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ASLP Group Study Tour in the Federal Republic of Germany



On May 14-24, 2012, twelve board members of the **Association of Special Libraries of the Philippines (ASLP), Inc.**, went on a Group Study Tour of Libraries, Museums and Archives in the Federal Republic of Germany.

The great learning and opportunities we gained from this study and observation tour are the following:

- It helped deepen our insight and knowledge of the service structure and techniques of selected libraries in Germany of which we will also share to our fellow Filipino Librarians thru ASLP's different fora and lectures.
- It also nurtured our intellectual capacity to learn

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latest trends, innovations, technological changes and client service of libraries and information centers in Germany that we can adapt in our library work.

- It was a great opportunity to learn the state of the art techniques and methods of conservation and preservation of cultural heritage, and other print and non-print materials of which the Germany is known for.
- It was a great chance to foster co-operation with a TVET Library [Germany VOCATIONAL TRAINING in the DUAL SYSTEM].
- It deepened our understanding and appreciation of German culture through actual experience of German way of life.
- This journey also helped to further develop the cultural relations between our country, the Philippines and that of Germany.

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The Learning and Experience Begun on...

Monday, 14th May 2012

A cool morning breeze greeted the group as we step out of the Frankfurt Airport at 6:00 AM. After looking to the left and to the right, we saw a warm welcome smile from a tall gentleman from afar approaching the group. He is Mr. Stefan Zeidenitz, our guide from Goethe-Institut Visitors Program. We took a train going to the hotel coupled with a long walk till we reached the hotel. We just left our luggage, freshen up a bit and in 30 minutes we are ready to go to our first assignment.

The German National Library (Deutsche National Bibliothek)

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At exactly 9:30 AM, we arrived at the Deutsche Nationalbibliothek and we were met by Dr. Volker Henze.

The German National library (*Deutsche Nationalbibliothek*) is entrusted with the task of collecting, permanently archiving, bibliographically classifying and making available to the general public all German and German-language publications from 1913, foreign publications about Germany, translations of German works and the works of German-speaking emigrants published abroad between 1933 and 1945. The German National Library was preceded by several institutions in Leipzig which was founded in 1912, in Frankfurt am Main in 1946 and the one founded in Berlin in 1970. The reunification of Germany saw these facilities merged into a single institution.

On the occasion of the German reunification these institutions were brought together to form "Die Deutsche Bibliothek", which in 2006 obtained both an expanded legal mandate and a new name: Deutsche Nationalbibliothek (German National Library).

The Frankfurt site of the German National Library is responsible for the development of information and communication technology, including development and management of the central database. It handles the production, marketing and distribution of national bibliographic services.

The building was built in 1997 and they are not allowed to have more than four floors so they have their storage in the underground.

With a very good source of lightings, any users would be inspired to stay and read in a very spacious reading room in Deutsche National Bibliothek. There are approximately 500 users a day according to Dr. Volker Henze.

After a typical German food for lunch, the group went on a bus tour of the main metropolis. The doubledecker bus offered us an unforgettable tour of the Frankfurt am Main metropolis. We enjoyed the view from the upper deck and discovered the myriad aspects of Frankfurt. The multilingual sightseeing tour offered interesting commentaries. After the tour, we walk around the park while Mr. Zeidenitz gave brief description of the important buildings and Churches around. Then we proceeded to our next destination.

Frankfurter-Goethe-Haus Bibliothek
Frankfurt Goethe-House Library
Großer Hirschgraben 23-25, 60311 Frankfurt am Main
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The Goethe-Haus, is the birthplace of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, the famous German writer, artist and politician. It is one of the oldest sites commemorating a poet in Germany. The house went through a series of owners and was also destroyed during the war. It was restored as closely as possible to its original as a monument to its famous inhabitant. In 1954, it was opened to the public along with the Goethe Museum, Library and Research Center.

Goethe Museum, Library and Research Center

It is the only picture gallery exclusively dedicated to the Age of Goethe. Here you will find pictures by important artists of the

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German-speaking lands, from Late Baroque through Sturm und Drang, Classicism and Romanticism to the Biedermeier period.

It is not a literary museum in the usual sense of the term – instead, the fourteen rooms offer you a journey through the art of the Age of Goethe. Goethe, himself an artist and collector, attaches great importance to fine art throughout his life. In his poetry, too, it plays a major role – “for what would the world be without art”.

The library contains approximately 130,000 volumes. It focuses on Goethe and his circles in the field of German literature from 1740 until 1840. In the course of the expansion of the tasks of the Institute, the edition of all the works of Hugo von Hofmannsthal and his circle are well represented. Also represented in the collection are the works of the 18th century literary authors as well as romantik era, almanacs and periodicals.

The collection of Goethe's father also constitutes the collection which contained approximately 2,000 volumes and offers insight into the interests of a qualified private individual in the middle of the 18th century. When the house was auctioned in 1794, the collection was also auctioned but now nearly 1,000 titles are again procured from different sources and 1,500 titles were identified that belongs to the original collection.

Part of the services of the Museum is education and teaching, it is a place for young and old to discover in the Goethe-House and Museum, something for everyone.

They offer guided tours and information in the Goethe Haus and Goethe-Museum. There are also exhibition and programs in order to give pleasure to all members and interested guests on the works and life of Goethe and his contemporaries in words, images and music.

After a short talk about the history of Goethe-Haus and Museum, Dr. Joachim Seng accompanied the Group to see the different parts of the House and the Museum.

Tuesday, 15th May 2012

At 9:27 AM we took an Inter City Express (ICE) train from Frankfurt Central Station going to Cologne. We arrived at Cologne Central Station at 10:32 AM. We were greeted by Ms. Nadejda Boyadjieva, who will be our guide here in Cologne and in Münster. We only stayed here until 5:00 PM and proceeded to Münster after visiting the Cologne City Library and take a glimpse of the Cologne Cathedral and a short walk of the city.

Stadtbibliothek (City Library)

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The **Stadtbibliothek** or the **Cologne City Library** is one of the largest city libraries found in Germany. The city library is composed of the Central Library, 11 branch libraries, 1 mobile library, and a Minibib—a library in the park.

