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by Brian Dayrit



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The Association of Special Libraries of the Philippines (ASLP) spearheaded a seminar entitled “**Digital Assets in our Midst: Positioning Information Providers in the Knowledge Management Environment**” last **March 30 to April 1, 2016** at San Antonio Resort, Lawis Baybay, Roxas City.

The main objective of the seminar is to deepen the understanding of information providers on the basics of knowledge management practices. It showcased methods and techniques in handling digital assets from the creation up to preservation including security and privacy solutions. It also included actual application using proprietary and open source software.

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Among the noted speakers was **Prof. Serafin Talisayon**, considered as the “Father of Knowledge Management in the Philippines” and founder of the Knowledge Management Association of the Philippines. His talk focused on giving an overview of knowledge management to level the playing field between novice and advanced participants. Special emphasis was given on how the librarians or information professionals could be integrated in the KM environment.



This concept was further highlighted by **Mr. Bilyson D. Alejo**, the Knowledge Management Librarian of Citco International Support Service. He framed his talk on a notion that traditional librarian tasks such as acquiring, organizing, disseminating of information are in fact needed to make KM information systems work efficiently.



Meanwhile, **Mr. Justin Harold Hingco**, the Digital Archivist of PCDSPO-Office of the President, provided the participants practical applications of KM in libraries. One of which is the creation of digital assets through digital archiving. Participants were given tips on how to make their digitization endeavors economical and yet effective.



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Likewise, **SPO1 Noel B. Cuestas** of PNP Anti-Cybercrime Group sustained their interest as he discussed ways to secure and preserve the digital assets of the institution.



In order to farm out the knowledge created within the company, a KM information system is needed. This was the emphasis of the sessions with **Ms. Debbie N. Patron**, KM expert from Citco International Support Service and **Mr. Eugene Jose T. Espinoza**, the then IT consultant of Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. The former imparted her expertise on the proprietary KM software Microsoft Sharepoint while the latter discussed Drupal, an open source software that can be used for KM information systems.



The seminar was successful in advocating the creation, utilization and security of digital assets in the librarians' possession and making these available to users as valuable knowledge for the benefit of the institution.

In Focus : Libraries For The Marginalized, Too

by Myzel Marifosque and Brian Dayrit



Every reader his/her book says Ranganathan's 2nd Law of Librarianship. It suggests that each sector of the community must be able to obtain his/her desired information in the Library as needed.

This is the inspiration for the 5th National Congress of Special Libraries sponsored by Association of Special Libraries of the Philippines (ASLP) in cooperation with National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) through the National Committee on Libraries and Information Services (NCLIS). The seminar was entitled *“Information of All : Building Socially-inclusive and Culturally-diverse Library and Information Centers”* and was held on **3-5 August 2016** at the Manila Pavilion Hotel.

The main objective of the Congress was to raise awareness and disseminate information about social inclusion and cultural diversity. Specifically, it aimed to instill to librarians and information professional the importance of serving not only the majority of the population but also the often neglected sectors of the society : the Marginalized. The Congress showcased the best practices, programs, facilities and services that different libraries offer to accommodate and serve these sectors.

Ms. Edeliza Gallo, ASLP President opened the Congress while the Keynote Address was delivered by **Ms. Elizabeth Liu**, Asst. Cultural Affairs Officer of the US Embassy . **Ms. Myzel Marifosque**, ASLP Public Relations Officer provided the participants an overview of social inclusion programs for LICs.

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Children and Special Children

Ms. Melanie Ramirez, Head of Children Section of the National Library of the Philippines, discussed their collection that consists of books, magazines, and videos on a wide variety of subjects intended for children from babies through upper elementary grades and services such as read aloud, puppet show, and crafts and storytelling. She even gamely showed the participants a sample of storytelling she does to children.



This was followed by **Ms. Evelina Mendoza-Tan**, Directress of The Child's World (one of a few schools in the Philippines having an extensive, innovative, program for Special Children). She discussed the learning disabilities of children and how to handle these. Teachers and librarians need to understand these to be able to reach out and be effective in educating these types of children. Children with special needs have same information and learning needs, but should be fulfilled in a special approach.



On the third day, **Mr. Edsel Ramirez**, President of Philippine Toy Library, imparted how they realize their dream of seeing underprivileged Filipino children happy through play. They “provide a space where play, creativity, imagination and meaningful social interactions can happen”. They showed idle spaces in barangays, schools, parishes, and partner organizations that they have transformed into fun and educational playrooms for the children in the community.



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LGBT Community

Mr. Danton Remoto, Chairperson of Ladlad Party List, presented the misconceptions and realities of LGBT through pictures of movies. The misconceptions hinder the understanding and fulfillment of the rights and needs of the LGBT.



Women

After the presentation on LGBT, **Dr. Nathalie Lourdes A. Verceles**, Faculty and Former Chairperson of Dept. of Women & Development Studies of the University of the Philippines Diliman, discussed women issues such as discrimination, exploitation, marginalization, oppression and subordination. According to her, “understanding unequal gender relations is key to providing the library resources and services required in the promotion of gender equality, gender justice, and women’s empowerment and women’s information needs revolve around those that will help them understand and combat the discrimination, exploitation, marginalization, oppression, and subordination they experience as women.”



