



Library Director appoints new Coordinators

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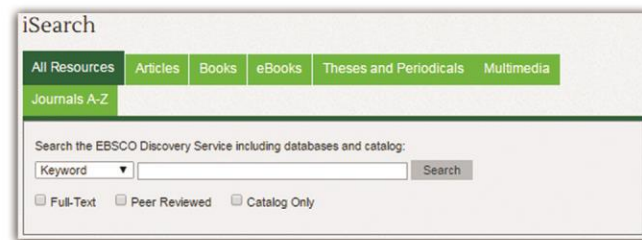
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RPAMDLS leads in innovating resource discovery: the “iSearch experience”

The library is keen on providing not only quality information resources but also tools to help users discover and access these sources. After all, the end must be justified by the means.

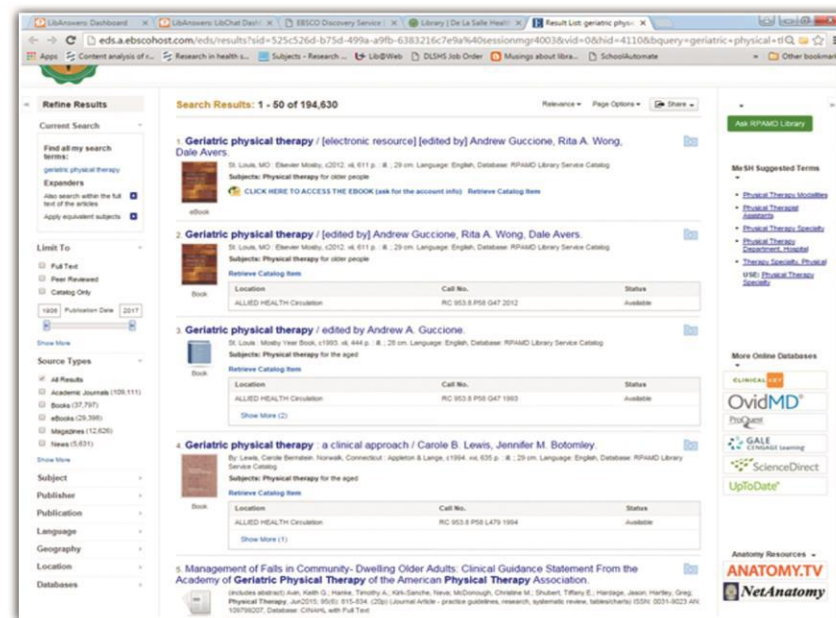
It recently implemented a solution to streamline how users search information through iSearch, a first among medical libraries in the Philippines. iSearch is an online tool that allows users to find information available through the library, both print and online, using a single platform. As the name suggests, it focuses on the user by letting them take control of how they want to find information and what information to find through easy customizations. It also features a simple and straightforward interface, very similar to a Google search box.

To begin the search, users enter the term in the search box. They can choose to search by keyword, title or author, or they can limit their search by format by clicking the tabs.



iSearch search box

The results page displays all the resources that match the search and much more. The call number and location of the print book is shown and the link to the full text of the e-book or the e-journal article is provided. Results can be further refined by ticking the options in the left side bar. More options are available on the right side bar: chat with the library, search more online databases, jump to Anatomy resources, and browse the matching Research Guides. All in one interface.



Search results page

iSearch is prominently displayed in the library’s website. It has also been introduced to students and faculty members during library orientations. These strategies aim to encourage users to embark on this new and easy search experience.

Read more about the library’s successful implementation of iSearch on the next page.

Medical library in Philippines streamlines search with EBSCO Discovery Service

Overview

Located in the Philippines, De La Salle Health Sciences Institute (DLSHSI) is the premier educational institution for medical and allied health in the region. DLSHSI’s Romeo P. Ariniego MD Library Services (RPAMDLS) support the education and research needs of the Institute’s seven academic programs, the De La Salle University Medical Center, and the Angelo King Medical Research Center. The Library’s collection includes 25,000 print and multimedia resources as well as 12 online databases. In June 2014, RPAMDLS became the first medical library in the Philippines to implement EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS), a powerful platform that allows the institution’s 4,000 users to search across most of the library’s collection at once using a single search box.

