.e. journals, monographic series, conference proceedings, academic repositories and scholarly blogs. This identification data is created by the ISSN Network and enriched with information provided by partner indexing and abstracting databases and directories.

- Faceted search
- Cartographic search,
- Advanced search by ISSN, title, publisher, language, country, place of publication,
- Enriched and complete bibliographic data,
- Mass data downloads available on request.

Criteria for inclusion are the following:

- **Types of resources:** ROAD includes any type of scholarly resources: journals, blogs, monographic series, conferences, institutional repositories, ongoing integrating resources like databases.
- **Accessibility:** All content must be open access, excluding the need for registration; all content (articles, theses, working papers) is available from the beginning of the publication to the latest issue. The resource must have a dedicated URL.
- **License statement:** The open license and open access policy should be described on the website.
- **Content:** The content must be of academic or scholarly nature in all fields of knowledge. At the time of application for an ISSN or retrospective listing in ROAD, each issue of the resource must contain at least five (5) original articles, reviews or essays.
- **Academic affiliation:** The resource must have a clearly expressed academic affiliation (full name, location). The institution may be public (university or research centre) or private (learned society, committee or association).
- **Peer review:** For journals, the procedure used for the selection of articles for publication should be detailed on the journal's website.
- **Code of ethics and indexing:** The journal should mention the standards or codes of ethics it uses (COPE, OASPA, Think. Check. Submit., ...) and the indexing services that list it.

Also, the hosts are generous and kind enough to organize a tour in the Pyramids in Giza and the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization.



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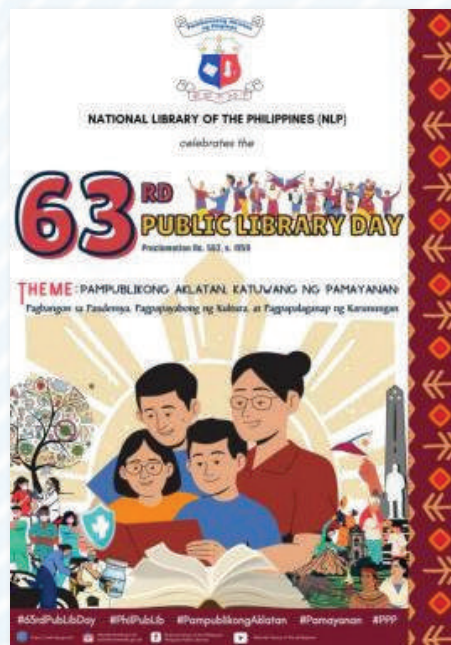
# 63<sup>RD</sup> PUBLIC LIBRARY DAY CELEBRATION

## ◀◀ Pamublikong Aklatan, Katuwang ng Pamayanan: Pagbangon sa Pandemya, Pagpapayabong ng Kultura at Pagpapalaganap ng Karunungan. ▶▶

This is the theme for the celebration of the 63rd Public Library Day on March 9, 2022 which highlights the significant contribution of public libraries in the recovery process of the community from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Public libraries continue to serve as a knowledge center, providing access to its collections and extensive services, bringing many opportunities to the community.

The National Library of the Philippines led the annual celebration together with all the public libraries of the country. According to Proclamation No. 563, s.1959, Public Library Day is celebrated to recognize the importance of public libraries in the dissemination of knowledge and culture and its responsibility to education and literacy of the community. The public library contributes to promoting the economic and social security of the community.

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte cited in his video message the significant roles of Public Libraries in the community and emphasized that public libraries are more than necessary in the access of reliable information and reference especially in the current mode of creating and sharing contents. Libraries of the community likewise promote “deeper appreciation for reading and research among Filipinos especially the youth and make library science more relevant in your efforts for nation building.”



As what was also stated by NLP Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano, public libraries contributed in strengthening the people to withstand the effect of the pandemic by cultivating the mind and promoting health and safety of the community. He also noted that a public library is the key to ignorance and illiteracy and hone better citizens in the community.

Other leaders of the different library associations also showed their support and cooperation in the celebration and encouraged the public to value and appreciate the role of public libraries especially in the post-pandemic period. Chairperson of National Committee on Libraries and Information Services (NCLIS), National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA); Ms. Lilia Echiverri, President of Philippine Federation of Professional Association (PFPA); Mr. Rene Manlangit, President of Philippine Librarians Association Incorporated (PLAI); Ms. Lucila Raquino, President of Association of Librarians in the Public Sector, Inc. (ALPS); and, Ms. Fe E. Abelardo, Former Chief of Public Libraries Division (PLD), National Library of the Philippines (NLP).

# WORLD READ ALOUD DAY

**“ In order for our children to become functionally literate, we must help them embody the culture of reading. ”**

These are words from Geomel P. Jetonzo, Educational Technical Program Manager of World Vision who highlighted the power of reading during the celebration of the World Read Aloud Day (WRAD) on February 2, 2022.

The National Library of the Philippines (NLP) led the activity through the NLP Kuwentistas from the Children’s Section of NLP. Yearly, supportive and generous partners joined NLP in this celebrations including Philippine Librarians Association, Inc., Project PEARLS, The Asia Foundation, World Vision, Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Quezon, and Aklatan ng Lungsod Quezon/Quezon City Public Library.

Messages from the head of these partners served as an encouragement and inspiration to many children and young adults to spend more time reading. As Pam Allyn said, everyone must share stories and bring our children to read because these stories have power to enact change. Pam Allyn is the founder of LitWorld that started the WRAD in 2010. Also present in the event are; Melissa Villa, the founder of Project Pearls; Kristoffer Angelo Vargas, Head of the Marketing and Digital Marketing of Vibal Group; Mary Grace Golfo Barcelona, PLAI-NCRLC President; Mariza G. Chico, Officer-in-charge of Quezon City Public Library; Ruth M. Nacua, Program Director of Pinoy Reading Buddies; Melody Zavala, from Books for Asia, The Asia Foundation; and, Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano.

Julien Joshua Villanes-Dolor was the celebrity Reading Ambassador who read the story titled, Sa Bayan ng Kamayanan at ang Alamat ng mga Sumasayaw na Kamay, written by Armanda Sazon and illustrations by Elber Or.