Dr. Vogt discussed the five strategic areas of activity of the Cologne Public Library that has been endorsed by the City Council such

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as *education*—reading promotion and lifelong learning, *information and electronic services*, *integration*—intercultural library work, *culture*—events and public relations, and lastly, *leisure time*—communication and meeting people.

In education, the library promotes reading and lifelong learning to children, young people, and adults. They also have the “book babies” event that was organized by the library to encourage parents to make the babies or the little ones be involved in early reading.

Other activities and services of the library are the guided tours for schools, Alliance for Alphabetization, circulation transactions via RFID. Volunteers from the community help the library in making the activities and services possible.

Also, the city library has e-resources materials located in the e-library. They have tablets and other e-reader devices for the library users. Users can borrow the tablet, bring it to their home, and return it on the given schedule. For the “e” or electronic aspect of the library, they are also working with the QR-codes, Projektgo4IT, and EU-Project—the Digital Literacy 2.0.

Games are also offered in the library to cater the interest of the young ones. For girls, they have the Lego workshop, and for the geeks, they have a site where the geeks or any young individual can see and communicate different kind of events. Of course, they also have serious games in the library.

One of the things that we like about the library is their furniture. As you have seen in the picture below, you will be encouraged to sit and relax while reading. The furniture of the library invites everyone to use their library, to read and learn while comfortably

sitting on chairs, carpets, and others. They created a good ambiance in the library to inspire their community to use the library not only to read but also to meet people, get information, read the resources, and have fun. And like what Dr. Vogt have said, “*the Public Library of Cologne is much more than a reading hall or a place where you can borrow books, but it is at the centre of the community providing information and learning opportunities as well as a place to meet, have discussions, exchange views, and learn about everything that is going to shape our future*”.



The tour in the Cologne City Library was a great experience. We were greeted by the city's very cold weather but the library director and her staff welcomed us with warm accommodations. With the support of the government and community, we witnessed how a city library can be maintained and organized by the librarians. Dr. Hannelore Vogt, Director of the Cologne City Library, gave us the general overview of the library, its services, facilities, and activities. After the lecture, Dr. Vogt gave us a tour of their state-of-the-art library.

While exploring the library, we have observed that there were a lot of constructions going on inside the library. One of this was being done in the entrance area. Dr. Vogt said that the construction in this area is for their new project, the RFID. They will be arranging the entrance and the counter of the library to

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fully operate the project. Eight hundred thousand media were transformed to chips and took about 8 months to finish the said project. After the constructions, a staff training will be conducted in order for them to learn how to operate, manage, and use the RFID.

Also on the same day, Mr. Frank Daniel, the IT Development Staff in the library presented the digital library and collection that they have.

A light meal after the presentation and tour of the library culminated the activity.



We left Cologne at 5:10 PM and we arrived at Münster Hauptbahnhof at 6:56 PM and was warmly welcomed by Mr. Reinhard Feldmann, our mentor for this trip. He, together with Ms. Nadejda, were our guides in Münster. In Münster, we did not experienced the long walk with our luggage from Hauptbahnhof to the hotel because the hotel was just across the Hauptbahnhof.

Wednesday, 16th May 2012

At 8:30 AM, we are waiting at the hotel lobby and ready to go to another library. We left the hotel at 8:45AM with Mr. Feldmann and Ms. Boyadjieva for our 9:00 AM appointment at **Stadtbücherei Münster** (City Library Munster). While walking, Mr. Feldmann gave informative details on some buildings and institutions that we passed by.

Stadtbücherei Münster

City Library Münster

Alter Steinweg 11, 48143 Münster

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www.muenster.de/stadt/bucherei



At 9:00 AM, we met Ms. Monika Rasche, the director of the city library. She gave us a briefing about the library's history, policy, the architectural design and how the design fits according to their purpose and objectives. The library building is said to be special because the town is known to be very conventional and yet the library building has a very modern design. As they've said, they are one of the best city libraries in Germany. And yes it is! From the ceiling, to the walls, the floors, and even the smallest design that were put and used to build has a purpose of being there and why they used that kind of materials. Most of the library furniture was made especially for the city library.

Since the library aims to provide all citizens the chance of individual and free information and education, apart from the big library, the city library has five (5) little libraries and one (1) mobile library within the city. And to provide an up-to-date materials, one thing

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that we noticed was they sold books for only 1€. These are books that are not needed in their collections. We are also amazed that this library has a music room which is available for reservation and its own café – Colibri.

Gefängnisbibliothek der JVA Münster

Munster Prison Library

Gartenstraße 26, 48147 Münster

Tel: 0251 2374-0 / poststelle@jva-muenster.nrw.de / www.jva-muenster.nrw.de.

Next stop is our 11:00 AM appointment at **Gefängnisbibliothek der JVA Münster**.



Since it is a prison cell, we were asked to present our passport at the entrance and were not allowed to take pictures inside the institution. Just a backgrounder, Munster prison is the oldest prison in the Land of North Rhine-Westphalia. We met Ms. Gudrun Jahnke who toured us around the building. We visited the oldest library room which was now used as a prayer room especially for Muslim brothers and the new library room which we can say a modern prison library after it was renovated last 2005 and headed by the librarian Mr. Gerhard Peschers.

It was awarded "**Library of the Year 2007**" by the Germans. This library aims to give the prisoners something meaningful to

do in their free time. They allowed them not only to read books and magazines but borrowed audio-visual materials such as CDs and DVDs. Their library was unique in a way that prisoners were the one who manned the library.

At 12:30 PM we are walking through the city, passed by their market where we were introduced to different frozen meats, vegetables, flowers and nuts. We passed by St. Paul Cathedral, Landes Museum and another church nearby the university.

Universitäts-und Landesbibliothek Münster

University and State Library Munster

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At exactly 2:00PM, we were at the **Universitäts- und Landesbibliothek**



Münster. It is the central library of the Westfälischen Wilhelms-Universität (WWU) and at the same time the state library of the Westphalian Region. Mr. Reinhard Feldmann, Head of the Department Historic Inventories, led us in the university library tour. But before the tour, they offered us a light meal, then Mr. Feldmann presented a powerpoint

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presentation on "History of the book, preservation and conservation: new challenges for future projects". After the presentation, we visited their library archives and laboratories where they do the process of restoration. He presented the process on how they digitized their materials. He also showed us their precious collections like the illuminated prayer book – "**Hoya Missal**".