Challenges

Prior to implementing EDS, users found it frustrating to search the medical library’s resources. According to Library Director Efen M. Torres, Jr., the library website included a list of links to the library’s subscription databases; however, users did not always know which database to choose or would limit themselves to searching only the databases they were familiar with. As a result, some of the library’s collection went underused. “If our users find the search process too cumbersome, they may opt not to use the online databases and resort to other, simpler ways of finding information,” Torres said, citing Google as an example. Searching for the same information in multiple platforms can be time-consuming, so the less persistent users may miss out on relevant content. “Listing each online database is helpful if a user prefers to search within a specific database,” he explained. “But it could be a bit tricky if the user wishes to do a comprehensive search across all of our online databases.” Torres said the institution wanted to provide a better search experience to library users and knew that a single-search tool was the way to go. “One of our main considerations was the compatibility of the platform with our other online databases,” Torres said, adding that EDS provided the ideal solution.

Solutions

According to Torres, EDS offered the best solution to meet the library’s needs for two main reasons. First, the library’s online databases and its Integrated Library System, Follett Destiny, synchronized well with EDS. In addition, he said, EBSCO Technical Support has been reliable and quick to respond to their questions. “We are quite satisfied with how EBSCO Technical Support responds and acts on our queries and requests,” Torres said. “This was among the factors that made us decide to subscribe to more EBSCO products.”

Branding & Customization

After a brainstorming session, librarians branded EDS as “iSearch” — a name which, according to Torres, reflects the distinct ability of EDS to perform a comprehensive search. “It also emphasizes the user having control over how he wishes to find information by using the first person pronoun ‘I,’” Torres explained. Torres said that the “catchy name” has helped the library to more easily promote the resource to users. In addition, the tabbed EDS search box is prominently displayed on the library homepage for easy access. The search box includes tabs across the top that allow users to choose how they search the library’s collection. The institution customized the search results page with the institutional logo, colors, and a number of widgets for online databases that could not be directly searched via iSearch, such as Clinical Key, OvidSP, NetAnatomy and other resources. The results page also features links to the institution’s Research Guides, MeSH Suggested Terms and the library’s chat service. In addition, depending on the user’s search term, an Exact Match Placard may appear at the top of the search results list, enabling the user to search within a specific publication. For example, a search of the term “pharmacotherapy” invites users to search within Pharmacotherapy: The Journal of Human Pharmacology and Drug Therapy. The Exact Match Placard is a feature of EBSCO’s new Full Text Finder technology which saves users time when they are searching for journals and articles. Torres said that embedding widgets on the results page means users don’t have to leave the EDS interface and replicate their searches on other platforms. “These widgets also suggest alternative sources of information to users, driving them to be more proactive in searching for information,” he said.

Training

To become familiar with iSearch, DLSHSI library staff attended sessions led by EBSCO’s training specialists. To promote the resource among members of the DLSHSI community, the library disseminated posters and executed an email campaign. The posters included QR codes to encourage users to check out iSearch on their mobile devices. Torres said the Library now introduces both the Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) and iSearch to freshman students during library orientation. “If we expose students to iSearch early on,” Torres said, “we think that there is a good chance that they will consider using it to search for information aside from the OPAC.”

Benefits & Results

Although Torres has not yet studied usage statistics for EDS, he plans to do so very soon. “We expect to see comparable session statistics between our OPAC and EDS,” he said, adding that it may take several months for users to transition from the catalog to EDS. “We are hopeful that its prominent space in our library website as well as our marketing strategies [will] encourage them to use it.” Early conversations with students suggest that they will prefer to use EDS because it lets them search the library’s print and online resources at one time. “They [also] appreciate the full text links to e-books and e-journals,” Torres said. “They [can] just click within the search results page of EDS, much like what they [can] do in Google.”

Source: <https://www.ebsco.com/success-stories/story/de-la-salle-health-sciences-institute>

From the Director

Three years ago, the RPAMDLS created a Tactical Plan that included a complete turnaround from the very traditional library concept. Since then, we have been focusing our efforts on the value of professionalism, innovation, collaboration, and communication. What is the importance of these concepts to us? They represent how we have been working in concert and individually in the library, and they depict values that must be continuously examined and reviewed.

Through innovation and collaboration, we have strived to improve our services. Several online resources and services were introduced to the academic community such as Turnitin, OpenAthens, and iSearch. We are proud that we are the first medical library in the Philippines to implement a discovery service, which we coined as “iSearch”. We are also recognized as the first medical library in the country to use OpenAthens, a service that allows our users to access all our online resources using a single username and password anytime, anywhere. This academic year, we shall be extending our circulation services to include lending of laptops, tablets, and projectors for student and faculty use. On top of that, we also have extended the operating hours of the Allied Health and Reference Section (2nd floor of the library) until 8:00pm, Monday to Friday.