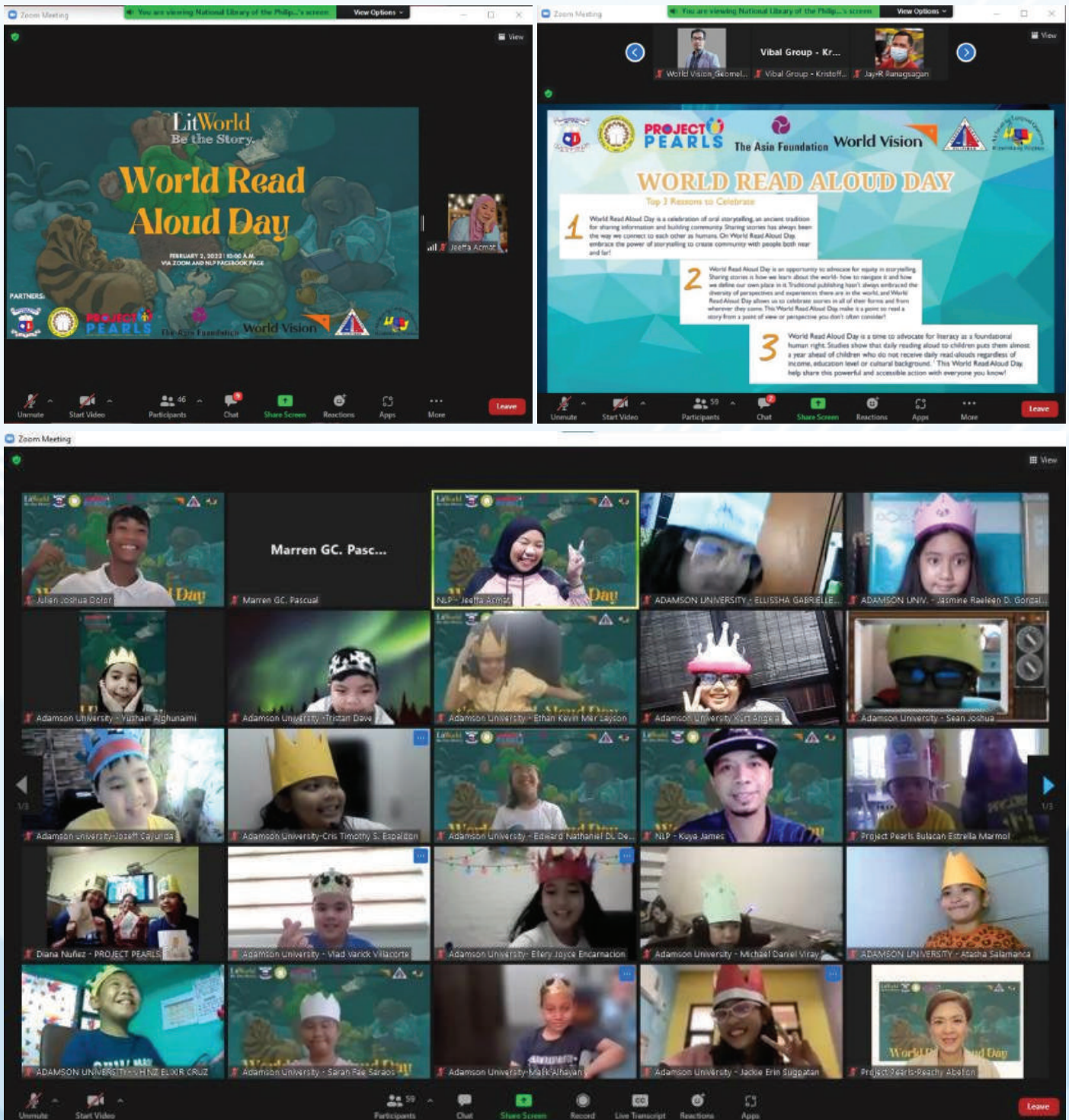
Over the last ten years, WRAD has evolved into a global movement of millions of readers, writers, and listeners from communities all across the world coming together to honor the joy and power of reading and sharing stories, and continue expanding the definition and scope of global literacy celebrated by over 170 million people worldwide.

There are three top reasons why we should celebrate WRAD:

- World Read Aloud Day is a celebration of oral storytelling, an ancient tradition of sharing information and building community. Sharing stories has always been the way we connect to each other as humans. On World Read Aloud Day, embrace the power of storytelling to create community with people both near and far!
- World Read Aloud Day is an opportunity to advocate for equity in storytelling. Sharing stories is how we learn about the world - how to navigate it, how we define our own place in it. Traditional publishing hasn’t always embraced the diversity of perspectives and experiences there are in the world, and World Read Aloud Day allows us to celebrate stories in all of their forms and from wherever they come. This World Read Aloud Day, make it a point to read a story from a point of view or perspective you don’t often consider



- World Read Aloud is a time to advocate for literacy as a foundational human right. Studies show that daily reading aloud to children puts them almost a year ahead of children who do not receive daily read-alouds regardless of income, education level or cultural background. This World Read Aloud Day, help share this powerful and accessible action with everyone you know!

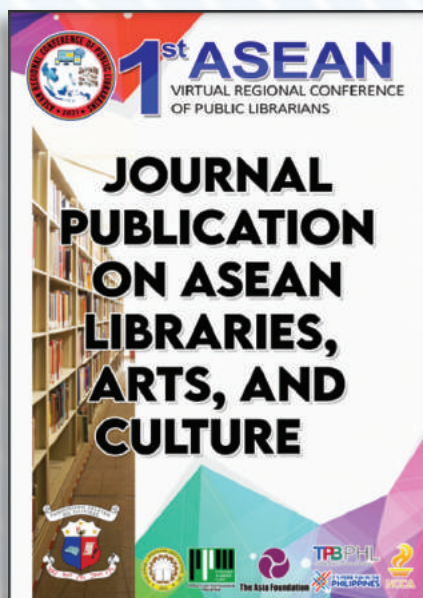


Poster, presentation and participants of the WRAD 2022.

# NLP LATEST PUBLICATIONS

In 2022, the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) was able to produce twelve (12) publications which are now available in the NLP website and can be accessed and downloaded online. This year, six distinct books were printed for the distribution to the different public libraries in the country. Five of the published books were products of the joint effort of several institutions including the ASEAN Committee on Culture and Information (COCI) and the National Commission for Culture and Arts (NCCA), while the other one is published solely by NLP. Researchers who have interest in library services and Philippine history will greatly benefit from these publications.

**LIBRARY SERVICES FRAMEWORK** is a joint output of the ASEAN Member States National and Public Libraries which features the product and services of the libraries in Southeast Asia before and during the COVID-19 pandemic. This also highlights the proposed innovation framework in four key areas: Operations, Services, Customer Engagement, and People and Culture with emphasis on digital upgrades and transformation.



The onset of the pandemic changes the dynamics of library services worldwide. In many cases, library processes and mode of service delivery were tested, as most libraries suspended their services onsite. Challenges in terms of extending library resources, initiating health protocols for the limited number of library visits, and implementing virtual/online programs and activities opted libraries to adapt and innovate. In this book, library practices, encountered challenges, and initiated interventions were presented by the ASEAN representatives/contributors who participated in the virtual conference titled, **Capacity Building in Library Services: Reframing Libraries Setting the New Normal**, facilitated by the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) on 17-19 November 2021.

Funded and supported by the Association of Southeast Asia Nations Committee on Culture and Information (ASEAN-COCI) through the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), the book is organized and published by NLP.

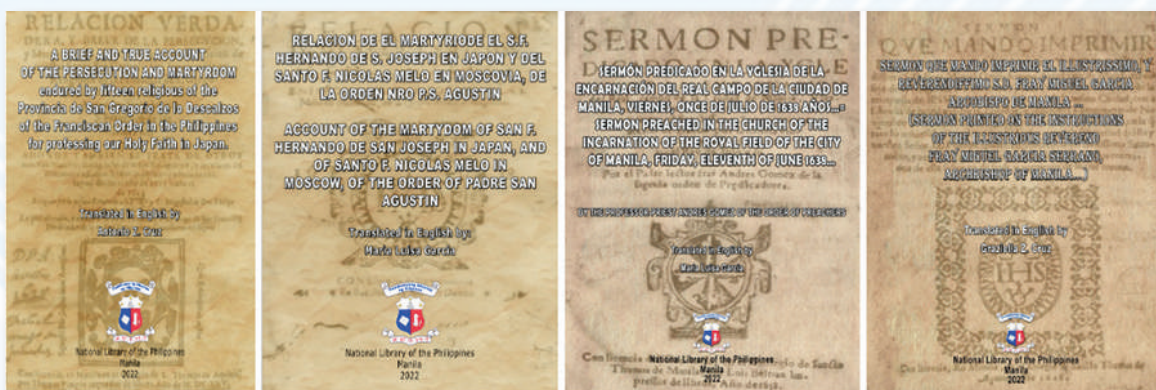
**THE PHILIPPINE INCUNABULA** was also released by NLP and takes pride in giving the Filipino people free access to some of the rare books that were already translated to English in eBook format. The following are the Incunabula published in 2022:

- SERMON QUE MANDO IMPRIMIR EL ILLUSTRISIMO, Y REVERENDIFFIMO S.D. FRAY MIGUEL GARCIA ARCOBISPO DE MANILA = SERMON PRINTED ON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE ILLUSTRIOUS REVEREND FRAY MIGUEL GARCIA SERRANO, ARCHBISHOP OF MANILA.
- SERMON QUE MANDO IMPRIMIR EL ILLUSTRISIMO, Y REVERENDIFFIMO S.D. FRAY MIGUEL GARCIA ARCOBISPO DE MANILA = SERMON PRINTED ON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE ILLUSTRIOUS REVEREND FRAY MIGUEL GARCIA SERRANO, ARCHBISHOP OF MANILA.