We finished our library tour for the day but we are not finished yet touring the city. And our last stop, the **Botanischer Garten Münster**. It's a refreshing feeling to be surrounded by plants, green sceneries and flowers after a long day of walk. And to end our day, a sumptuous dinner was served at Cuba, Nova.

Thursday, 17th May 2012

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LWL – Landesmuseum für Kunst und Kulturgeschichte Münster

LWL State Museum

Domplatz 10, 48143 Münster

info@lwl.org / www.lwl.org/lwl/kultur/lwl-Landesmuseum-muenster/goldene_pracht

The title of the exhibition is "**Golden Splendor, Medieval Treasures in Westphalia**".

It presents more than 300 works of art from the 10th to 16th century, including a



large number of international items on loan. The silver-gift statuettes produced by Westphalian goldsmiths are unique. As well as the ecclesiastical treasures, there are also numerous items for secular use such as municipal silver, but also filigree rings or brooches for the goldsmiths' town-dwelling customers. The Gold, silver and precious stones have exercised a great fascination over people of all cultures for thousands of years. The beauty and splendour of the precious materials and their unearthly radiance make them symbols of the eternal, holy and godly, and an expression of power and wealth. In the Westphalia of the late Middle Ages, an unusually large number of outstanding goldsmiths' works goldsmiths remained as witnesses to Christian piety and the worldly need for representation. The exhibition recognizes these treasures, which have often slumbered unseen, for the first time, both for their artistic standing and also in their original historical context. The "Golden Splendour" of these works is so impressive, yet it has been so little known to the public up to now.

We are lucky to have viewed this wonderful and great exhibition. You can spend the whole

day looking and admiring the different treasures in the exhibition.

RELIGIO – Westphälisches Museum für religiöse Kunst

RELIGIO – Westphalia Museum for religious Art

Herrenstraße 1-2, 48291 Telgte

Tel.: 0250493-120 / www.museum-telgte.de



The museum was founded in 1934 and has a long tradition of exhibitions regarding religious art and craft in the Munsterland. Especially famous is its annual crib exhibition. With the changing of the religious landscape in Germany and Westphalia new challenges and themes occurred for the museum. So the museum expanded its area of coverage from pilgrimage, Christmas customs, and other Christian traditions towards all major world religions and religious questions in general.

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We arrived at the Centre at 10:00 AM and we were gladly welcome by Ms. Susanne Henze. She gave a brief introduction and a guided tour of the State Archive.

The archives in North Rhine-Westphalia preserve the written cultural heritage. Its holdings range from medieval documents to digital documents of modern times. The Staff consists of 3 conservators and one student trainee and they deal with all around work within the premises such as book binding, mechanics and carpentry.

On the first part of the tour we saw samples of severely damaged documents to be restored. Rock Paper refers to a document damaged by both elements of fire and water (as shown on the left photo). Simpler samples are only damaged by water. Most of the archives are big maps, documents and blue

Friday, 18th May 2012

Landesarchiv NRW

State Archive North Rhine-Westphalia

Technical Centre for Conservation and Restoration

Jahnstraße 16 / 48147 Münster

**Tel.: 0251 591 3890 / lwi-archivamt@lwl.org
[/ www.archive.nrw.de](http://www.archive.nrw.de)**



prints, the treated ones are in line to be digitized.

Next we went on the storage room where the documents are placed in a wagon. The wagon contains documents from the city of Cologne that are to be cleaned, catalogued and restore. Materials and documents will be brought back to Cologne after the process.

The first part of restoration was explained by sorting out documents according to damage. Factors to consider in sorting are dust, molds, fire, water and age. Priority is depending on the severity of damage. Papers that were damaged by fire will be inserted to a special envelope then washed by water with calcium, magnesium or ethanol. Items will be drained and inserted in a pressing machine for 15 minutes. For patching, Japanese tissue is used to stabilize the papers. Starch is the perfect paste needed since it doesn't have any chemical elements that might further do damage on the documents. A special small Iron is used to flatten the paper.

According to the conservator a restored paper should not be good as new as long as the content is readable. Restored documents must be kept inside ISO boxes to maintain their chemical balance and archival purposes.

From here we went straight to the hotel to catch the train that will bring us to Berlin. We departed from Münster Hauptbahnhof on Regional Express and after two stations we transferred to an ICE train to Berlin. We arrived at Berlin Hauptbahnhof at 5:11 PM and we were gladly welcome by Ms. Nuschin Mameghanian- Prenzlów and Mr. Jan Kretzschmar, our guides during our stay in Berlin. Like in Münster, the hotel is not far away from the Hauptbahnhof.

Saturday, 19th May 2012

**Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
Jacob-und-Wilhelm-Grimm-Zentrum**

University Library

Geschwister-Scholl-Straße 3 , 10117 Berlin

Tel.: 030 2093 99335 / fuehrungen@ub.hu-berlin.de / www.grimmzentrum.hu-berlin.de



Our Saturday morning was free, some went to a nearby mall and look for some souvenirs, and others took a walk around the city.

At the hotel lobby, we were warmly greeted by Ms. Nuschin Mameghanian-Prenzlów together with Mr. Jan Kretzschmar. At 12:00 NN, since everybody is ready, we then took a bus to our destination the University Library of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

Opened in 2009, the new library of Humboldt University was designed by the architect Max Dudler. It is the biggest freehand library in Germany and contains 2 million books, all of them publicly accessible. Behind a strictly orthogonal façade, the visitor encounters the big reading hall, which refers to the terraces of the Hanging Gardens of Semiramis. The space is illuminated by natural roof light and contains green desks and lamps with stone

covers for 250 people. The Library of Humboldt-University in Berlin adopted RFID and auto-sorting system from 2009, which is vertical. Books can be sorted to their original floors after returning, but after that, manual sorting is required.

Mr. Dr. Norbert Adami, gave a short talk about the building, the library and the services. Then he accompanied us to see the different parts of the library as well as the reading rooms and stack areas. According to Dr. Adami, *"the architecture and design of the building is super but functionality wise - it is not functional. If two or more people are having conversation on the ground floor you can hear it until the upper floors."*

After our appointment at the University Library, we went around the City to see the different tourist attractions. We went also to where the former Berlin Wall was erected and now a thing of the past.

