

RPAMDLS leads in making
online resources accessible
via OpenAthens

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Library welcomes freshman students during the library orientation

The beginning of SY 2016-2017 is exciting for RPAMDLS as it welcomed the new members of academic community during the freshman library orientation held on August 1 to September 5, 2016. A total of 758 freshman students were invited to the library to get them informed on the resources, services, facilities, and programs that RPAMDLS has tailored for them. The activity started off with a presentation of the library video and followed by the introduction to the library website. Resources highlighted were WebOPAC, iSearch, Research Guides, LibAnswers, and chat service. To round up the activity, the students visited each section of the library to get a closer look at the facility. Library kits were also distributed.



Many thanks to the College of Medicine, the College of Humanities and Sciences, the Special Health Sciences High School, and the freshmen for making the orientation a success.

Library visits

Br. Fadi Sfeir FSC, Middle East District. August 10, 2016

Br. Patrick Aidan Marron FSC. September 7, 2016

Lipa Science High School, Batangas. October 14, 2016

Sacred Heart Academy, Pasig. November 16, 2016

Pious Disciples of the Divine Master. November 17, 2016

Br. Julien Diarra FSC, West Africa. November 18, 2016



We always go the extra mile. We do not sit on our laurels and stay complacent. We want to break the boundary of what is already given and go beyond what is required of us. This has always been the mantra of the leadership team of RPAMDLS.

We wish to share our achievements to our DLSHSI family. The recognition bestowed to RPAMDLS as the "first academic library in the Philippines" to fully implement OpenAthens is another feather in our cap, together with the recognition as the first medical library in the country to fully use the EBSCO Discovery Service which we branded as iSearch. In this issue, get to know our other achievements, particularly new programs for the National Book Week Celebration, collaboration with faculty members, and the productivity of our staff.

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

Remote access of online resources now possible through OpenAthens

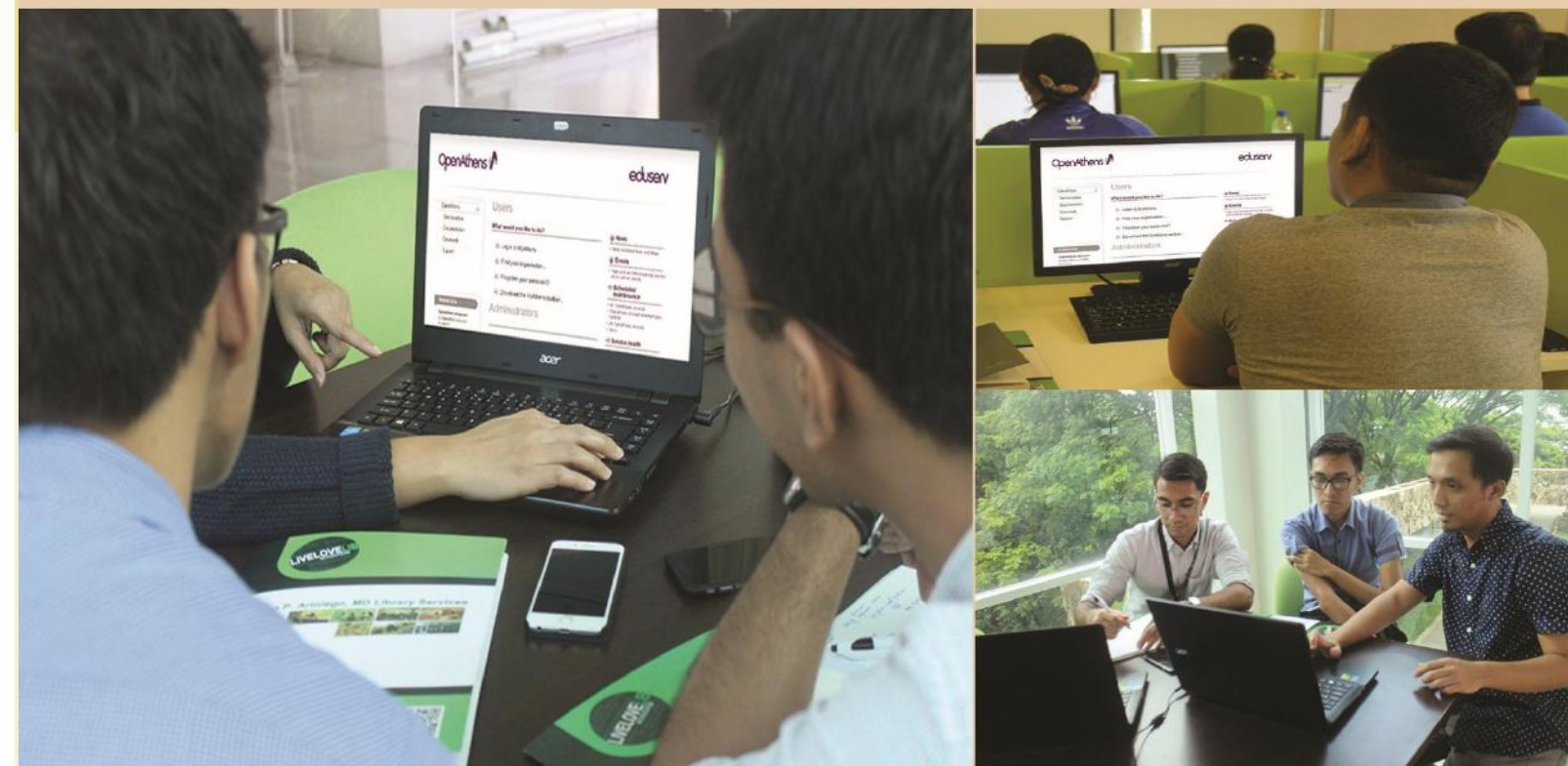
Access to online resources has been a perennial concern among library users. While a number of these resources may be accessed remotely using usernames and passwords, many found it cumbersome to keep track of the different passcodes. Others feel frustrated over online resources that may only be accessed within the institutional network. Half of the queries logged since June 2014 in LibAnswers, the library's online reference platform, were about access to online resources. This prompted the library to find a solution to address the issue.

