Mrs. Annabelle P. Acedera was a resource speaker and facilitator during the 13th General Conference Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL) with the theme “CONSAL at the Crossroads Challenges for Greater Regional Cooperation” held at EDSA Shangri-La Hotel, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila last March 25-30, 2006. Mrs. Acedera talked on “Library Cooperation in Visayas in Mindanao.” XU Librarians also attended the CONSAL General Assembly; these are Claudette Albano, Myrna Corpuz, Sarah Belen Jacalan, Levi Ladera, Lourdes Oñate, Evangeline Tan, Melgrida Villegas. The Conference was organized by Philippine Librarians Association, Inc., The National Library of the Philippines and CONSAL XIII Executive Board.

The Chat Session, a regular service of the ASRC, on February 8, 2006 was on visas for fiancés or fiancées who are in the Philippines but wish to go the U.S. As usual in these chat sessions, questions to the American Embassy people should be sent first before the chat. However, questions about specific cases cannot be addressed in this forum. If you want to join future chat sessions, please see Maricel Sanoria, ASRC Library, 2nd Floor, Main Library, for more details.

A videophone was provided to the ASRC of Xavier University by the US Embassy through the Thomas Jefferson Information Center. The videophone will allow for real-time videoconferencing over the Internet.

Two databases have been added to the Library’s growing database collection. These databases are: AccessScience and Book Review Digest Plus.


Book Review Digest Plus provides book summaries, bibliographic data, review excerpts, basic citations and over 100,000 full text reviews to over 550,000 fiction and nonfiction.

AV MATERIALS

1 CD-ROM
The National Geographic Picture Show
Life Science
- Classifying plants and animals
- Plants: what it means to be green
- Structure of vertebrates
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- Structure of vertebrates
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**FILIPINIANA**


A commendable effort by students of the Social & Cultural Psychology of the Department of Psychology of De La Salle University. This worthy undertaking was closely monitored by Dr. Zeus Salazar, a professor who does his best so that a student can reach the pinnacle of Philippine social and cultural service in the field of humanities. Given the present state of Philippine social climate, a timely book.


This volume brings together the cultural writings of friends and colleagues to honor outstanding Philippine historian and anthropologist William Henry Scot and includes his contributions to the country’s society, culture and an up-to-date listings of his written works.


The author describes and analyzes in a thoughtful and authoritative manner, the advance and shortfalls in the country’s thinking and efforts to address the long-standing, widespread, and layered problem of malnutrition in infants, children, adolescents, pregnant and lactating women, adults, and the elderly. She puts forward recommendations for reflection and action, on both specific and broad fronts. While recognizing the reality of an increasingly borderless world, she calls for the country to address its nutritional situation with the national interest in mind.


The Institute of Philippine Culture publishes Frank Lynch’s seminal readings with a new introduction and appended Lynch bibliography. The articles are classified into six themes and the bibliography shows the broad range of articles he wrote beyond those featured in the book.


This long-overdue collection, which gathers twenty-seven essays and articles written over three decades, is travel literature in the best sense of the term. “More than geography or natural history, it is the study of man and society, of the human condition and the fiction of social change that gives texture and depth to foreign travel.”

**REFERENCE**


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Derived from the world-renowned McGraw-Hill Dictionary of Scientific and Technical Terms, Sixth Edition, this vital reference offers a wealth of essential information in a portable, convenient, quick-find format. Whether you’re a professional, a student, a writer, or a general reader with an interest in science, there is no better or more authoritative way to stay up-to-speed with the current language of physics or gain an understanding of its key ideas and concepts.


This book provides the easiest, fastest way to answer any masonry-related construction question. Masonry Instant Answers includes code requirements, delivers a no-nonsense, informational format packed with charts, tables, and figures – just enough detail to get the job done. Perfectly sized for carrying on-site, this information-dense resource covers: a) masonry units, b) mortar and grout, c) reinforcement, d) masonry assembly, e) drawing, f) installation, g) hot and cold weather construction, h) code requirements QA/AC, and i) ASTM standard requirements for materials and testing.