Sunday, 20th May 2012

At 10 am we attended a mass at **Cathedral of St. Hedwig**. We were accompanied by Mr. Kretzschmar with our new guide Ms. Ischa Fischback.

After the Mass, we joined a wonderful Boat tour around Berlin. It was good because the weather was fine. We crossed a multitude of rivers and canals and we found out that Berlin has 1,700 bridges which is more than in Venice. The discovery of the city on water created on us an unusual outlook on the capital. The tour took almost 4 hours. We had a good meal while on board and we celebrated the birthday of Mr. Joseph Yap with ice cream. It was just a wonderful occasion for celebrating one's birthday on a boat tour around Berlin.

Then we went around Berlin on foot to see some of the tourist attractions.

Monday, 21st May 2012

Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin

Berlin State Library

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The founding of the Churfürstliche Bibliothek zu Cölln an der Spree (Electoral Library) 350 years ago established the basis for what is today the most important academic research library in the German speaking countries. The Berlin State Library is considered as Germany's largest academic research library. Accordingly, it owns impressive collections of manuscripts, incunabula, printed works from many centuries, autographs, music, maps, atlases, globes, newspapers and periodicals. Among the library's most precious treasures are the Psalter Ludwigs des Detschen (Psalter of Ludwig the German) dating from the 9th century and a copy of the exquisitely adorned Gutenberg Bible. The Berlin State Library is also in charge of coordinating several national databases as well as editorial responsibility for the Zeitschriftendatenbank – ZDB (German Union Catalogue of Serials).

Currently, its holdings comprise of about 10 million printed books, 1 million maps, and 350,000 original manuscripts. It has an annual budget of 6 million Euros for acquiring 100,000

new books and 28,000 periodicals per year. About 50,000 readers are recorded each year with 1.7 million lendings per year or about 4,000 – 5,000 lendings per day.

We we're amazed as to how massive the collection is and how the impressive collections of the old manuscripts and incunabula have been preserved throughout the decades that passed. It was very much evident from the kind of services offered by the library how they give importance to research and learning.

At around 2:00 PM we had lunch at Potsdamer Platz then proceeded to our next destination the Bücherbus. We took a bus and walk our way until we reached the place where the Bücherbus was stationed.

Der Bücherbus der Citybibliothek Berlin

Library bus of the city library Berlin

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<http://www.berlin.de/citybibliothek/bibliotheken/fahrbibliothek/index.html>

"Knowledge is cool!" This is the motto of the three library buses of the city library of the central Berlin district of Mitte. Membership to this library buses is free to children. As mobile as it can be, these library buses visit almost all of the elementary schools of Mitte on a regularly according to schedule. They cater most especially to children who are in grades 1-4. Even adults are welcome to borrow books from these libraries. Their collection includes picture books, beginners' books, supporting material, CD-ROMs, DVDs, videos and magazines. Via modern wireless technology the busses are permanently connected with the public libraries OPAC-system.



This is a very ideal kind of library service to the public. It's the library that reaches out to the children and become a partner in assisting their learning needs.

Tuesday, 22nd May 2012

Auswärtiges Amt

Political Archive and Library of the Federal Foreign Office

Kurstraße 33, 10117 Berlin

Tel.: 030 1817-2297 / 116-rl@diplo.de

www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/AAmt/PolitischesArchiv/Uebersicht_node.html

Entrance to the Federal Foreign Office - Political Library and Archives require strict permission from the proper authorities. Only advised visits scheduled on exact dates could enter the premises. Mr. Bernd Zeitler, Deputy Head of the Unit Library and Information Transfer cordially toured the ASLP Board to its very spacious library.

There are 15 librarians working in the Political Library doing all the technical, reference and management of the library. It was 1855 when they hired their first librarian. The library is an independent unit that offers publications to missions abroad including

support to online databases. The holdings of the library are about 230, 000 books and 500 magazine titles. All law gazettes are also accessible online. The collection includes subjects on administrative law, international law and many law related media. Inter-library loan (ILL) is possible for libraries in Germany. This library also houses confidential Nazi documents. After World War II, only 54, 000 books survived in their library.

The library follows the Regensburger Verbundklassifikation (RVK) classification system. There are two cataloging librarians assigned to do the subject classification.



The library has a special collection placed at the Berlin Corner. This corner is all about Berlin, its people and culture. Even old historical maps and directories are kept to preserve the historical value of the city.

The library allots 800, 000 Euros for its annual budget. This is only for their book and media collection. At their consular offices, they allot 320, 000 Euros.

The political library is not considered a public library because only members of the federal foreign office, their immediate family members and staff can use the restricted library.

The photo on the left shows a spacious library.

The Political Archive holdings comprise:

- records of the (Federal) Foreign Office and missions abroad covering the period from 1867 to 1945 and from 1949/51 to the present day
- records of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and missions abroad of the German Democratic Republic from 1949 to 1990
- international treaties of the German Customs Union, the North German Confederation, the German Reich, the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany from 1831 on
- bequests of personal files relating to German foreign policy
- collections of photographs and audiovisual material

Please note that part of the Federal Foreign Office records from the pre-1945 period is stored at the Federal Archives in Berlin-Lichterfelde.



All archival documents are stored in the underground of the building. Three basements are allotted for all of the files. Standard room temperature and humidity is being observed

to protect the documents. The current building where the archive is located is the old German Central Bank. The documents could reach a stretch of 26 km of files. Old German style of writing was kept in the archives for preservation. This is something that the new generations of Germans have forgotten. The archives also keep the "Treaty of Versailles," which contains Art. 231 (p. 101). This treaty is strongly denied by Germans as it implies that they are the ones responsible for the outbreak of the war. Wars are the worst thing that happened in our history resulting to having no archives during World War I.

**Bibliothek für Bildungsgeschichtliche
Forschung des Deutschen Instituts für
Internationale Pädagogische Forschung
Research Library for Education History of
the German Institute for International
Pedagogic Research**

Warschauer Straße 34 – 38, 10243 Berlin

**Tel.: 030 293360-0 / cramme@dipf.de /
<http://bbf.dipf.de/>**

A library that belongs to the German Institute for International Pedagogic Research, an institute of the Leibnitz Community. It is an international research library and the Europe's second largest library specializing in education. With more than 720,000 items, 7,700 titles of educational periodicals. They were still acquiring materials for a minimum of 10,000 acquisitions per year.

