



NLP celebrates 135th Founding Anniversary



NLP Directors Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano and Asst. Director Edgardo B. Quiros with the Division Chiefs during the unveiling of the new historical marker of the National Library of the Philippines on August 11, 2023.

The National Library of the Philippines celebrated another milestone on 11-12 August 2022 as it marked its 135th Founding Anniversary since its establishment on 12 August 1887 as Museo Biblioteca de Filipinas. NLP celebrated 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, facilitated by the 2022 Anniversary committee headed by Finance and Administrative Division Chief, Fe B. Basagre as the overall chairperson, and the TNLEA President, Cherry B. Melquiades as the overall vice chairperson.




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The signing the document transferring the historical marker to NLP with Dr. Escalante, Dir. Adriano , OIC Exec. Dir. Arevalo and Asst. Dr. Quiros

On 11 August 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.

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.

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.

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 NLP Anniversary Working Committee with Director Adriano.



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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 Loyalty Awardees who rendered 40 years of services at NLP were recognized during the NLP anniversary celebration on August 12. Awarded by Dir. Adriano, Asst. Dir. Quiros and HR Head Michelle A. Flor.

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.





VP Sara Duterte - 'libraries as weapon to misinformation'

Honorable Vice President and Secretary of the Department of Education, Sara Z. Duterte served as the the guest of honor and keynote speaker during the Opening Ceremony of the Library and Information Services (LIS) Month on November 4, 2022 at the Epifanio delos Santos Auditorium.

The Vice President graced the program supporting the objectives of the LIS Month celebration as literacy partner of the Department of Education. She emphasized that libraries plays an important role in the promotion of truth and information specially in the present time



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Equal access to reliable information was also repeatedly mentioned by VP Duterte, indicating the overuse of digital information. According to the VP Duterte, digital information may be dangerous if not utilized well, and may confuse the public, steal away the quality of truthful information, contribute to miseducation, and lead the people to their darkest paths.

As there is an over-reliance to digital information, the Vice President emphasized the importance of advocating to the role of library as a weapon against misinformation and inciting hate.

Prior to the program, the Vice President also presided the launching of the of the Filipiniana Exhibit, featuring some of NLP's rare collections at the second floor lobby of NLP with NLP Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano, Asst. Director Edgardo B. Quiros and the Division Chiefs.

Dr. Rene R. Escalante, Chair of the NCCA; Prof. Salvacion M. Arlante, 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. were present in the program.

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.





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FL Louise Araneta-Marcos, led the launching of 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. Therגיע Ablin, President, Asosasyon ng Aklatan at Sinupan ng Diliman Inc.



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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 Malacanang Palaca 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.





NLP partnered with UP-NCPAG for Public Library Leaders' webinar series



NLP Asst. Director Edgardo B. Quiros and Ms. Blesila P. Velasco, PLD Chief with the members of the working committee and participants of the PPLLCC webinar-series.

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 PPLLCC - 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 PPLLCC 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 process



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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 PPLC 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.



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10th 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 (10th 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 10th 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 10th 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.





NLP visited Urdaneta City for LISM Outreach Program

The 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.

Part of the activity is an outreach program visiting the library and reading centers in Pangasinan. The outreach aimed to provide a seminar for the library staff about 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.



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Storytelling and Puppet Show with the 60 students of Urdaneta 1 Central School. The activity was facilitated by the NLP Kuwentistas with the assistance of the staff of the Urdaneta City Public Library headed by Ms. Bernadine M. Gravela.



Honorable Julio F. Parayno, City Mayor of Urdaneta City also joined the program to extend his support to Urdaneta City Public Library in their efforts to promote and preserve the city's history and heritage, together with the seminar speakers, Ms. Bernadine M. Gravela and Mr. Richard Servinias Urdaneta Stake (Diocese) President The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints



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6 winning researches selected during the 1st LISM Research Conference



One of the representative from the Category B Research during their presentation on 18 November 2022 at Epifanio delos Santos Auditorium.

The Library and Information Services Month (LISM) 2022 Research Conference expanded the opportunity for Library and Information Science students and professionals to showcase their research and contribute to the improvement of library management system and services. It is likewise expected to produce studies on the roles of libraries in the preservation of Filipino culture and heritage based on the LISM theme: "Mga Aklatan Bilang Kanlungan ng Karunungan: Tagapangalaga ng Kultura at Pamanang Lokal."

The Search for 2022 LISM Best Research Award and the LISM Research Conference were initiated with a goal of increasing the number of researches about library services and its role in preserving culture and heritage.

The activity was initiated during the 32nd Library Information Services Month, which is one of the major activity of the celebration. On November 18, 2023 a group of experts in the field of LIS review and evaluate the qualified papers during the Research Presentation at Epifanio delos Santos Auditorium.

That includes, Roilingel P. Calilung Director of Libraries at the University of the Assumption City of San Fernando, Pampanga and the PLAI 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.