Being a firm believer in using technology as leverage, the library sought a technology that expands and simplifies access to online resources but requires minimal technical intervention from the library staff. This led to choosing OpenAthens, an authentication service that allows users to access all online resources subscribed by the library anytime, anywhere using a single sign on. It is convenient and simple to use because users only have to remember one username and password to access all online databases. Set-up and creation of user accounts is a breeze and account management is fairly easy. Best of all, the solution encourages the use of the online resources and supports research productivity. DLSHSI is the first academic library in the Philippines to implement OpenAthens and the experience has been published as a case study by EduServ in <http://www.openathens.org/client-story/de-la-salle-health-sciences-institute/>.

Starting late 2015, the library visited the different colleges to introduce OpenAthens to faculty members. User accounts have been created for full-time faculty members and the response was positive. Anecdotal accounts showed that faculty members found OpenAthens to be useful, easy to use, and had made them more aware of the online resources available through the library. From November 2015 to October 2016, a total of 173 OpenAthens accounts for faculty members have been created, of which 121 accounts have been activated. During the same period, there were 870 OpenAthens log-ins recorded.

User feedback and usage statistics were encouraging as these reflect positive impact to users. RPAMDLS plans to create more OpenAthens accounts for part-time faculty members and students to bring online resources closer to the academic community.

For more information about OpenAthens or to request help in logging in and using online resources via OpenAthens, please get in touch with Multimedia Librarian Anthony J. Bahia at ext. 1274 or at ajbahia@dlshsi.edu.ph.



Spin A Book Wheel

All library users who transacted with the library on December 1, 2016 were given a chance to spin the wheel. The wheel was divided into categories and each category has a set of questions. Users who answered the questions correctly won prizes.



Re-launch of Share One Book, Change One Life Book Drive

Library users were invited to share the joy of reading by donating pre-loved books for the benefit of the beneficiary library of RPAMDLS. The book donation drive was re-launched on November 28, 2016.

In celebration of the 82nd National Book Week, the library prepared a number of exciting activities to promote library, reading, and literacy among the Lasallian community. RPAMDLS thanks its users for joining the activities and congratulates all the winners. Until the next Book Week Celebration, Lasallians!