Their collection development was subsidized by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG). As part of their collections were history of educational studies; history of educational law, policy and administration; history of institutional education and formation; social history; cultural history; and history of mentalities.



Headed by their librarian, Mr. Stefan Cramme, the library operates from Monday – Thursday (10:00 am to 6:00pm) and Friday (8:00am to 6:00 pm). They have a total of twenty-five (25) library staff – two (2) staff for special projects and twenty-three (23) regular staff for full-pledged library work. The library buildings are spacious with enough and luxurious reading rooms. The main reading area is open to the public free of charge.

After our lunch, we went back to the hotel to get our luggage and proceeded to Berlin Hauptbahnhof for the 3:25 PM ICE train to Hamburg. We arrived in Hamburg Hauptbahnhof at 5:09 PM and we were gladly welcome by a new set of Guide. They were Ms. Laura Kay and Mr. Thomasz Filochowski.

After bringing our luggages in the Hotel, we went around the Harbor for a sight-seeing tour and dinner.

Wednesday, 23rd May 2012

**101. Deutscher Bibliothekartag 2012
Hamburg Librarian Day 2012 Hamburg
www.bibliothekartag2012.de**

Attend the Librarian Day

Under the slogan "Gates to the World of Knowledge" the 101st Librarian Day focuses again on the many challenges for librarians because of the development of a globalized information society.

A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity brought the 12 Filipino librarians to participate in this annual conference in Hamburg. Most of the presentation was in German. Only a few are in English language and we are only attending one day of the conference. List of English presentations can be found here: http://www.bibliothekartag2012.de/media/PDFs/Bibliothekartag_2012_Vortraege_englisch_m_Logofv.pdf

Presentation titles include:

1. The International Development of RDA: Resource Description and Access by B. Tillett (Washington, DC). – We were interested to attend but the room was crowded and we can't fit in. We understood that this is a phenomenal topic today in the field of librarianship.
2. Law libraries and globalization by J. Winterton (London)
3. Leaving space design in the UK: trends and projects by L. Watson (Great Britain)

We were more interested in visiting the booth exhibition wherein we have the chance to connect and take time to know more about the products and services of different companies related to the book and paper industry (including publishing and digitization). Large scanners for digitization are available from Mik and Zeutschel. A wide range of sponsors are also present to make the conference a success: Elsevier, Swets, OCLC and many others.

We spent the afternoon walking around and then we went on a boat trip at the Hamburg port.

Thursday, 24th May 2012

**Deutsche Zentralbibliothek für
Wirtschaftswissenschaften
German Central Library for Economic
Sciences**

**Neuer Jungfernstieg 21 20354 Hamburg
Tel.: 040 42834-219 / info@zbw.de / www.zbw.eu**

The ZBW was founded in 1919 and is a member of the Leibniz Research Organization since 1990 and affiliated to Christian-Albrechts Universität zu Kiel. It has two locations—Hamburg and Kiel.



The German Central Library for economic sciences is the world's largest specialist library for economics. With more than 4 million publications in printed or electronic format and subscriptions to 31,970 periodicals and journals. The ZBW collects economic literature and subject-specific information like engineering, medicines and sciences from all over the world as well as books, journals and digital media coming from national and international institutions such as World Bank (WB), OECD, United Nations, IMF, WTO,

European Documentation Center (EDZ) and Federal Statistics Office. They have approximately 4,000 documents from the Philippines which they access online from the web of those institutions with economics literature, i.e. PIDS publications, UPSE, and ADB.

The collection can be searched online from 6 databases – via Google, literature alert via RSS feed, EconStor (open access publication server), econstor.eu for the digital archive of ZBW, Econbis (Economic Information System) and Standard Thesaurus of Economics.

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The Bucerius College of Law is privately funded university which offers a 4 year Bachelor of Laws with tuition fee per year is 45,000 euro per year and Master of Laws program.

It is a very unique library for:

a). Unlike the typical academic library, books cannot be borrowed by students. Only members of the faculty can borrow. From my own point of view this may be a reason why the library has to be open 24/7.

b). It is open 24/7 and has a staff complement of 5 ½ only. The staff works until 6pm. After the said hour, the library relies on its security system, video, CCTV camera and the “security entrance” system. So far no books have been lost. The trustworthiness of the students is commendable. In majority of libraries, even with the presence of librarian and/or security system, books still get lost. In fact this is one major problem in libraries here in the Philippines which are on open shelves. This problem is specially felt by government librarians who are made personally accountable for any book lost.

c). It has a dispenser machine for ear plugs at the entrance of the library (photo on the right). This shows the clear message of SILENCE in the library. This is next to where they swipe their Library Ids

One view which I do not share with the Law Librarian is the presence of the 3 gardens in different floors of the Library. The Law Librarian feels that having these gardens is waste of space. A plant refreshes tired eyes. Some libraries who cannot afford to have gardens put plants around the library. The present state of the Library does not show that it lack space.

The Library “s collection is housed at the Main Library and 16 Professor Libraries which

consists of 500 to 5000 monographs. 400-500 monographs are purchased per month on German law, business, commercial law, international law, history of law, civil law, etc. 3,000 ebooks are purchased per month. There are 130 journal subscriptions, 2500 in electronic form. The 16 professors, It has 8 databases like LEXIS, WESTLAW, HEIN Online, Bec Online, which costs 120,000euro year.

An OPAC or Online catalog is found in each floor which unfortunately was not working during the visit. It uses the Union Catalog of Libraries in Germany which uses the PICA, developed by the Netherlands. There is wireless connection not only in the library but also in the entire campus.

Conclusions, Observations/Impressions

A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity brought the twelve (12) Filipino librarians to go on a **"Group Study Tour of Libraries, Museums and Archives in the Federal Republic of Germany"** and to participate in the **Librarians Day** in Hamburg. It was an immense thought to have visited seventeen (17) various institutions consisting of libraries, museums, archives and conservation/preservation center in 10 days in GERMANY – a country where buildings were *"built for the libraries"* and where *"librarians are essential."*

With all the long day walks we had experienced, we were energized every time we enter in any libraries whether it is public, academic, or special libraries or any museums and archives too.