Through professionalism and communication, we have engaged all personnel concerned. The library has re-organized its administration with the appointment of three (3) coordinators and have hired project staff to address its manpower challenges.

In addition, two of our librarians have already earned their Master’s degree, rounding up all 7 librarians to be 100% compliant to PAASCU accreditation requirement on educational qualification.

A.Y. 2015-2016 has been a year of great change and challenge. We could have not done it without the help and support of the faculty, staff, and students. We thank the efforts of each and every one of them. We especially appreciate the leadership of our Vice Chancellor for Academics, Dr. Johnny O. Cabanias.

We are happy to be of service whether you visit us in person or virtually through our Libchat and email service. Please like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter and Instagram, and be on the lookout for more exciting programs, events, and services of RPAMDLS in the coming terms.

Efen M. Torres Jr., MLIS
Director, Library Services



New library coordinators appointed

Library Director Efren M. Torres, Jr. MLIS has recently appointed three (3) coordinators tasked to coordinate and supervise key library units. Changes in the educational landscape, such as the ASEAN integration and the Kto12 curriculum, bring opportunities and challenges. These prompt the library to adjust its goals, strategies, and operations and to fill roles that are necessary to respond to these changes. The appointments are effective from June 2016 to July 2017.

Raquel P. Samar is the Coordinator for Technical Services. She is responsible for supervising the collection development and cataloging and coordinating the operations and policies affecting Technical Services and the other units. She became part of the DLSHSI family in 2006 and served as the librarian of the CMRT Satellite Library and Periodicals Librarian. Few years later, she became the Cataloging Librarian. She finished her Master of Library and Information Science from Polytechnic University of the Philippines in 2012. Her previous experience includes working as a school librarian. She is interested in technology in libraries and collection assessment.

Marlon G. Gado is the Coordinator for Special Health Sciences High School. His post requires him to oversee all matters pertaining to the Special Health Sciences High School and coordinate matters that affect the Special Health Sciences High School and the other units. He has been with the Institute for 8 years and served as librarian of the CMRT Satellite Library and the General Education and Filipiniana Section. Later, he transferred to the Medicine Section to become the Medical Librarian. He earned his Master of Library and Information Science from University of the Philippines Diliman in 2015. Before joining DLSHSI, he worked for a college library and an architecture library. His research interests include library planning and special collections.

Zipporah M. Dery is the Coordinator for Reader's Services. She oversees the reference and circulation services of the library and coordinates matters involving the Readers' Services and the other units. She has been the Reference Librarian for 5 years since she came on board the Institute in 2010. She earned her Master of Library and Information Science from University of the Philippines Diliman in 2010. She used to work in a corporate archives and in a business outsourcing firm before joining DLSHSI. Her research interests include information literacy, reference service, and bibliometrics.

Under the direct supervision of the Director for Library Services, the new roles are expected to support the organization's strategic thrusts and operational goals while keeping in mind the high quality of service that Lasallians deserve.



Raquel P. Samar



Marlon G. Gado



Zipporah M. Dery

Presented papers

These researches were presented during The Asian Conference on Literature, Librarianship & Archival Science 2016 held on April 7-10, 2016 at Art Center of Kobe, Kobe, Japan.

Allied Health Undergraduate Research of De La Salle Health Sciences Institute: A Content Analysis

Zipporah M. Dery and Jennifer P. Ogorda-Montehermoso

Educational institutions actively contribute to the research base of a profession through the scholarly outputs produced by their graduates. The content of these outputs reflects the research thrust of the institution and the quality of the researches written. This study analyzed the content of theses submitted to Nursing, Physical Therapy, and Medical Radiation Technology undergraduate programs offered by De La Salle Health Sciences Institute in terms of topics researched, research methods employed, and statistical analysis techniques utilized. It compared how the allied health undergraduate theses aligned with the Philippine National Unified Research Agenda (NUHRA) 2011-2016, a list of health topics that affect majority of the Filipino people and warrant research focus. The study was significant because it analyzed the researches on the micro-level when these were studied and compared among themselves and in a macro-level when these were put in the context of the national health research agenda. Content analysis was used to analyze the undergraduate theses. Research topics were coded using Medical Subject Headings (MeSH). The research method and the statistical analysis techniques used were recorded.