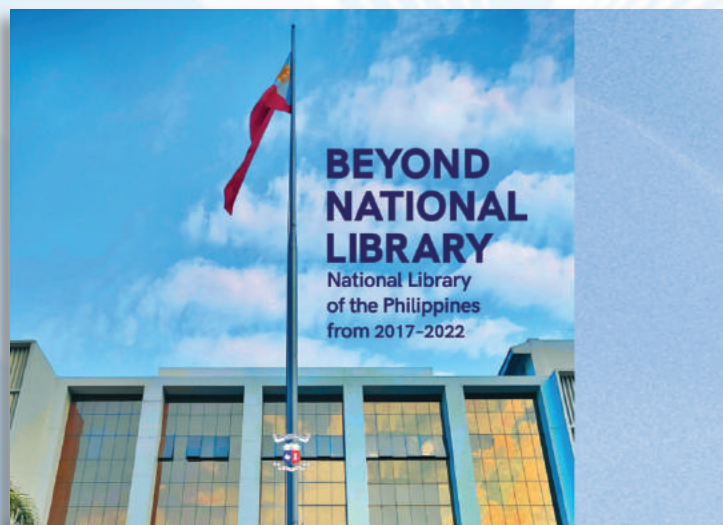
- RELACION VERDA DERA, Y BREVE DE LA PERSECUCION, Y MORTIROS QUE PADECIERON POR LA CONFELSION DE NUETRA SANTA FEE CATHOLICA EN JAPÓN, QUINZE, RELIOGIOFOR DE LA PROVINCIA DE S. GREGORIO, DE LOS DEFCALCOS DEL ORDEN DE NUESTRO SERAPHICO P. S. FRANCIFCO DE LAS ISLAS PHILIPINAS = A BRIEF AND TRUE ACCOUNT OF THE PERSECUTION AND MARTYRDOM ENDURED BY FIFTEEN RELIGIOUS OF THE PROVINCIA DE SAN GREGORIO DE LOS DESCALZOS OF THE FRANCISCAN ORDER IN THE PHILIPPINES FOR PROFESSING OUR HOLY FAITH IN JAPAN
- SERMÓN PREDICADO EN LA YGLEIA DE LA ENCARNACIÓN DEL REAL CAMPO DE LA CIUDAD DE MANILA, VIERNES, ONCE DE JULIO DE 1638 AÑOS...= SERMON PREACHED IN THE CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION OF THE ROYAL FIELD OF THE CITY OF MANILA, FRIDAY, ELEVENTH OF JUNE 1638...

These INCUNABULA eBooks are produced to provide the public with immediate and extensive access to NLP’s rare collections, valuable for research and scholarly work. This translation was made possible through the funding granted by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) in 2009 and was implemented in 2010.

Philippine Incunabula are the first books printed from 1593 until 1640 and eight of these early books are part of the treasures of NLP.



**BEYOND NATIONAL LIBRARY** is another latest publication of the National Library of the Philippines, the coffee table book entitled “Beyond National Library: The National Library of the Philippines from 2017-2022.” The book was launched last 11 August 2022 as part of NLP’s 135<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary celebrations. It gives us a glimpse of the numerous changes and developments of NLP from 2017-2022.



The project was made possible through the unwavering support of NLP Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano, Asst. Director Edgardo B. Quiros, and the teamwork and contributions of all the people behind the achievements of NLP from 2017 up to present.

“Beyond National Library” is composed of five chapters – Chapter 1: The National Library of the Philippines (NLP) Director; Chapter 2: The Management System; Chapter 3: Facilities; Chapter 4: Activities; and Chapter 5: Ongoing Projects and Future Plans. NLP is in the pursuit of improving the different aspects of its system to fulfill its mandate and commitment to the country.

# NATIONAL HERITAGE MONTH

## PLs SUPPORT NLP PROGRAMS IN PROMOTING LOCAL HERITAGE

A nationwide online storytelling and webinar on establishing local heritage collections were conducted by the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) in celebration of National Heritage Month. These events were supported by the participating Public Libraries (PLs) who shared their local culture through children's storytelling activity and discussions on the rich local heritage collections of their respective libraries.

The *Kuwento ng mga Bayan sa Online Kuwentuhan* gave opportunity for the eight public libraries to share their local stories and folklore that were originally written in their vernacular by the local authors of their community. Young learners and students from various elementary schools were invited by these libraries to promote and teach them their history, heritage, tradition and values embedded in the story.

Major provinces in the Philippines were represented by the city libraries including the following:

1. Cebu City Library
2. General Santos City Public Library
3. City Public Library of San Fernando La Union
4. Davao City Library and Information Center
5. Iloilo City Public Library
6. Quezon City Public Library
7. Imus City Public Library
8. Puerto Princesa City Library

This online kuwentuhan were also presented by the NLP Kuwentistas, Kuya Tom, Ate Jeeffa, and Kuya James who facilitated the storytelling activity for the whole month.

Another activity for NHM 2022 is a virtual discussion titled, *Pampublikong Aklatan: Imbakan ng Kasaysayan ng Bayan (Pagbabahagi at Talakayan)* which emphasized

the role of libraries are a repository of documents and materials with historical and cultural value.

It encourages the community in promoting and caring for the local heritage through their local history collections and helps other stakeholders identify distinct cultural resources of their community and generate interest in programs relative to heritage conservation. Three public libraries shared their knowledge on the process of establishing a local history and heritage collection in a webinar conducted on 26 May 2022. NLP invited the Urdaneta City Public Library with Ms. Bernadine M. Garvela, Head Librarian; Midsayap Municipal Library and Information Center with their Librarian II Ms. Philline C. Cadungog; and, Bohol Provincial Library and Information Center with Ms. Maria Vida C. Aparicio, Provincial Librarian.

Since these libraries have established their local heritage collections, they were able to share the processes and type of collections they have to encourage other PLs to begin a collection of their own.

Aside from these activities, there was also an online exhibit featuring H. Otley Beyer Ethnographic Collection that promotes valuable cultural heritage from different localities in the Philippines.

National Heritage Month is a month-long celebration in May spearheaded by the National Heritage Committee, a sub-committee of the National Commission for Culture and Arts (NCCA) by the virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 439, s. 2003. This year's theme, *Pamanang Lokal: Binhi ng Kulturang Pilipino*, highlights the importance of preserving and promoting local heritage within the community and its impact on shaping Philippine cultural identity. This also aims to create among the Filipino people a consciousness, respect, and love for the legacies of the nation's cultural history.





*Atimonan Municipal Library*



*Polangui Municipal Library*

# BOOK ALLOCATION FOR AFFILIATED PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND BARANGAY READING CENTERS

As many public libraries returned to normal operation in the post pandemic period, library users and people in the community went to their public libraries and use the available library materials. In 2022, the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) continued its allocation to its affiliated public libraries. In this year the Public Libraries Division supported a total of 217 extension/affiliated public libraries through resource allocation.

On May 24, 2022 NLP turned over library resources to the newly affiliated Barangay Reading Centers in Hilongos, Leyte as part of NLP's initial allocation and was received by newly elected Mayor of Hilongos, Leyte, Honorable Manuel R. Villahermosa during his courtesy call at NLP, together with SB Secretary Catherine Fabular.