Persons with Disabilities (PWDs)

Dir. Carmen Reyes-Zubiaga, Executive Director National Council of Disability Affairs (NCDA) discussed the mandate of NCDA as the national government agency mandated to formulate policies and coordinate the activities of all agencies, whether public or private, concerning disability issues and concerns and the laws that protect the rights of persons with disabilities. She also shared the deficiency in the implementation of these policies and laws.



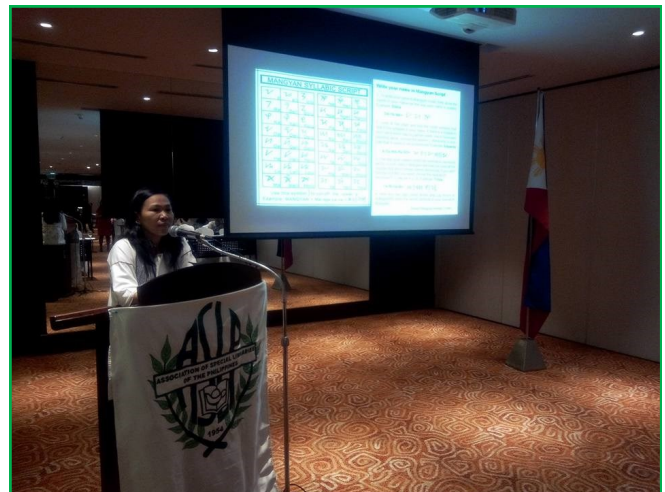
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Mr. Helmut Obst, Head of Library Pfenigparade Foundation in Munich, Germany, shared their programs, activities and services for kids that are physically handicapped, hearing impaired and have speech defects. He presented the physical facilities of their library such as wide aisles, low issuing/circulation desks, even floors, and automatic doors. He also shared the services such as reading aloud, cultural forum, games and handicrafts program and book puzzlehunt.



of photographs on the Mangyan life and culture, 20,000 chanted Mangyan poems, 20,000 digitized collection). They also implement various culture-based programs such as teaching of Mangyan script and poetry, Arambahanan festival, and printing publications.




The Congress ended by providing not only certificates of attendance but most importantly the renewed will to serve not only the typical library users but also those often overlooked sectors at the periphery of the society.

Indigenous People (IP)

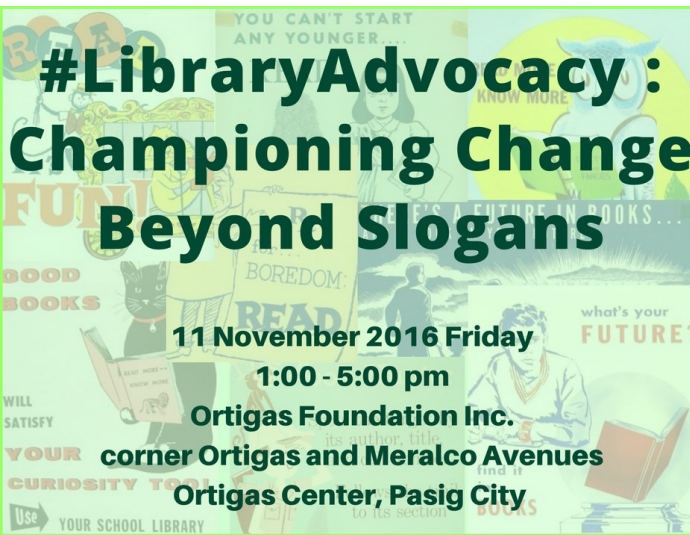
Ms. Emily Catapang, Executive Director of Mangyan Heritage Center, shared the history and the vision of their Center, which is “to establish itself as leader in celebrating and promoting indigenous Filipino culture, especial Mangyan.” According to her, the Center has the most complete materials on the Mangyans in the world (5,000 Mangyan documents such as books, theses, journals, manuscripts and newsclippings, thousands



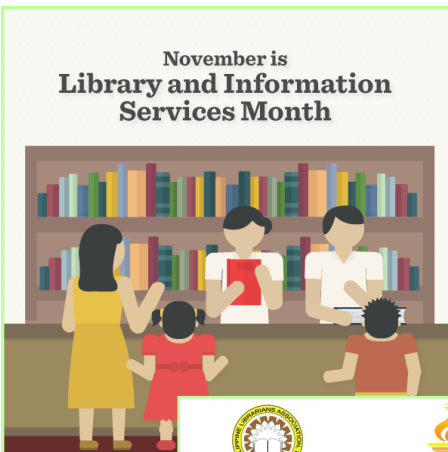
Upcoming Events




JAPAN LIBRARY VISIT
 11-14 October 2016



#LibraryAdvocacy: Championing Change Beyond Slogans
 11 November 2016 Friday
 1:00 - 5:00 pm
 Ortigas Foundation Inc.
 corner Ortigas and Meralco Avenues
 Ortigas Center, Pasig City



November is
Library and Information Services Month






PLAI National Congress 2016
 | 22-25 November 2016 | Davao City |
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