The study found out that:

1. Most of the Nursing and Medical Radiation Technology theses delved into the experiences encountered by students during internship and described the students' academic performance as well as coping strategies of students and the certain population groups.
2. Physical Therapy theses tend to concentrate on topics related to the practice of the profession, including clients or patients.
3. Most undergraduate theses preferred to use survey and correlation to describe and infer relationships.
4. As most of the theses employed survey as the research method, descriptive statistics such as frequency distribution, mean, and standard deviation were also observed to be utilized more than other statistical techniques.
5. Most of the frequently researched topics among Physical Therapy theses were observed to be aligned with NUHRA 2011-2016 Agenda 3 Health Service Delivery, specifically public health services to the general population and special population groups. While a number of the top topics investigated by Nursing and Medical Radiation Technology theses were observed to be aligned with NUHRA 2011-2016 Agenda 3 Health Service Delivery, the most researched topics, which dealt with coping strategies and student experiences during internship, did not match the national health research agenda.
6. A number of the undergraduate theses were observed to involve the public populace of cities and municipalities of Cavite as respondents and the collection of demographic data. This complements the implementation of provincial-level public health surveys outlined in NUHRA 2011-2016 Agenda 3 Health Service Delivery.

The findings of the study provide an opportunity for the undergraduate programs to rethink about the status and thrust of their research programs and consider the next steps to develop the undergraduate research that their students produce as evidence not only of their scholarly competence but of their social responsibility as well.

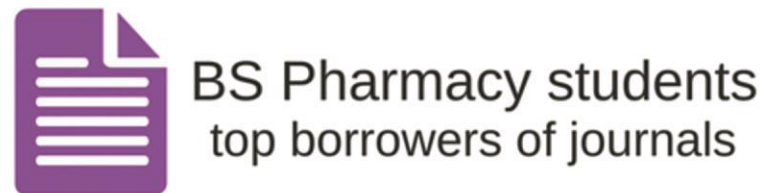
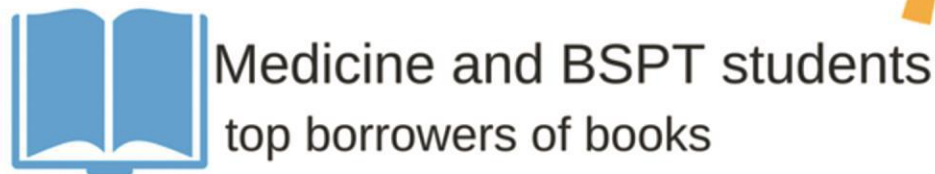
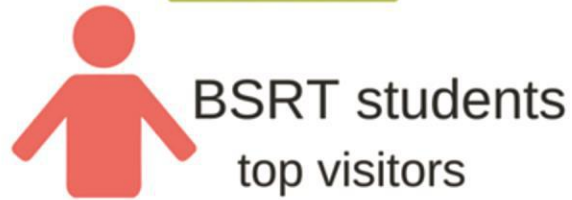
Academic Library Buildings in the Electronic Age in the Philippines: A Study of Planning and Design Considerations

Marlon G. Gado

Academic library buildings are important centers for the efficient delivery of library services. This study primarily sought to determine the planning and design considerations that led to the satisfaction among the selected academic library buildings completed between 2003 to 2013 in the Philippines. This study, which utilized descriptive method of research, revealed significant similarities on the planning and design of academic library buildings completed in terms of physical structure, technological infrastructure, financial concerns, and information and communication technology to support the present and future needs of the library. The study concluded that the following aspects were found to be relevant in library planning and design: consultation with the university administrators; adaption of sustainable and green technology into the library design; and preparation of a good project proposal. It was also found out that the developments in electronic publishing and mobile use of library users did not diminish the value of academic library buildings. This study recommended that library building planning teams should ensure that academic library buildings are equipped with ICT infrastructure to facilitate seamless integration of print and electronic resources in the library. In addition, library managers should study how to create and present a good project proposal so as to get the administrations' full backing and financial support.

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19,141
books circulated

5,088
theses borrowed

14,786
computer sessions logged

420
journals borrowed

2,260
discussion room reservations

Librarians and Staff



Cataloging Librarian Raquel P. Samar and Reference Librarian Zipporah M. Dery attended the 8th Annual Student Research Forum held on January 28, 2016 at the De La Salle Villarosa Convention Hall, Angelo King Medical Research Center.

Library Director Efren M. Torres, Jr., MLIS and Multimedia Librarian Anthony J. Bahia accompanied the Vice Chancellor for Academics, college deans, faculty members, and academic support personnel in Singapore and Thailand for the annual book selection on March 20-26, 2016.