RPAMDLS marks 82nd National Book Week with Fun Activities



Awarding of Top Library Users

Library users who borrowed the most number of times received an award on December 2, 2016.



Romeo Ongpoy
Faculty Category



Lei Mercado
Graduate Student Category



John Paul Ramos
Undergraduate Student Category

LiveLoveLib: Library Advocacy in Photo, Poster, and Essay

Participants were asked to express their interpretation of the library's advocacy, LiveLoveLib, in visual and narrative forms through a photography contest held on November 28, 2016 and poster making and essay writing contests on November 29, 2016.



Photo entry by: Marlon Manaog, BSP

Live. Love. Lib. The pictures portray a simple scenario in the library here at HSI. The photo depicts multiple attractions that our library has to offer. The students on their smartphones, because of the different online services that the library has to offer, the books that reveal how extensive the resources are, and the facilities for the students to have a comfortable and enjoyable experience within the library. With the vast resources at the student's disposal, the library creates an environment in which the students can be with one another, living knowledge, loving the learning and being one with the library. The following picture depicts the friendships, the teamwork, and the possibilities that the library has to offer to our students. In a simple picture, one can see the importance of having an effective library, one in which students can live, can love, and can be one with their library.



Michaela Olan
Grade 11



QR Code Scan-vengeer Hunt

Participants raced through the library to solve a case by looking for clues hidden in QR codes on December 2, 2016.



Elsevier Online Quiz

Everyone was invited to join the online quiz featuring Elsevier e-content subscribed by the library that took place on November 29, 2016. All correct entries were eligible to join the raffle and got a chance to win cool stuff from Elsevier.

Hanging Stocking

Christmas stockings decked the ground floor lobby of the library building on December 1, 2016. Library users wrote their recommended books and put them inside the stockings. Who knows, their wish might just come true and the library might get the titles they requested for everyone's reading pleasure!

Why did you come to the library today?

Library users were asked to write their reasons for coming to the library on December 1, 2016. Be it serious or trivial, the library would like to know why its patrons preferred the library as their go-to place and understand users' behaviors.



A Library Journey to Taiwan

Contributed by
Joy M. Perez, Periodicals Librarian
Photos by Anthony J. Bahia, Multimedia Librarian



Anthony Bahia and I have been privileged to be part of the four-day international library benchmarking program in Taiwan sponsored by the Philippine Association of Academic and Research Librarians, Inc. (PAARL) dubbed as "PAARL's Exploring Possibilities in Taiwan" held on October 20-23, 2016. The "Beautiful Island of Taiwan" is considered as the center for technical excellence and one of the world's top producers of computer technology. It is also rich in cultural heritage sites. Taiwan is indeed a perfect venue to hold the benchmarking activity which aimed to provide avenues that would set international earmarks that can contribute to the improvement of library products and services. The itinerary included five well-selected academic and research libraries and cultural heritage sites, such as National Central Library, National Taiwan University Library, National Taiwan Normal University Library, Beitou Public Library, and New Taipei City Library.

On the first day, we visited the National Central Library, the oldest library in Taiwan. Noticeably, an e-reading booth was set up in the main lobby of the library offering a variety of reading devices to experience the library's abundant digital collections. It encouraged patrons to try e-reading and see how learning can be fun. E-newspapers, e-books, and e-magazines were available for viewing, as well as several e-books produced by National Central Library and the Taipei Cultural Center.

The next site we visited was the National Taiwan University Library. Although it is a university library, it is open to the public. One of the facilities offered that caught my attention was the installation of equipment for music listening in the Leisure Periodicals area. Users can browse through the catalogue on the touch screen and play any music they like. The site was voted to be named as "Music Bay" by the users. In contrast to the usual reading areas full of heavily-laden shelves, the library created a unique environment for readers to enjoy a relaxing atmosphere.

Our third stop was the National Taiwan Normal University. The eight-story semi-circular library building features Gothic style architecture. It is a modern building on a north-south axis, with a total floor space of more than 11,000 square meters. It has open stacks, space for 800 readers, and 36 study rooms.