Also, seven (7) newly affiliated Barangay Reading Centers of Urdaneta City, Pangasinan received the partial allocation on 14 June 2022 at NLP. They were headed by the Ms. Bernadine M. Gravela, City Librarian (City Government Assistant Department Head) of Urdaneta City Library with the Library In-Charge of each Barangay Reading Centers:

1. Arianne May D. Nicolas- Bayaoas Barangay Reading Center
2. Jocelyn C. Biccay- Catablan Barangay Reading Center
3. Jenny L. Lutrania- Labit East Barangay Reading Center
4. Jocelyn L. Almendares- Labit West Barangay Reading Center
5. Aiza C. Ramirez- Sugcong Barangay Reading Center
6. Melanie M. Tabayoyong- Oltama Barangay Reading Center
7. Maria Isabel M. Fernandez- Pinmaludpod Barangay Reading Center

Also, Assistant Director Edgardo B. Quiros led the turnover of 1 set of computers with e-resources, globe, map, purchased and donated printed materials to each barangay reading center, while the Urdaneta City Library received donated library materials. The staff of the Public Libraries Division (PLD) led by Chad Aren Diaz, Librarian III of the PLD Training Section; Julie Ann Dominique DL. San Esteban, Librarian III and

head of Library Establishment and Affiliation and Monitoring and Evaluation Section; and, Vida Dorea Mendoza, Librarian II of the Establishment and Affiliation Unit.

Honorable Monet Federiso, Mayor of New Corella, Davao del Norte, and Hon. Joann Federiso, SB Member of the New Corella Municipal Library of Davao del Norte, a newly affiliated public library of NLP, were also the beneficiary of the allocation.

On the other hand, nineteen (19) Newly affiliated Barangay Reading Centers of Midsayap, Cotabato received the resources allocation on 6 December 2022 at the National Library of the Philippines. The allocated materials were received by the staff in-charge in each Barangay Reading Center with Ms. Philline C. Cadungog, Municipal Librarian from Midsayap Municipal Library and Information Center.

These library resources and materials will be distributed to the different barangay reading centers of the city to be utilized by its library users and the community.



Calapan City



Cotabato City



Pangasinan Library



New Toril, Davao

# DEED OF DONATION SIGNING BETWEEN NCCA AND NLP

A simple Deed of Donation Signing and Turnover Ceremony was held between the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) last April 21, 2022 at the NLP Building.

The activity is aligned with NCCA Memorandum No. 2012-05-017 dated May 9, 2012, wherein the NLP will be given NCCA materials and publications as donation in NLP's affiliated public libraries. The Deed of Donation was duly signed by Executive Director Oscar G. Casaysay and Public Affairs and Information Office Head Rene S. Napeñas for the NCCA, and Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano and Collection Development Division Chief Melody M. Madrid for the NLP.



*The Deed of Donation signed by  
NCCA Executive Director Oscar G. Casaysay and  
NLP Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano*



Turnover of donated NCCA materials and publications to NLP. A total of 1,250 volumes of materials (25 titles, 50 copies each) has been donated during the Turnover Ceremony participated by NCCA and NLP employees.

# CDD STAKEHOLDERS FORUM ON ACQUISITION AND PROCUREMENT OF LIBRARY MATERIALS



*Participants at the auditorium who attended the CDD Stakeholders Forum on Acquisition and Procurement of NLP Library Materials on 22 June 2022.*

To raise awareness of the acquisition and address issues regarding the procurement process of library materials, the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) through the Collection Development Division (CDD) facilitated the Stakeholders' Forum on Acquisition and Procurement of NLP Library Materials on 22 July 2022. The event was conducted in a blended format and attended by local publishers and selected NLP employees.

Participants composed of publishers, booksellers, vendors, and NLP staff attended this forum to address issues and concerns in procuring library materials and develop a successful and beneficial relationship with external providers/suppliers. Assistant Director Edgardo B. Quiros graced an opening remark and presented to the stakeholders some of the major improvements of the NLP, particularly in the services and developments in the reading rooms. He also asked for the continued support of the stakeholders to help NLP with NBDB to make the book industry better.

Also, Ms. Melody M. Madrid, CDD Chief presented the Collection Development Plan and NLP Collection Priorities to encourage Booksellers and Publishers to join public bidding for the procurement of books and other library materials.

The Stakeholders were also given a brief lecture on Government Procurement 101- The Key Features of GPRA and Procurement Organization discussed by Mr. Adonis R. Barraquias, the Chief of the Contract Management Division of the Department of Education-Central Office.

Participants also took part in the panel discussion about the issues and concerns of acquisition. Members of the panel include NLP Assistant Director Edgardo B. Quiros; Chief of CDD, Melody M. Madrid; Administrative Officer V and Officer-In-Charge of Budget Section, Marvin Vanguardia; and, Accountant III of the Accounting Section-Finance Administrative Division, Ms. Geraldine Guisando. Through this forum, NLP also aimed to develop and strengthen its connection with external providers and to allocate the most essential books and library materials for its patrons.



# GAWAD PARANGAL SA NATATANGING PROPEZYUNAL NA TAGAPANGASIWA NG PAMPUBLIKONG AKLATAN

As part of the annual tradition of recognizing the outstanding service and dedication of some of the public servants in the sector of library and information services, the National Library of the Philippines with The Asia Foundation (TAF) awarded all the library professionals and public libraries on December 1-2, 2022. The awarding ceremony was took place at the City Garden Suites Hotel, Manila as part of the culminating activity of the Closing Meeting and Recognition Ceremonies of the conducted Seminar-Workshop on Policy Development and Advocacy for the Philippine Public Library Leaders' Conversation (PPLC).



Since 2019, the NLP in partnership with TAF have jointly ventured this project to: 1) Encourage all affiliated public libraries with NLP to continue their exemplary contributions in their community; 2) Recognize public librarians or individuals who have gone above and beyond their work in the community through their dedication, commitment, and hard work as a manifestation of their outstanding public service contributions; and, 3) Create stronger partnerships between the NLP, and other stakeholders for the development of the public libraries in the country.

The Awarding Ceremony was graced by the officers of both NLP and TAF, as well as the various awardees of the Search who were joined by the officials of their respective Local Government Unit.

## Professional Librarian Category

Unang Gantimpala	Rosena V. Roman	Librarian V, Imus City Public Library
Ikalawang Gantimpala	Easter W. Pablo	Librarian IV, Baguio City Public Library
Ikatlong Gantimpala	Merly S. Zambrano	Librarian III, Villasis Municipal Library, Pangasinan
Ikaapat na Gantimpala	Charlotelyn C. Miranda	Librarian III, Carigara Municipal Library and Museum, Leyte
Ikalimang Gantimpala	Enrique H. Donayre	Librarian III, Tagum City Library and Learning Commons

## Non-Librarian Category

Unang Gantimpala	Cisette S. Ricardo	Officer-in-Charge, Paranaque City Public Library
Ikalawang Gantimpala	Mercedes M. Capanang	Administrative Aide III, Kaban ng Hiyas Congressional Library
Ikatlong Gantimpala	Sheila Marie A. Fulton	Officer-in-Charge, Olongapo City Public Library
Ikaapat na Gantimpala	Teddy S. Robles	Officer-in-Charge, Himamaylan City Public Library

## Gawad ng NLP Director

Charlotelyn C. Miranda Librarian III, Carigara Leyte Municipal Library and Museum

## Gawad ng Country Representative ng The Asia Foundation

Amelyn N. Bautista Librarian IV, Albay Provincial Library and Information Center

## Leadership Awardees

Michael C. Nagas	Officer-in-Charge	City Library of San Fernando La Union
Christine E. Sncua	Librarian IV	Sorsogon Provincial Library and Information Center
Richel I. Pajara	Librarian IV	Misamis Oriental Provincial Library
Philline C. Cadungog	Librarian II	Midsayap Municipal Library and Information Center
Amylen N. Baustista	Librarian IV	Albay Provincial Library and Information Center