We have significant observations/ impressions in all areas of librarianship, like cataloguing and classification; public library management; borrowing and returning of library materials; archives and records management; digital archives and

preservation; digital formats, internet and online services; library space, design and architecture.

Cataloguing and Classification

In this field, we noticed that they used their own classification system. The scheme that they follow is the Regensburger Verbundklassifikation (RVK), Allgemeine Systematik für Öffentliche Bibliotheken (ASB), KLARTEXT and other homegrown classification schemes with gradual shift to Resource Description and Access (RDA). One or two libraries use the Library of Congress Classification scheme. Majority have their own scheme which allows both the library users and staff use the library collection. In the Philippines, cataloging and classification is a must to be considered as a professional library.

Library Management

The City and Public Libraries were centered for the needs of the community and the citizens. By providing information, people has the chance to meet other individuals. It gives an opportunity to interact, discuss and exchange ideas with other members. They created and organized activities not only for the young and adult members but cater for all ages (babies to senior citizens). One example of these activities is the *"book babies"* in **Cologne City Library**. It is an event to encourage parents to make their babies or little ones be involved in early reading. Their children sections have toys, furniture for kids, etc. They encourage people to borrow books by even providing "plastic buckets"

Another library that attracts our attention is the **Munster Prison Library**. They aim to give prisoners something meaningful to do in their free time. It was unique in a way that

prisoners were the one who manned the library.

There is also library that is open round the clock with a staff compliment of 5 and a half and after 6pm, the library relies on its security system, video, CCTV camera and the security entrance system. It is commendable that there are no losses.

Borrowing and returning of library materials

Most libraries use IDs, barcode scanners, magnetic strip security systems and automated booklifts while large libraries use Radio-frequency identification (RFID). They also used automated book drops with conveyor belts for sorting and automatic discharging of library materials.

Public library users pay a certain fee either annual, monthly or 6 months while in the Philippines, our main public library which is the National Library collects a onetime fee while mostly using of public libraries are free of charge.

Archives and records management

In archives and records management, they have high level controlled environments, conservation, preservation and disaster management programs.

Digital formats, Internet and Online Services

Virtual libraries are available with online reservations of physical materials, online borrowing of digital formats with Digital Rights Management (DRM) (ebooks, audio, etc. are rendered unusable after the prescribed time period, single-user digital format borrowing, nonhardware transferrable) and all libraries have internet access.

Library space, design and architecture

The designs and architecture of the library encouraged everyone to enter and make use of all the facilities. The library furniture are artistically created to attract the attention of the people based on their uniqueness, colors and used.

All libraries have a good ambiance, elegance and a good source of lightings which very conducive for learning and reading. They encourage the members of their community to visit the libraries with the way their books are arranged and the comfortable facilities that they use. They even provided desk lamps in every table in the reading area if the area were poorly illuminated. They also have very spacious reading rooms. We observed that the library users can do whatever they want to do as long as they will not disturb other readers. They have an available rooms for individuals who wanted to study alone and rooms for a group study wherein you can discuss and interacts with your team or classmates. One library offered an ear plugs located at the library entrance for used so that you will not be disturbed while you are reading and studying.

Security Measures

As security measures, bags are not allowed in a number of libraries. However, people are not inconvenienced by this policy for plastic containers and/or lockers are provided for their important things.

We also observed that the libraries were given of high importance in their country. There were signage posted in the waiting sheds and lamp post on the location and direction of the libraries nearby.

In addition, all the Library Directors were very well prepared upon our arrival and very

kind in introducing their library. We had a very fruitful and enjoyable learning experience during our tour and learned a lot from the interesting exchange of opinions and discussions regarding crucial library questions.

We also appreciated and enjoyed the personal interactions we had from our accompanying officers. They gave detailed information on important buildings, institutions, and architecture of old Churches that we passed by. They have tons of patience and understanding and they really cared and guided us along the way.

In conclusion, the tour deepened our insight and knowledge of the service structure and techniques of different libraries, museums and archives that we had visited. Our understanding and appreciation of the culture and way of life in Germany was broadened through our actual experiences. Although we encountered some problems, like language problem and great cultural barriers as well as economic difference, still **in totality**, we cherished all the libraries, cultural and historical places we had been in Germany. All these, we can share to our fellow Filipino librarians thru ASLP's different fora and lectures.

Our sincerest gratitude to all who inspired and helped us. To the **Bibliothek & Informatoin International (BII)** and the **Goethe-Institut Philippinen** for the grants given to us. And to all those who gave their unwavering support and cooperation in the realization of this group study tour that the ASLP Board will cherish forever.



ASLP Seminar in Puerto Princesa

Ms. Luisa R. Madlangbayan



The Association of Special Libraries of the Philippines had its first major seminar on April 18-20, 2012 held at the Skylight Hotel in Puerto Princesa City, Palawan with the theme "Effective Library Management and Workplace Productivity through Stress Management, Wellness and Good Nutrition." The seminar aimed to increase awareness of the librarians and information professionals of personal stressors and idiosyncratic stress reactions, to live a more relax life style and prevent stress-related illness and to control the stressors in our life through the development of a personal stress-management.

The seminar started with a heavenly voice of Mr. Jonathan Obligado, who rendered a song as the invocation. The Honorable Governor of Puerto Princesa City, Hon. Abraham Kahlil B. Mitra was designated to give the welcome remarks for the participants. But, unfortunately, because of some prior important engagement, he wasn't able to grace the event. However, he was represented by his Executive Assistant who happened to be a university librarian turned politician in the person of Ms. Celsa Bediores Adier. We were grateful to meet Ms. Adier for she was the first librarian we knew who became a politician.

The ASLP was pleased to have a good set of speakers like Ms. Alona Estanilla Teo of the Nutrition Council of the Philippines, Ms. Edelwise C. Caiña of Nestle Philippines, Ms. Catherine





Brillantes-Turvill of Nature-Spa, Mrs. Ricarda Kunzel of the Museum Volunteers of the Philippines, Mr. Richard Kunzel of the Goethe-Institut Philippinen and Mr. Jef Menguin of the Leadership Academy. Each of them gave different valuable insights on how librarians and information professionals can cope and manage their stress in their respective workplace. It was also given emphasis by one of the speakers that nutrition played a very vital role in managing one's stress. Proper nutrition helps to relieve the stress of a person. The seminar was not purely talks and lectures. Most of the speakers prepared some fun and enjoyable activities for the participants. Laughing exercises, meditation, group dynamic activities and other forms of group interaction were facilitated by the speakers.