Fist Place Winner of the Category B awarded by FL Louise Araneta-Marcos.



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There are two categories-- (a) the undergraduate students of Bachelor of Library and Information Science (BLIS); (b) the researches from several professional librarians and graduate students of BLIS. A Submitted research papers have undergone the peer-review process and 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.

The top three winner from Category A and B were published with the following titles:

Category A:

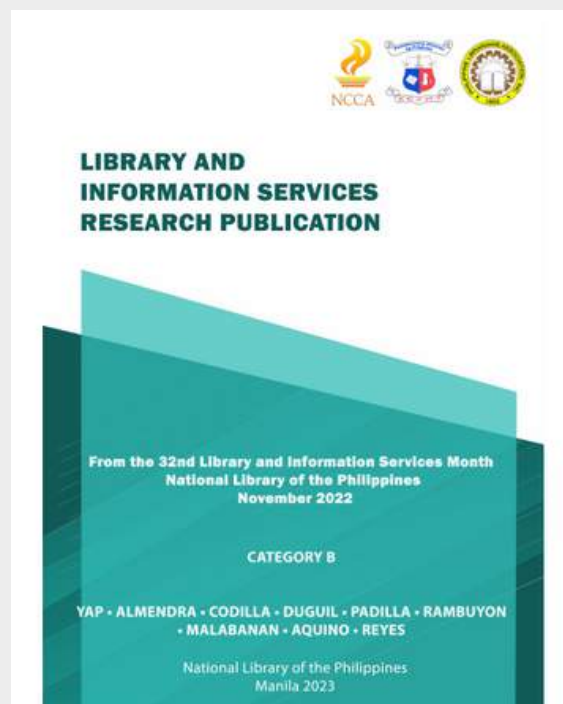
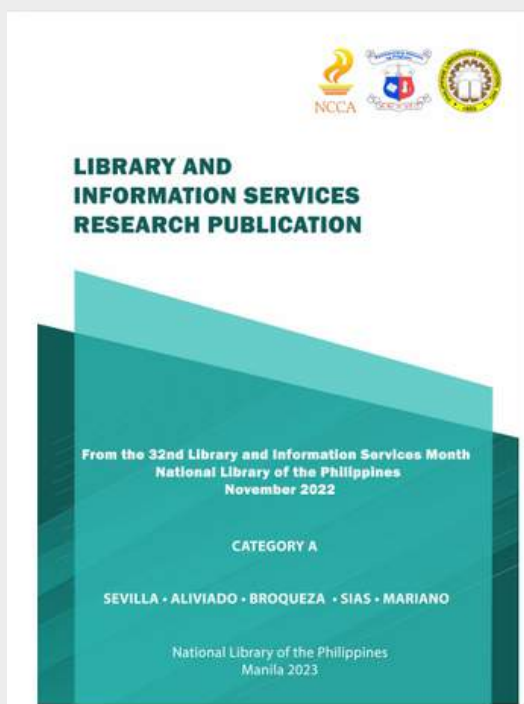
1. Reference Selection and Utilization and of Camarines Sur Polytechnic Colleges Faculty in Syllabus-Making
2. Green Library Practices Among Selected Academic Libraries in Camarines Sur: Basis for LRDS Environmental Sustainable Plan

3. Managing Barriers: Challenges and Solution in Accessing Digital Libraries – A Synthesis Study

Category B:

1. Collection Assessment of Indigenous Knowledge and Librarianship: Course Preparedness and Representation Study in CALABARZON
2. ORAL TRADITION AND EXPRESSIONS RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION PRACTICES OF SELECTED PANGASINAN LIBRARIES
3. The Value of Public Library Access: A Bi-Interval Historical Retrospective Analysis of Pre-Pandemic Quezon City Public Library – Main

The LIS Research Publication is now available at NLP website as a primary reference of the future programs which could be implemented by different libraries, library science educators and library administrators.





NAP assisted NLP in Records Management improvement

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.





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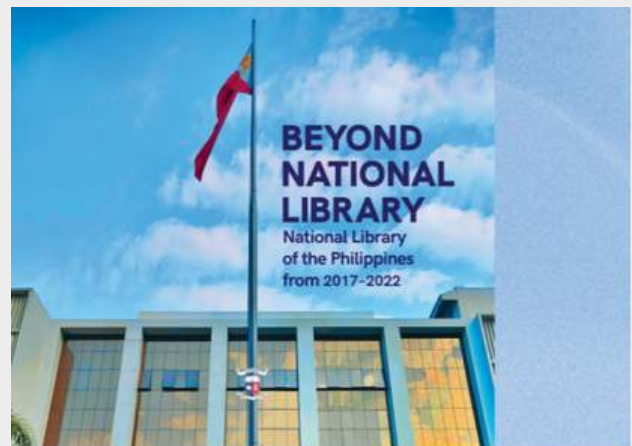
NLP launches Coffee Table Book: **BEYOND NATIONAL LIBRARY: The National Library from 2017-2022**

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 135th 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.