Medical Librarian Marlon G. Gado, Reference Librarian Zipporah M. Dery, and Library Assistant Abel R. Requinala participated in the Training for Emergency Rescue and Transfer held on March 21 and 30, 2016 at the Our Lady's Hall, De La Salle University Medical Center.

The Asian Conference on Literature, Librarianship & Archival Science 2016 was held on April 7-10, 2016 at Art Center of Kobe, Kobe, Japan. Library Director Efren M. Torres, Jr., MLIS, Medical Librarian Marlon G. Gado, and Reference Librarian Zipporah M. Dery presented their respective researches while Cataloging Librarian Raquel P. Samar attended as an audience.

Library Assistants Imelda S. Vocal and Abel R. Requinala and Project Staff Jaypee M. Tizon joined the Health Assembly of Lasallian Scholars (HeALS) on April 15, 2016 at the Gawad Lasalyanong Edukasyon Outreach Program. Students of beneficiary schools in Alfonso and Maragondon, Cavite received school supplies.

The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academics organized a seminar on "Extent of Implementation of Outcomes-Based Education: the DLSHSI experience" on April 19, 2016 at the De La Salle Villarosa Convention Hall, Angelo King Building. All librarians attended the event.

All library assistants participated in the Team Building Activity of the Academics Division Non-teaching Personnel held on May 12-13, 2016 at Hoyo Land, Silang, Cavite.

The library team held its culminating activity on May 17-19, 2016 at Panglao Island, Bohol.

The library hosted a Database Training Workshop for its staff, which includes librarians, library assistants, and library clerks, on June 17, 2016 at the Multimedia Section. Coordinator for Special Health Sciences High School Marlon G. Gado, Coordinator for Readers' Services Zipporah M. Dery, and Multimedia Librarian Anthony J. Bahia were the resource speakers for the training.

The new library coordinators Raquel P. Samar, Technical Services, Marlon G. Gado, Special Health Sciences High School, and Zipporah M. Dery, Readers' Services participated in the Research Proposal Writing Workshop held on June 20-22, 2016 at Tagaytay City. Library Director Efren M. Torres, Jr., MLIS was invited as a resource speaker to discuss accessing online databases on the said workshop.

Coordinator for Readers' Services Zipporah M. Dery and Multimedia Librarian Anthony J. Bahia attended the lecture "E-metrics: Assessing Electronic Resources" on July 5, 2016 at Megatrade Hall 1, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City.

Periodicals Librarian Joy M. Perez, Library Assistant Rosemarie S. Velasco, and Secretary to the Director Lizette S. Ardamil attended the Training-Workshop on Records and Archives Management on July 22-23, 2016 held at De La Salle University, Taft Ave., Manila.

The eLearning Summit was held on July 26, 2016 at the De La Salle Villarosa Convention Hall, Angelo King Medical Research Center. Coordinator for Special Health Sciences High School Marlon G. Gado, Coordinator for Readers' Services Zipporah M. Dery, Multimedia Librarian Anthony J. Bahia, and Library Assistant Abel R. Requinala attended the event.



Librarians and staff celebrate milestones in Lasallian career

The afternoon of January 25, 2016 was vibrant and cheerful. Colorful trimmings adorned the venue and festive music floated in the air. Gentlemen in crisp barong Tagalog and ladies in fine cocktail dresses and gowns slowly filled the Animo Center. It was indeed a festival; a celebration of a milestone of select DLSHSI faculty and staff in their Lasallian career – their years of loyalty, service, and hard work afforded to the Institute.

Three (3) librarians and two (2) staff were invited to the event to be recognized along with more than 200 awardees. Library Assistant Melanie M. Libunao was a 30-year service awardee while Multimedia Librarian Anthony S. Bahia and Library Assistant Lizette S. Ardamil were 10-year service awardees. Reference Librarian Zipporah M. Dery received recognition for her 5 years of service. Medical Librarian Marlon M. Gado was also recognized for earning his degree on Master of Library and Information Science.

It was a night of feast, fun, and festivities; a merry opportunity for the Institute to appreciate the dedicated service of its faculty and staff and for the awardees to reaffirm their loyalty and commitment to the Institute.

Library visits



PHINMA
Photo by Jess Lacandazo

Sacred Heart Paraque
Photo by Mary Jane Saballegue



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RPAMDLS welcomes its new staff

The RPAMDLS family is growing with the addition of three (3) new library clerks hired on June 2016. Mikee T. Nerveza and Jay Pee M. Tizon are posted at the Medicine Section while Crizen Jean S. Vega is assigned at the Allied Health and Reference Section to provide circulation and clerical support.

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