Undeniably, the Association as well as the participants of the seminar was very lucky because two fellowship dinners were arranged for us. One was sponsored by the Honorable Governor Mitra held at the Skylight Hotel. A group of cultural dancers entertained the participants. The second fellowship dinner was sponsored by the Honorable City Mayor of Puerto Princesa, Mayor Edward S. Hagedorn held at the A&A Hotel. Likewise, there was also a cultural presentation and souvenirs for every participant were provided aside from the grandiose dinner they served.



The last part of the seminar was the tour. The participants had two options in which destination they wanted to join, either Underground River Tour or Honda Bay Island Tour. 47 participants joined the Underground River Tour, where they experienced the excitement of seeing the newly proclaimed New Seven Wonders of Nature, the Puerto Princesa Underground River. On the other hand, 24 participants joined with some of the ASLP Board preferred to join the Honda Bay Tour and felt the thrill of island

hopping in Puerto Princesa. The first stop was the Pambato Reef where most of the participants plunged into the water and enjoyed the beauty of the marine ecosystem underneath through snorkeling. The second stop was the Starfish Island where the group had a bountiful lunch together. The group also enjoyed the white sand and cold water of the beach. The last stop was the Isla Pandan where the group took a few minutes of rest.





To sum up, the first seminar of ASLP, once again, was a success. And this would not be realized without the continuous patronage and participation of our members, the special librarians and information professionals. 75 participants attended the seminar coming from different parts of the Philippines. Also, the support of the generous sponsors: Great Books Trading, Airlite International Travel and Tour, Nestle Wellness Philippines, Slimmer's World International Adriatico Branch, was greatly and wholeheartedly appreciated.

ASLP Members Presented During the CONSAL XV in Bali, Indonesia



Four ASLP members participated in the recently concluded 15th Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL) held at Discovery Kartika Plaza Hotel, Bali, Indonesia from May 28-31, 2012. The theme of the conference is "National Heritage: Preservation and Dissemination." These members shared their library work experiences and practices to the international crowd. It is a way of advancing the field of Philippine librarianship into the global level.

Ms. Shirley Ingles-Cruz, 2011 President (Commission on Appointments) had a parallel session on the topic, the Role of Library Associations in National Development. She presented a paper entitled, "Association of Special Libraries of the Philippines: Meeting the Challenges and Opportunities of the Future."

Mr. Joseph M. Yap, 2012 Vice President (De La Salle University) had a parallel session on the topic, Resource Sharing & Networking and presented a paper entitled, "A Review of the Library Cooperation of the Inter-University Consortium."

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Mr. Stephen Alayon, Active Member (Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center) presented under the topic Resource Sharing & Networking. The title of his paper is "The Development of an Institutional Repository at the Aquaculture Department of the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center, Philippines."

Mr. Martin Julius Perez, Active Member (Far Eastern University) presented under the topic Preservation and Conservation in the Library. The title of his paper is "An Analytical Study of the Common and Unique Characteristics of Local Studies Centers in the Philippines."

This conference also gave us the opportunity to promote the 3rd ICoASL (International Conference of Asian Special Libraries) to be held in Manila next year. New friends were forged during this conference which is very proper in making international linkages.

Atty. Antonio Santos, National Library Director and Chair of NCLIS-NCCA, announced the winner of this year's CONSAL Outstanding Award. Mr. Suherman, an Indonesian, got the award for his great contribution to Indonesian public library.

The Philippine delegation was led by Atty. Antonio Santos (National Library of the Philippines), Ms. Lily Echiverri (UP Law Library) and Prof. Thelma Kim (PLAI President).

The conference was well attended by 726 participants mostly coming from South East Asian countries.

KCC Library to Open on Saturdays

Mr. Randolph D. Mariano



The Korean Cultural Center in the Philippines (KCC) Library will institute Saturday library operation hours beginning on June 2012, Saturday hours of operation at the library will be from 10:00AM to 5:00 PM. This new policy for expanded access is to cater the request of our beloved library patrons and those who are not available to visit and borrow materials in the library during weekdays. For details regarding KCC library services, please click the link below:

<http://phil.koreanculture.org/navigator.do?siteCode=null&langCode=null&menuCode=201002010050>

ASLP VP - 2012 SLA Asian Early Career Awardee



Mr. Joseph M. Yap, ASLP Vice President was the 2012 SLA Asian Early Career Awardee. The award was given last July 16, 2012 in Chicago, Illinois, USA.

Congratulations to our Vice President, Mr. Joseph Yap! We are so proud of you!

Sharing the experience of the 2012 SLA Asian Early Career Awardee

It was March 22, 2012 when I eagerly applied for the 2012 SLA Asian Early Career Award. Upon knowing that there is such a travel grant, I grabbed that opportunity to become an SLA member and submitted my essay to the Awards Committee. After more than a month, Ms. Kyoko Sato, chair of the Awards Committee, sent me an email confirming my selection as the winner of 2012 SLA Asian Early Career Award.

The SLA 2012 Annual Conference & Info-Expo gave me a taste of how conferences for American librarians are being organized and managed. As a first-timer, choosing which session to attend to is somehow overwhelming. From the vast number of interesting topics to the spotlight sessions, I was really fortunate to have been a part of this successful professional event in Chicago.

Participants will absolutely get a chance to network with the top exhibitors at the Info-Expo. More than 150 exhibitors participated in this grand event. It is a place where librarians could relax, interact with colleagues and suppliers, dine with friends, win prizes and receive terrific novelty items from each of the generous library vendors. My lucky day was on Sunday when I won 12 bottles of wine. Unfortunately, I can't bring that home in the Philippines. I was hoping that my number was called for a Kindle or an iPad. Nevertheless, I am happy to share that prize to my generous room-mate, Mr. James Arshem, a retired librarian from USPTO.

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Expect to bring home a wide-array of new knowledge from the scheduled sessions and programs just for every special librarian. The conference provides what is needed to be discussed to advance the career of the information professionals. Hearing Guy Kawasaki during the general session and awards presentation is an entertaining way to empower librarians in every positive way they can. I extend my congratulations to the fellow librarians who received their prestigious awards this year.