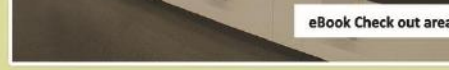
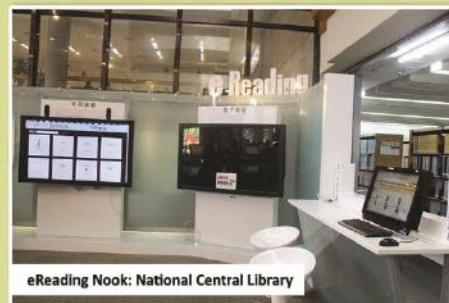
On the second day, we visited the Taipei Beitou Public Library. It was opened in Beitou Park in 2006 and is Taiwan's first "green" library. Located in the lush green environment of the park, the magnificent wooden structure is quite a sight to see. It was the first building in Taiwan to receive the certification of "Green Building." The sloping turf roof preserves humidity and moisture and drains water to recycling troughs. The recycled water is used to water plants and flush toilets. The roof also has a bunch of solar panels to generate electricity in the building. The thoughtful design of large windows saves energy, allows natural light to substitute interior lighting, and reduces the need for fans and air-conditioning. Free Wi-fi is available in the library.

The final stop of the tour was the New Taipei City Library, which pioneered in serving 24 hours a day. The library provided diverse reading space based on the needs of different kinds of readers, referring to it as a "Universal Design" so that all the patrons can read in a friendly and comfortable environment. Even the disabled readers, senior citizens, and readers with special needs would feel that they are reading at home in this library.

Taiwanese libraries share similar fine features, such as the 24-hour self-service in returning and borrowing of library materials, reservation of library materials, study room and seats, self-service photocopying, and printing using copy card. Library buildings are eco-friendly and energy-efficient. All libraries have an interactive information kiosk facility. Knowledge services are offered thru e-reading, digital reference services are available 24 hours a day, and library resources are accessible via mobile devices or apps. Rare collections, theses, and dissertations are digitized through the "National Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations" or "Digital Archives" initiative which provides value-added knowledge services for theses and dissertations, such as full text download for authorized users and online research capabilities for the public.

The Romeo P. Ariniego MD Library Services plans to implement a similar digitization project for theses and dissertations. It aims to provide an archive of institute-wide research and make it easily available to support the teaching, learning and research of the academic community. Being an active user of technology, RPAMDLS can also adapt the interactive or touch screen information kiosks of Taiwanese libraries to inform users about the library policies and procedures, floor plan, current awareness services (CAS), news, announcements, selective dissemination of information (SDI), circulation services, references services, and other library activities.

If I had to choose a word to describe the whole trip, it would be overwhelming because honestly, it was. The libraries and cultural sites we visited were inspiring. I am very glad to have been given an opportunity to be part of this wonderful experience. I shall forever cherish this and hope that through this library benchmarking tour, I would be able to contribute to RPAMDLS' vision of being the Institute's partner in delivering excellent education, health care, research and community service to the community it serves.



Librarians and Staff



Library Director Efen M. Torres, Jr., MLIS was invited to present the best practices of RPAMDLS in encouraging the use of ebooks during the 2016 Southeast Asia eBooks Forum held on September 5-6, 2016 in Singapore.

Coordinator for Special Health Sciences High School Marlon G. Gado attended the Training-Workshop on Records and Archives Management on September 23-24, 2016 held at De La Salle University, Taft Ave., Manila.

The UpToDate Train the Trainer program was held on September 30, 2016 at DLSUMC. Staff from DLSUMC as well as Coordinator for Special Health Sciences High School Marlon G. Gado and Multimedia Librarian Anthony J. Bahia participated in the training.

The 7th PAARL International Benchmarking Tour was held on October 20-23, 2016. Periodicals Librarian Joy M. Perez and Multimedia Librarian Anthony J. Bahia, along with other Filipino librarians, visited select libraries in Taipei, including National Taiwan University Library, Beitou Public Library, New Taipei City Library, National Central Library, and National Taiwan Normal University Library.