## Leadership Awardees

Carlito A. Balatay	Manila City Library
Violeta N. Sy	Manila City Library
Luzviminda V. Lamsen	Pozorrubio Municipal Library, Pangasinan

## Loyalty Awardees (15 Years in Service)

Adrian D.A. Alatiit	Manila City Library
Bernalyn B. Tolentino	Manila City Library
Lucita A. Avila	Manila City Library
Roberto B. Moreno	Manila City Library

## Loyalty Awardees (20 Years in Service)

Adrian O. Galicia	Manila City Library
Jennifer N. Ruiz	Manila City Library
Lawford Howard C. Cruz	Manila City Library
Rogelyn C. Serino	Misamis Occidental Provincial Library and Information Center
Philline C. Cadungog	Midsayap Municipal Library and Information Center

## Loyalty Awardees (25 Years in Service)

Cristina D. Sison	Manila City Library
Johayli B. Millare	Manaoag Municipal Library, Pangasinan

## Loyalty Awardees (30 Years in Service)

Maria Carmen V. Masanque	Manila City Library
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## Loyalty Awardees (35 Years in Service)

Marilyn G. Apilado	La Union Provincial Library
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## Loyalty Awardees (40 Years in Service)

Edna C. Quiballo	Carlos P. Romulo Library
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## 2021 Top Performing Public Libraries

Congressional	Sentro ng Karunungan Library, City of Manila
Provincial	Bulacan Provincial Library, Province of Bulacan
City	Zamboanga City Library, City of Zamboanga
Municipal	Polangui Municipal Library and Information Center, Polagui Albay
Barangay/Branches	QCPL Lagro Branch, Quezon City



**2021 Most Diligent Public Library Award**

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|-------------------|---|
| Congressional     | City of Borongan, Eastern Samar                 |
| Provincial        | Hall of Fame Award                              |
| City              | Hall of Fame Award                              |
| Municipal         | Cagayan Provincial Learning and Resource Center |
| Barangay/Branches | Cavite Provincial Library                       |

**Most Innovative Public Library Award**

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|---|---|
| Building and Physical Set-up                          | Bangsamoro Library and Archives           |
| Library Programs and Activities Conducted (Inclusive) | Baguio City Public Library                |
| Library Programs and Activities Conducted (Adaptive)  | Davao City Library and Information Center |

# TRAINING





# PHILIPPINE PUBLIC LIBRARY LEADERS' CONVERSATION (PPLLC)

The National Library of the Philippines, through the Public Libraries Division, in partnership with University of the Philippines - National College of Public Administration and Governance (UP NCPAG) conducted a public webinar series titled, Philippine Public Library Leaders' Conversation.

On August 15-19, 2022 the seminar kicked-off attended by all identified members of five (5) committees of the PPLLC - a group of selected public librarians whose goal is to help improve the services offered by public libraries by seeking alternative options and/or solutions to some of the pressing concerns/issues affecting the public library profession. The 5-day blended seminar-workshop, which is part of the series of activities to be conducted under the PPLLC project, provided the participants an overview on policy making, policy analysis, and context setting.

Professor Simeon A. Ilago, Associate Professor of the National College of Public Administration and Governance, University of the Philippines and the present Director of UP Center for Policy and Executive Development (CPED) gave his lecture on the Overview of Policy Analysis which aimed to teach the participants the basic understanding of policy and the policy processes and provided a workshop on policy development in the policy analysis process. Groups were able to present their outputs on the second day of the seminar. On the third day, Prof. Ilago showed the possible ways to identify policy alternatives starting with reviewing past policies, guidelines, and applicable rules and regulations to see how an issue was addressed.

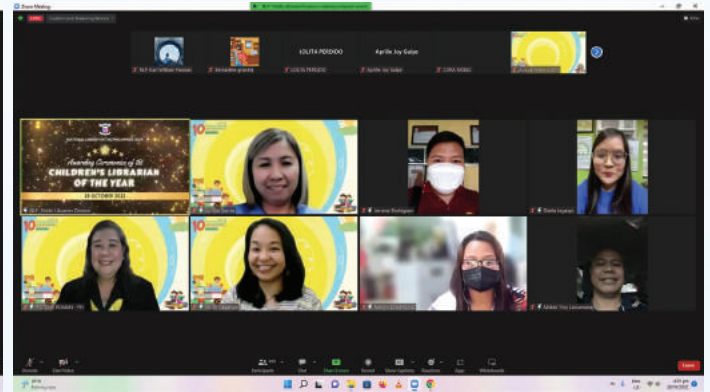
A Stakeholder Engagement and Consultation was the second part of the webinar series. Which was held on August 30-September 2, 2022. During these days Prof. Charlie E. Cabotaje, Assistant Professor of UP NCPAG discussed about the stakeholder engagement and stakeholder consultation and was followed by a stakeholder analysis workshop. This was followed by a lecture on Creating Effective Infographics on September 6 and 9, 2022 which gave the participants consciousness of the committees to establish and follow PPLLC marketing and branding.

And on September 19-22, 2022 PPLLC went to Davao City for another seminar-workshop on Public Advocacy and Communication- Writing Draft Legislation, Resolution and Ordinance, Policy Brief and Position Paper. Atty. Mark Anthony M. Gamboa, EnP., Asst. Prof., UP School of Regional Planning presented a lecture on Drafting Effective Legislation, Resolutions and Local Ordinances.

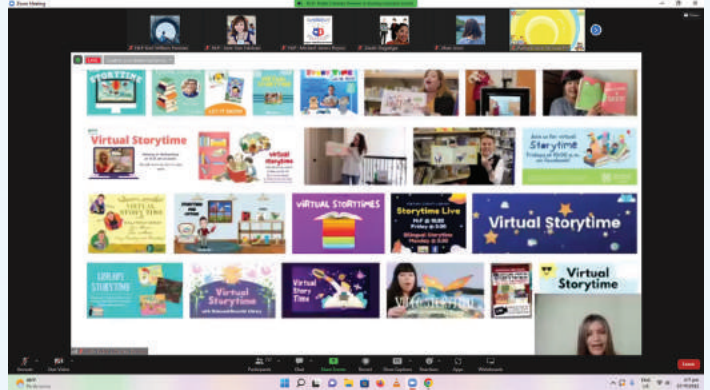
Capping the activities of the Seminar-Workshop on Policy Development and Advocacy for the Philippine Public Library Leaders' Conversation (PPLLC), PPLLC members attended the Closing Meeting and Recognition Ceremonies held last December 1-2, 2022 in City Garden Suites Hotel, Manila. This final activity of the PPLLC aimed to:

- Present and discuss the final proposals, policies, and plans of each committee to the whole group after the series of offline revisions undertaken as a result of the learning acquired and feedback obtained from stakeholders during the Public Webinar Series
- Submit and sign the committee's final proposals
- Conduct a simple recognition ceremony for all members of the PPLLC Group

Gracing the events were members of the Oversight Committee and the two directors of the National Library of the Philippines, Director Cesar Gilbert Adriano, and Asst. Dir. Edgardo Quiros, who provided the Opening and Closing Remarks for the event respectively. A simple awarding ceremony was also held during the event for the winners of the 2022 Children's Librarian of the Year Award.



# 10<sup>TH</sup> CONFERENCE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULT LIBRARIANSHIP



The National Library of the Philippines, in partnership with the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. - National Capital Region Librarians Council (PLAI-NCRLC) and Philippine Association of School Librarians, Inc., conducted the 10th Conference on Children and Young Adult Librarianship (10<sup>th</sup> CCYAL) on October 27-28, 2022 via Zoom.