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.



BEYOND NATIONAL LIBRARY is the first Coffee Table Book published by NLP





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3 newly appointed Librarian, 1 Archivist, officially joined NLP Family



(from top left) Gio Karlo J. Fuellos, Jeeffa U. Acmat, Karla L. Lalica and Eruel A. Olvina took their oath before NLP Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano as Librarian I and Archivist I of NLP.

The National Library of the Philippines (NLP) has recently welcomed its newly appointed librarians and archivist.

On July 27, 2022, newly appointed employees for Librarian I position took an oath before NLP Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano. Ms. Karla L. Lalica (Filipiniana Division), Jeeffa U. Acmat (Reference Division), and Gio Karlo J. Fuellos (Reference Division).

Eruel A. Olvina, Archivist I of the Filipiniana Division was also appointed on August 31, 2022.

With their fresh ideas, perspective and passion for books and learning, they are ready to create a remarkable impact to the community by performing their duties as employees of NLP.



NLP conducts Annual Capacity Building




NLP employees 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.

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 of 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.



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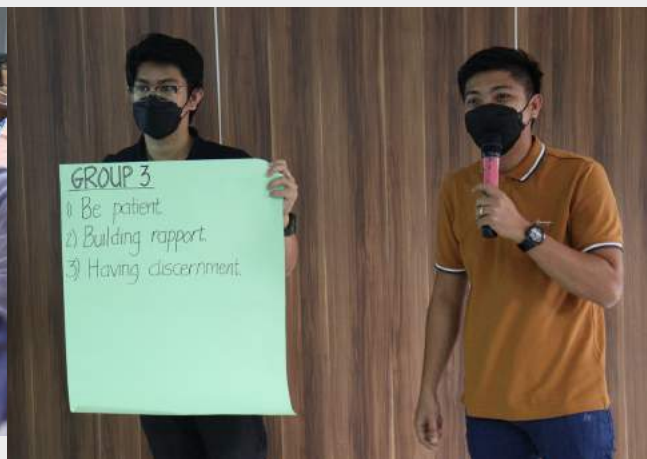
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As part of the Learning and Development activity, esteemed Resource Speakers gave each group a refresher on the different competencies through a lecture and interactive discussion which were actively participated by NLP employees. Ms. Ma. Socorro T. 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 as 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 Ruaring 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.

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.





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There was also a 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.

Awarding of the winners and special awards were the main part of the Fellowship Night. 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 for many of them as they were capacitated in their respective competencies, and more importantly, the activities were enjoyed and well-appreciated by everyone.





NEFLI Cohort 2 convenes



The National Library of the Philippines and the Network of Emerging Filipino Library Innovators (NEFLI) conducted the 3rd Convening of NEFLI Cohort 2 on September 14, 2022.

Attended by the innovators, mentors, commentators, learning facilitators, and organizers of NEFLI Cohort 2, as well as observers from various public libraries, the convening aimed to present the Collaborative Project Teams' (CPTs) breakthrough outputs, challenges and actions taken, and CPTs final project. Likewise, awards and recognition were conferred to deserving mentors and innovators.

The Network of Emerging Filipino Library Innovators (NEFLI) is a comprehensive three-year leadership training program designed specifically for public librarians across the country. Inspired by the successful INELI (International Network of Emerging Library Innovators) initiative under the Global Libraries Initiatives, NEFLI is spearheaded by the Public Libraries Division (PLD) of the National Library of the Philippines.

This program aims to unite public librarians and other interested participants, empowering them to harness effective and relevant solutions that will reinforce the leadership capabilities of public libraries in the Philippines. By focusing on economic, political, and socio-cultural development and integration, NEFLI seeks to strengthen the capacities of public librarians, enabling them to play a significant role in shaping their communities' intellectual and social landscapes.



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Delegates of the 2nd Southeast Asian Librarians Leadership Convergence visited NLP

Delegates of the 2nd Southeast Asian Librarians Leadership Convergence visited the National Library of the Philippines on 15 December 2022 as part of their library tour in selected libraries in Manila. The delegates were able to see the significant areas of the library including the newly renovated reading rooms and recently inaugurated Presidential Library.

The Professional Regulatory Board for Librarians (PRBFL) and the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI) spearheaded the program to establish

the Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) among ASEAN countries in the library and information science profession. The delegates included in the tour are composed of the heads, leaders, and executives of the different library associations, library and information science (LIS) school or program, and other national library associations.

The 2nd Southeast Asian Librarians' Leadership Convergence was held last December 13-15, 2022, at The Bellevue Manila Hotel.

The delegates of the 2nd Southeast Asian Librarians Leadership Convergence who visited the National Library of the Philippines for a guided tour. They visited the newly inaugurated Presidential Library together with Asst. Director Edgardo B. Quiros.