All library assistants and library clerks attended the session on Lasallian Guiding Principles and Handling Customer Concerns organized by the Lasallian Formation and Social Action (LFSA) and the Training and OD Unit of the Human Resource Management Department (HRMD) in October to December 2016 at DLSUMC Our Lady's Hall.

The Advent Recollection was held in November 2016 at DLSHSI Villarosa Convention Hall. All library assistants participated in the event.

The DLSHSI Administrators' General Assembly with the President (AGAP) SY 2016-2017 was held on November 11, 2016 at DLSHSI Villarosa Convention Hall. Library Director Efen M. Torres, Jr., MLIS and all the library coordinators attended the event.

All librarians attended the 14th Annual Faculty, ASP & DLSUMC Research Forum held on November 25, 2016 at DLSHSI Villarosa Convention Hall. Collection Development Librarian Jennifer O. Montehermoso presented the research "Allied Health Undergraduate Research of De La Salle Health Sciences Institute: A Content Analysis" co-authored with Coordinator for Readers' Services Zipporah M. Dery.

The OCLC Asia Pacific Regional Council Meeting was held on December 1-2, 2016 at Grand Harbour Hotel, North Point, Hongkong. Library Director Efen M. Torres, Jr., MLIS, Coordinator for Technical Services Raquel P. Samar, and Coordinator for Readers' Services Zipporah M. Dery attended the event.

The 2016 DLSLP Librarians' Conference with the theme "Academic Libraries: Moving beyond the Standards" was held on December 8-9, 2016 at the Learning Commons, De La Salle University, Taft Avenue, Manila. Library Director Efen M. Torres, Jr., MLIS and Coordinator for Readers' Services Zipporah M. Dery presented their respective papers in the said conference. Coordinator for Special Health Sciences High School Marlon G. Gado, Coordinator for Technical Services Raquel P. Samar, and Collection Development Librarian Jenifer O. Montehermoso attended as participants.



Photo by Rhodora Espiritu

Library rolls out information literacy and database training sessions to DLSHSI students



Annual library orientation is a staple activity presented to all freshman students to introduce the library. However, it may not be enough to support student needs when they undertake research in the higher level. Thus, RPAMDLS developed an information literacy module to help undergraduate students acquire the necessary skills to find, organize, use, and disseminate information, with a particular focus on using and evaluating online resources and upholding ethics in research. Turnitin, a new library service that allows users to check the originality of their work, and iSearch, the library's discovery service, were also introduced. The module was presented to third year BS Medical Radiation Technology and BS Medical Laboratory Science students during one period of their Research Writing class in September 2016 held at the Multimedia Section.

Medicine students were also invited to attend a one-hour session with the library to introduce the online resources available to them to complement their academic and research needs. Students who were enrolled in the Health Informatics class were asked to come to the session, in coordination with Dr. Michael M. Lawenko, Chair of the Department of Health Informatics, College of Medicine. A total of 9 Medicine students came on September 13 and 14, 2016 at the library to attend the session.

Photo by Jianne Carlos

RPAMDLS hosts online database training to faculty members

The library hosted sessions on online database training for new and returning faculty members. The first session was held on August 8, 2016 facilitated by EBSCO Training Representative Chiew Boon Tay. It was attended by five (5) faculty members from the College of Humanities and Sciences, four (4) from the College of Rehabilitation Sciences, and one (1) each from the College of Medical Laboratory Science and the College of Pharmacy. The second session was attended by five (5) faculty members from the Special Health Sciences High School on August 15, 2016 while the third session was scheduled on August 16, 2016 and was participated in by ten (10) faculty members from the College of Medical Radiation Technology. The last session happened on August 19, 2016 and attended by one (1) faculty member from the College of Rehabilitation Sciences. A total of 27 faculty members joined the training in four (4) sessions.

Featured online resources were selected based on the subject specialty of the faculty members, which included EBSCO Research Databases, AnatomyTV, and Gale Cengage. OpenAthens was also introduced and user accounts were created for new faculty members.

RPAMDLS is happy to meet the faculty members and is hopeful that this shall be the start of an exciting scholarly partnership between the faculty members and the library.



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