Bearing the theme, "2012-2022 - A Decade of Development: Remembering the Past. Adapting to the Present. Building a Sustainable Future," the 10<sup>th</sup> CCYAL aims to provide a venue for acquiring knowledge, skills, and attitude in the development of children and young adult libraries through inspiring experiences of adaptations, trends, and best practices of children and young adult programs and services, and stories of establishing a sustainable future for these libraries within and outside the country. The 10<sup>th</sup> ICCYAL has the following objectives:

1. Showcase children and young adult libraries that we're able to adapt quickly and efficiently their programs and services geared towards



addressing the current state of future development of these libraries;

2. Develop and sustain connections and collaborations between library organizations and other institutions/stakeholders having similar/related visions and missions for children and young adult libraries to adapt to the changing needs and demands of clients easily;

3. Recognize deserving children and young adult librarians in the country; and

4. Appreciate and believe in the roles performed by children and young adult librarians in preparing a resilient and sustainable society.

This two-day conference gathered all the expert resource persons in the field with some of the consistent sponsors of NLP. Ms. Vicky McDonald, the President-Elect of International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) for 2022-2023 was the keynote speaker. One of the highlight of the conference was the Recognition and Conferment of Awards to Outstanding Children and Young Adult Librarians.

# WEBINAR-WORKSHOP ON PSYCHOLOGICAL FIRST AID AND BASIC ATTENDING AND FACILITATING SKILLS FOR LIBRARIANS

The National Library of the Philippines, through the Public Libraries Division, will be conducting a free **Webinar-Workshop on Psychological First Aid and Basic Attending and Facilitating Skills for Librarians** on **February 2, 2022**.

Even before the pandemic, mental health issues are a pressing concern in Filipino society. It became worse at the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Filipinos who lost their jobs and OFWs who were repatriated experienced financial stress. Medical and other frontline workers were confronting health-related anxiety. In the same way, teachers and students expressed a more serious level of emotional and psychological concerns as the educational landscape suddenly shifted to online and modular modalities. Many families were distressed due to the loss of loved ones, financial stress, and COVID-19 anxiety. These issues resulted in more serious mental health concerns especially for various stakeholders in the educational system – students, teachers, parents, and other school staff. Librarians, being in the frontline service of providing up-to-date information regarding the ongoing pandemic and its repercussions, may take their responsibility to help these various stakeholders to curb the ill effects of the situation. Appropriate awareness and skills will be given to them to become more effective in delivering these duties and responsibilities.

A discussion about Psychological First Aid by Prof. Gino A. Cabrera of Southern Luzon State University gave thorough details about the importance of mental health and the impact of the pandemic in the mental condition of the people. He also emphasized the role of Librarians as Mental Health advocates. According to Prof. Cabrera librarian could be a psychological service provider and explained several online services that libraries could provide in serving the teen with mental illness such as libraries as mental health hubs. He even suggested several activities that libraries could do such as organizing a seminar and training about mental health and how to improve services to customers with mental health issues; hosting an art class or exhibit for expressive arts therapy; listing books

specifically covering mental health or “Bibliotherapy” as he coined it.

While Prof. Noreen P. Echague, from the same university presented on Facilitating and Attending Skills for Librarians. Prof. Echague cited the Republic Act 9258 or the Guidance and Counselling Act of 2004 explaining the limitations of librarians to provide counseling to its clients, but the law does not limit the psychological services that libraries could provide. She also discussed the possible symptoms of stress and mental health illness so that librarians could provide the necessary understanding and assistance if needed.

**NATIONAL LIBRARY OF THE PHILIPPINES (NLP)**  
Public Libraries Division (PLD)

Webinar-Workshop on

**Psychological First Aid and Basic Attending and Facilitating Skills for Librarians**

VIA ZOOM | FEBRUARY 2, 2022 | 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**RESOURCE SPEAKERS**

**MODERATOR**

**Prof. Gino A. Cabrera**  
Southern Luzon State University

**Prof. Noreen P. Echague**  
Southern Luzon State University

**Sheena L. Samson**  
Public Libraries Division, NLP

To register, scan the QR code or go to: <https://bit.ly/RegSWPFA>

# NAP TECHNICAL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE FOR NLP

On September 2, 2022 the National Archives of the Philippines (NAP) provided technical advice and assistance to the National Library of the Philippines - Records Management Improvement Committee (RMIC). Members of the committee attended the program including Fe B. Basagre, RMIC Chairperson/Chief of Finance Administrative Division (FAD); Geraldine V. Guisando, Vice Chairperson/Accountant III, FAD; and, Kathrina Liza M. Mano, RMIC Secretary/Head of Records Section. Also, Records Custodians of each division were also present during the program.

NAP Representatives discussed the following topics:

1. Briefing on Records Management;
2. How to accomplish NAP Form No. 1 - Records Inventory & Appraisal;
3. How to accomplish NAP Form No. 2 - Records Disposition Schedule;
4. How to accomplish NAP Form No. 3 - Request for Authority to Dispose of Valueless Records; and
5. Establishment of RDS

The technical assistance provided by NAP was utilized by the RMIC members, specifically the assigned copy-holders of each division in the records inventory of their unit. Through the activity, NLP-RMIC started the drafting of the updated Records Disposition Record of the agency.





# BUDGET PREPARATION AND UTILIZATION FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The National Library of the Philippines, through the Public Libraries Division (PLD), conducted a free webinar titled Webinar on Budget Preparation and Utilization for Public Libraries on April 19, 2022 via Zoom. The program was attended by public library personnel and other interested participants from the different libraries in the country.

It aims to address the following objectives:

1. Explain key concepts and theories behind budget preparation and proposals as applied by end-user units (such as public libraries) within Local Government Units;
2. Discuss the steps and/or procedures undertaken in preparing and proposing budget for public library and/or barangay reading center's PPAs; and
3. Project sample budget proposal for an existing or new PPA.

Budget preparation as one of the core of the library management, Assistant Director Edgardo B. Quiros stated budget preparation and utilization in public libraries is an essential part of planning and must give appropriate attention. He also noted that since public libraries are partners of the community in its development, it must assure its people that all its planned activities and budget allotted were properly utilized.

Experts from the budget department and heads of public libraries who have experienced planning and accomplishing budget requirements were invited to present in the webinar. Mr. John Aries S. Macaspac, Director of the Local Government and Regional Coordination Bureau (LGRCB)-Department of Budget and Management gave an overview on key concepts and guidelines on governing end-user unit Budget proposals in LGUs. He pointed out many important points on the budget allocation of the LGU for the PLs. He also noted that PLs must align the project and budget plan of the public libraries in the goals and plans of their LGUs.

The topic on Budget Proposal of a Library Activity was presented by Bernadine M. Gravela, Head

Librarian of Urdaneta City Public Library. She shared one of the activities of their city library in the budget proposal for the project 18th Read, Explore and Discover: The Library Summer Program of the Urdaneta City Library. Each part of the project proposal was explained as one of the examples for other library personnel who want to prepare a project proposal to their local government, especially those libraries that are supported and funded by the LGUs.

Ms. Concepcion P. Villanueva, Head Librarian of Cavite Provincial Library also shared a sample of a budget proposal from Cavite Provincial Library. She presented several steps on how to prepare a liquidation report and reimbursement and other related matter.



The poster features the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) logo and the Public Libraries Division (PLD) name. It announces a webinar on "BUDGET PREPARATION AND UTILIZATION FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES" held via Zoom on April 19, 2022, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 NN. A section titled "RESOURCE SPEAKERS:" lists three individuals: John Aries S. Macaspac (Director IV, LGRCB, DBM), Bernadine M. Gravela (Head Librarian, Urdaneta City Public Library), and Concepcion P. Villanueva (Head Librarian, Cavite Provincial Library). A QR code and a registration link (<https://bit.ly/BPURegistration>) are provided. The background of the speaker section shows a laptop with charts and a book titled "I have a plan".

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# 2022 NLP CAPACITY BUILDING

One of the highly anticipated events for the employees of the National Library of the Philippines is the annual Capacity Building which provides a venue for new learning, skills and an opportunity to strengthen the relationship and camaraderie of the employees through the various activities.