Joining the DBF open house during the 27th Annual Bibliography is also a way of showcasing the achievements of the divisions' authors. I was indeed lucky to have been a part of it. My sincerest and special thanks to Ms. Lucrea Dayrit for including me on the list of distinguished authors for my paper I presented during the Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL) last May in Indonesia. This open house also exposed me to the world of marketing. I, together with Ms. Kyoko Sato, took time to spend a minute or two to invite speakers and sponsors for the upcoming 3rd International Conference of Asian Special Libraries (ICoASL III) to be held in the Philippines on April 10-12, 2013. I was able to touch-base with the best authors and members of the SLA during this open house and got the chance to meet the Chair of B&F, Mr. Christopher Hoepfner.

It was also an exciting networking affair when I attended the Pharmaceutical & Health Technology Division. With the encouragement of Ms. Sato, I was able to meet the representative of the Sub-Saharan Africa chapter, Ms. NerisaKamar. Afterwhich, I was also able to bump into Ms. Affra Al Shamsi of the Arabian Gulf chapter. SLA is truly global and international.

My interest with the competitive intelligence as a discipline grew when I learned that there were Filipino librarians working for a local CI company. In able for me to learn more about this area, I listened to the competitive speakers during the session on collaborative insights. It was an interactive one. My interest grew deeper and will consider joining their division next year.

As part of my attendance to SLA, I received my award during the supposed-to-be Asian Chapter Board Meeting and Presentation of Awards. However, since there is a just a few of us present, we just pushed through with presentation of awards and introduction of the ICoASL to the small audience. SLA President Brent Mai was there to witness the ceremony. I shared the stage with Ms. Lata Suresh as the winner of the SLA Asian Professional Award.

After the Asian Chapter Board Meeting, we headed to the Business & Finance Division Awards Presentation and Reception. A convenient shuttle bus is needed which is a complimentary of SLA for those who are checked-in at their partner hotels. The next stop is at Hilton Chicago where the reception is happening. It was a larger crowd with award recipients coming from Argentina, Philippines, India, United States and United Kingdom. It was really a get-together for some of the attendees and a way of honoring the innovative and competent librarians from all over the world.

Other sessions I attended were, "Building a Greener Library" by Ginnie Cooper sponsored by Military Libraries Division and Museums, Arts and Humanities Division; and "Marketing for the Rest of Us: a Guide for Introverts" by Mary Ellen Bates.

My six-day trip to Chicago is incomparable. Nothing beats the 37, 000 feet altitude combined with a lot of turbulent moments while crossing the Pacific Ocean, Alaska and Canada. Receiving an award is a prestige, participating in a conference is a plus, meeting people is extraordinary and visiting Chicago is a glory. Again, all my gratitude goes to the SLA B&F, to Asian Chapter, to all the people who believed in me and supported me in this superb dream to be in America. God bless you all.

*Note: This post-essay will be published by the **SLA Asian Chapter Newsletter and the Business and Finance Bulletin**.*

ASLP Seminars and Conferences for 2012

Yes! there are still seminars and conferences this year for the members, fellow librarians, students, and others.

AUGUST 2-3	ACHIEVING A BALANCED SCORECARD: BEST PRACTICES IN PHILIPPINE SPECIAL LIBRARIES VENUE: EFLC - BSP
SEPTEMBER 13	MIBF FORUM LOOK GOOD FEEL GREAT ALWAYS: EMPOWERING TIPS FOR LIBRARIANS AND INFORMATION SPECIALISTS SPEAKER: CONGRESSWOMAN LUCY TORRES GOMEZ VENUE: SMX CONVENTION CENTER
NOVEMBER 2012	LIS MONTH / BOOK WEEK
NOVEMBER 2012	OUTREACH – MARIANO MARCOS MEMORIAL ELEM SCHOOL, BATAC, ILOCOS NORTE

3rd International Conference of Asian Special Libraries 2013

The third International Conference of Asian Special Libraries (ICoASL) will be held on April 10 to 12, 2013 at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC). The theme of the 3rd International Conference of Asian Special Libraries (ICoASL) is the "*Special Libraries towards Achieving Dynamic, Strategic, and Responsible Working Environment*".

The ICoASL will be organized by the Special Libraries Association Asian Chapter (SLA) in association with Association of Special Libraries of the Philippines (ASLP).

There are lot of topics to be covered such as *special libraries at the forefront of digital infrastructure, institutional repositories and digital curation, future of special libraries; innovative designs towards a greener library; achieving competencies beyond the profession through empowering librarians and other*

library, and many more. These are just some of the interesting topics for this international conference.

To know more about the ICoASL 2013, please visit the following:

Website: <http://units.sla.org/chapters/cas/ICoASL-2013.htm>

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SLA Asian Chapter site: <http://units.sla.org/chapter/cas/index.html>

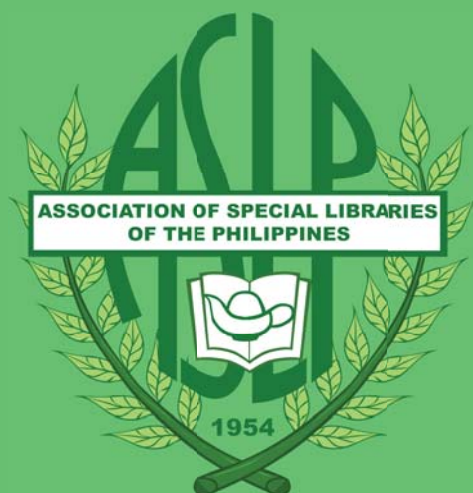
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Call for Nomination 2013 ASLP Board

All active members may send their nominations to aslpboard@yahoo.com.ph. The deadline of submission is on August 15, 2012.

Please be reminded that only active members may be nominated.



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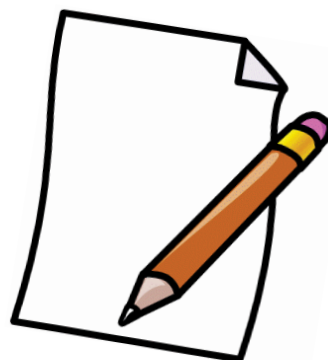
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- Library management
- Library personnel needs in a special library
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- Current trends and development
- Other topics reserved for LIS

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