The Penguin Dictionary of Geography has always been the standard reference work for students of either physical or human geography. This new edition has been expanded and revised and contains some 750 new entries to take into account developments in all areas of the subject. It includes: a) an explanation of terms connected with all aspects of the environment, natural and social, b) recent concepts in the field such as feminist geography, sustainability, women development and globalization, c) foreign and American terms, d) succinct, clear definitions of natural phenomena, e) social terminology, and f) explanation of terms relating to climatology, ecology, economics, geology, remote sensing and statistics.


The most authoritative and complete American source for making the right career decision. Compiled by the U.S. Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics, this reference book has been the U.S. job seeker’s primary source of critical vocational guidance information since the late 1940s. In clear and concise language, the Occupational Outlook Handbook presents more than 200 different occupations that encompasses nearly 90 percent of the jobs in the U.S. economy. Each job description contains vital information so you can make an informed choice, including * nature of the work * working conditions * employment * training, other qualifications, and advancement * job outlook * earnings * related occupations * sources of additional information.

**INSIDE STAFF**

**Hello and Goodbye**

The library welcomes Mr. Philip Joshua Arenilla, 2004 AB Library & Information Science graduate of the University of San Carlos, Cebu City. He joined the library staff last January 3, 2006 as Filpiniana Librarian. He replaces Mrs. Corazon C. Salido, who retired after more than 30 years of continuous and faithful service to the Library.

**Continuing Education**

Mrs. Annabelle P. Acedera, Director of Libraries, was a resource speaker during the 3rd Follett Comprehensive Training Course held last December 13-16, 2005 at Capitol University. Mrs. Acedera talked on creating useful reports through
data extraction, Microsoft Excel and using the OBDC software. Follett is a library software used by more than 100 libraries in the Philippines.

Ms. Claudette V. Albano and Ms. Lourdes S. Oñate participated in the General Assembly and Symposium sponsored by the Mindanao Librarians and Libraries Association, February 6, 2006, at the COA Building.

Mr. Roman V. Ellovido attended an orientation workshop about the Philippine eLib, held November 17, 2005 at MSU- Iligan Institute of Technology.

LIBRARY FUN

Funny Library Quotes

A book may be compared to your neighbor; if it be good, it cannot last too long; if bad, you cannot get rid of it too early. - Henry Brooke

Book lovers never go to bed alone. - Unknown

There are two kinds of statistics, the kind you look up and the kind you make up. - Rex Stout

Seventy million books in America's libraries, but the one you want to read is always out. - Tom Masson

"Classic" : A book which people praise but don't read. - Mark Twain

Knowledge is free at the library. Just bring your own container. - Unknown

Book -- what they make a movie out of for television. Leonard Louis Levinson

On how many people's libraries, as on bottles from the drugstore, one might write: "For external use only." - Unknown

Library Anecdote

Patron: "I am looking for a globe of the earth."
Librarian: "We have a table-top model over here."
Patron: "No, that's not good enough. Don't you have a life-size?"
Librarian: (pause) "Yes, but it's in use right now."

http://www.okcupid.com/tests/take?testid=16327970492571681853

The Are You A Librarian Test
(browse the URL above)
So do you like to say you're secretly a librarian? Or is that just what you are? Now is the time to testify. Actually, to test your knowledge of library science and library history. It's a brief quiz, but not an easy one. It's meant to separate the real librarians from the wannabees. Or maybe you just want a glimpse at what you might aspire to.

Caveats: the author's perspective is prominent in this quiz, as you'll see. Also, it's been pointed out that the test has a U.S. bias, which is embarrassing but true. Most importantly, be aware that it's a test of knowledge rather than aptitude. You can get a low score and still have the potential to be a really great librarian.