This year, through the support of NLP Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano and Assistant Director Edgardo B. Quiros, The National Library of the Philippines Employees Association (TNLEA) headed by its President Ms. Cherry V. Melquiades spearheaded the 2022 NLP Capacity Building on 13-14 October 2022 at the Bakasyunan Resort and Convention Center, Tanay Rizal.

The primary objective of this Capacity building is to strengthen the workforce on NLP by capacitating them to meet the necessary core and organizational competencies required from their position. Through this, the most valuable asset of the organization will be encouraged to become a more self-efficient and productive contributor to the attainment of the NLP's goals, mission, and vision.

The two-day Capacity Building was divided into three activities:

- a. the seminar and parallel sessions on the core and organizational competency as part of the Learning and Development intervention;
- b. the lecture on the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the Republic Act. No.11313 otherwise known as the "Safe Spaces Act," attribution of the Gender and Development activity;
- c. team building activities and fellowship night for all the employees.

Esteemed speakers from different fields were invited to give a simultaneous two-hour lecture and workshop to capacitate the NLP employees on the core and organizational competencies. Five parallel sessions were facilitated based on the result of the Competency Assessment given by the Human Resource Management Section (HRMS). As part of the required output, the employees must submit the accomplished Learning Action Plan and the Learning Development Plan.

After the parallel sessions, there was also a dedicated time to allow the employees to participate in the team-building activities facilitated by the staff of the Bakasyunan Resort and Convention Center. Five teams composed of the Red Team, Blue Team, Green Team, Black Team, and Grey Team participated in a friendly and fun competition. The socialization night was followed after the team-building activities. During this event, several employees were recognized and groups of the team building activity were awarded.

Generally, despite isolated and mild weather conditions in certain hours during the two-day capacity building in Tanay Rizal, the activities were successfully initiated as planned by the organizing committees-TNLEA, L and D Subcommittee, GAD, and Fellowship Night Committee members.

## Learning and Development Seminar

Esteemed Resource Speakers gave each group a refresher on the competency through a lecture and interactive discussion which were actively participated by NLP employees. Ms. Ma. Socorro T. Valenzuela, Master Teacher II from Ismel Mathay Sr. High School gave inspiring discussions for Group 1: Exemplifying Integrity reminding employees on the significance of building professionalism and ethical standards being a public servant. She emphasized the importance of moral principles, values, and behavior of an employee that must be demonstrated in public offices. On the other hand, Group 2: Delivering Service and Excellence was facilitated by Mr. Shem G. Ibabao, Teacher I from Bagong Buhay Elementary School who discussed Delivering Service Excellence. In his discussion, he pointed out key concepts for providing effective public service. The third group talked about Demonstrating Personal Effectiveness was presented by Ms. Lea Ross Evangelista from Ismael Mathay Sr. High School. The fourth group focused its discussion on Communicating Effectively which was delivered by Mr. Balvin Ruarig of Ismael Mathay Sr. High School. And the last group learned about the Planning, Organizing, and Delivering presented by Mr. John Ronald Almonina, Planning and Development Specialist. He provided an extensive lecture on how to efficiently prepare a plan, organize tasks, and effectively deliver work outputs. A Learning Action Plan (LAP) with the Learning Development Report (LDR) will be submitted after the sessions.

## Gender and Development Lecture on Safe Spaces Act

The afternoon session was dedicated to the discussion of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 11313 otherwise known as the "Safe Spaces Act," which was presented by Mr. Leonardo P. Bernabe Jr., the Chairperson of NLP GAD FPS and Chief of the Information Technology Division. This law defines gender-based sexual harassment in streets, public spaces, online workplaces, and educational or training institutions with protective measures and prescribing penalties. With his discussion, several articles were elaborated to give the employees a better understanding of the law and this should be a tool to promote the library as a safe space for gender equality and a public space that protects women from sexual harassment and abuse.

Mr. Bernabe also encouraged everyone to be more aware of this law especially in the frontline services of NLP as onsite clients increase. As a public servant, he enumerated the roles of the government and the roles of the employees in realizing this law to eliminate gender-related cases and issues.

## Team Building and Fellowship Night

Gaining new knowledge and enhancing skills is as important as increasing collaboration and team camaraderie in attaining the goals of the agency. Thus, activities to engage employees in team spirit, leadership, and communication were also conducted. The activities were facilitated by the staff of the venue and everyone was encouraged to participate either as players or as a support group of their team. Despite the tight competition

between the five teams, the games were executed with fun and sportsmanship among employees.

Awarding of the winners and special awards were the main part of the Fellowship Night. During this event, special awards were given to selected employees such as the:

- a. Early Bird Award
- b. Positive Participation Award
- c. Office Prankster Award
- d. Duct Tape Award

The Chief of every division were also given recognition with an unconventional title of the award such as:

- a. Budget Cruncher Award- for Ms. Fe B. Basagre of FAD
- b. Abacus Award- for Ms. Maricel M. Ureña of RPD
- c. Gadget Geek Award - for Ms. Leonardo P. Bernabe of ITD
- d. Laser Focus Award - for Ms. Melody M. Madrid of CDD
- e. People Whisperer Award - Ms. Susan Zamorra of CD
- f. Super Fan Award- for Ms. Susan J. Fetalco of FD
- g. Carpe diem Award - for Ms. Blesila P. Velasco of PLD
- h. Skydiving Award - for Ms. Dolores D. Carungi of RD
- i. Mission Impossible Award - for Ms. Jennifer B. Dimasaca of BSD
- j. All-Star Award - for Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano

Other special awards were also given to other employees who showed positive attitudes and behavior during the team-building activities. And finally, the winners of the competition were announced:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Place - Blue Team (Teamwork Award also)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Grey Team
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Red and Black Team
- Champion - Green Team

Several performances were also presented by the members of the fellowship committee and entertained the employees. Director Adriano commended the members of the Capacity Building Committee headed by Ms. Cherry Melquiades as the TNELEA President during his closing message.

Overall, this 2022 NLP Capacity Building generates a positive impact on the learning and development of the employees based on the submitted LAP and LDR and the feedback of the majority of the participants. Others would say that this event greatly affects the confidence and motivation of many of them as they were capacitated in their respective competencies, and more importantly, the activities were enjoyed and appreciated by everyone.

## Photo Highlights of the 2022 Capacity Building



*Learning and Development Seminar. The awarding of Certificate of Recognition to the five Resource Speakers during the NLP Capacity Building and Learning and Development Activity conducted on 13-14 October 2022 at Bakasyunan Resort and Convention Center in Tanay, Rizal. The Chief of each division incharge in each group awarded the certificate.*





A group photo of each group/team and the members of the Capacity Building Committee was taken after the seminar. Committee members and members of the five teams were also preparing for the Team Building Activities.



### Team Building Activity

After the parallel sessions, there was also a dedicated time to allow the employees to participate in the team-building activities facilitated by the staff of the Bakasyunan Resort and Convention Center. Five teams composed of the Red Team, Blue Team, Green Team, Black Team, and Grey Team participated in a friendly and fun competition.



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# GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT LECTURE ON SAFE SPACES ACT

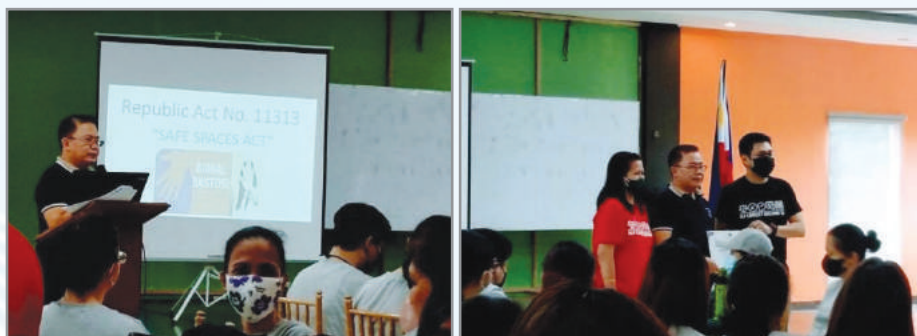
The afternoon session was dedicated to the discussion of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 11313 otherwise known as the "Safe Spaces Act," which was presented by Mr. Leonardo P. Bernabe Jr., the Chairperson of NLP GAD FPS and Chief of the Information Technology Division. This law defines gender-based sexual harassment in streets, public spaces, online workplaces, and educational or training institutions with protective measures and prescribing penalties. With his discussion, several articles were elaborated to give the employees a better understanding of the law and this

should be a tool to promote the library as a safe space for gender equality and a public space that protects women from sexual harassment and abuse.

Mr. Bernabe also encouraged everyone to be more aware of this law especially in the frontline services of NLP as onsite clients increase. As a public servant, he enumerated the roles of the government and the roles of the employees in realizing this law to eliminate gender-related cases and issues

## Gender and Development Lecture

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## Staff Development Activities

As part of the monthly activities of the NLP employees, a staff development was conducted every first Monday of the month with the goal of reporting the progress and activities of the division, recognizing employees and showcasing the talent and skills of the staff.

This activity originated from the idea of Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano to be an avenue of each division in presenting and communicating its current achievement

and on-going activities. According to Director Adriano the monthly staff development will also encourage participation and involvement of all the staff in conducting the activity.

Each division was able to use different methods of presentation and every month, each performance was getting more and more creative, hence, this activity resulted in a more positive workplace for everyone.

## Bibliographic Services Division



## Research and Publications Division



## Public Libraries Division



## Reference Division



## Catalog Division



## Anniversary Committee



# NLP CONDUCTED VARIOUS PROGRAMS FOR ITS EMPLOYEES

With the pandemic situation gradually improving in the Philippines, various restrictions created to control the spread of COVID-19 started to be gradually loosened as well. The past two years had been difficult for most people and affected each one negatively. Hence, when employees started to return to their offices and observe regular work schedules, the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) started implementing programs for the physical and mental wellness of its employees.

### Physical and Mental Wellness Program

Started during the month of March 2022, NLP employees participated in different health and wellness activities every Friday, from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. These activities were designed to ensure that everyone is physically, mentally and emotionally fit; to promote a healthy lifestyle, and to assist employees in managing their health – all of which are necessary to achieve overall organizational efficiency and success.

The NLP management supported this program in order to develop a healthy workforce in the government, in accordance with different Memorandum Circulars of the Civil Service Commission. Activities were prepared and organized by the NLP Human Resource Management Section.

### Sportsfest 2022

In addition, the NLP successfully conducted its three-day Sportsfest 2022 activities from May 18 to 20. This activity is part of NLP's Physical and Mental Fitness Program for its employees, and in accordance with CSC Memorandum Circulars that support the development of a healthy workforce in the government.

The Opening Ceremony held on May 18 was led by Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano and participated by NLP employees who prepared costumes and chants that celebrate various Philippine Festivals, particularly the Panabenga of Baguio, Sinulog of Cebu, Kadayawan of Davao, and MassKara of Bacolod. Various games and sports activities have been prepared to promote the welfare of its employees, such as basketball, volleyball, badminton, table tennis, darts, chess, Jenga, dodgeball, Mobile Legends, and Laro ng Lahi.

To formally conclude the event, the Awarding Ceremony was held in the NLP Epifanio de los Santos Auditorium on May 23 and the winners of each activity were announced.

### Pre-Retirement Seminar for Employees

On 13 May 2022, the NLP organized a Pre-Retirement Seminar for its senior employees, facilitated by the Human Resource Management Section at the NLP Epifanio de los Santos Auditorium.

The seminar aimed to provide an orientation for the NLP would-be retirees in preparation for their retirement to government service. Mr. Jero Paulo T. Centeno, Staff Officer II of the Government Services Insurance System (GSIS), provided information regarding the retirement plans, benefits, and procedures. Other GSIS officers and staff were also present during the seminar, including Mr. Marty S. Agcambot, Officer III, and Mr. Rommel D. Ruiz, Staff Officer I of the GSIS Accounts Management Division.

Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano and Assistant Director Edgardo B. Quiros were also present at the seminar and showed their support for this program in providing the necessary assistance for the retirees.

### Employees' Annual Physical Examination

The NLP also conducted an Annual Physical Examination (APE) from May 31 to June 1, 2022, to ensure that all of its employees are fit to work and are in perfect health condition while performing their organizational roles and functions.

The APE was conducted to monitor the health status of NLP employees through the provided on-site services like routine diagnostics, screening, and other laboratory tests and procedures for early detection and adequate treatment of any illnesses.

NLP prioritizes health care as it plays a significant part in the effectiveness and efficiency of the delivery of library services, implemented in health programs and activities aimed to encourage the physical well-being of its employees.

**Selected photos of the different employees' activities  
Physical and Mental Wellness Program**



**Sportsfest 2022**



**Pre-Retirement Seminar for Employees**



**Employees' Annual Physical Examination**





# NLP DIVISION AND SERVICES

## **BIBLIOGRAPHIC SERVICES DIVISION (BSD)**

BSD's main task is to compile the Philippine National Bibliography (PNB) and serves the National Center of Philippines for International Standard Number for books, serials and music (ISBN, ISSN, ISMN). It also indexes serial publications so that they may be found more easily in the Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC).

## **CATALOG DIVISION (CD)**

CD ensures that the books of NLP and of affiliated public libraries are properly catalogued. The division is also responsible for the Cataloguing-in-Publication (CIP) of book publishers. It also sets cataloguing standards in the country and spearheads the use of Resource Description and Access (RDA).

## **COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT DIVISION (CDD)**

CDD is responsible for the acquisition and technical processing of books which are then catalogued by the CD and eventually sent to the reading rooms of the NLP or to be allocated to affiliated public libraries. It also issues certifications that permit newspapers to publish legal notices.

## **FILIPINIANA DIVISION (FD)**

NLP's goal of preserving a comprehensive collection of materials written by Filipinos, as well as materials printed in and about the Philippines are entirely centered in the Filipiniana Division's activities. Theses and dissertations are also maintained by this division.

## **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION (FAD)**

This division handles the logistics, human resource development and financial management of the Agency. It implements and executes administrative policies on the organization and functions of the NLP. It is also responsible for the coordination among divisions on administrative support and services.

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIVISION (ITD)**

ITD manages and maintains the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) of the Office. It also conducts free ICT training for NLP staff, public libraries and stakeholders.

## **PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION (PLD)**

PLD discharges public library functions and campaigns for the establishment, development and maintenance of public libraries in the provinces, cities, municipalities, and barangays throughout the country. It also plans and conducts training programs, seminars, workshops, and conferences for public librarians.

## **REFERENCE DIVISION (RD)**

This division maintains reading room services and provides information, reference, and research services from foreign sources. It also has multicultural sections sponsored by foreign governments. RD also provides services for children and young adults such as story-telling and puppetry. Finally, the division also maintains a section for visually impaired clients and those with disability.

## **RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS DIVISION (RPD)**

RPD's primary task is the conduct of research and publications. Applications for copyright registration are also with the division. It handles library tours and exhibits for the Agency.



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### **NLP 2nd Floor Reading Room**

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*In this practical upgrade and innovation, library clients can now conveniently plug in their own devices in the provided power outlets installed on the 33 tables and connect to the Internet.*

*Tablets are available for the utilization of Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities (PWD) to access the Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) without having to leave their seats. Other clients can readily access said Catalog at the OPAC station or can conveniently access through their own devices. NLP will be adding more tablets installed in each table for OPAC use.*

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