

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE ROMEO P. ARINIFGO, MD. LIBRARY SERVICES

## @LIBNEWS

# Library welcomes new students and faculty members

Academic year 2017-2018 has been a fresh start for new students and faculty members of DLSHSI. To formally welcome them, the Library has organized an orientation and database training to let them know the resources, services, and programs it offers to support their teaching, learning, and research needs.

The series of orientations happend on August 7-14, 2017 for Grade 11 students, August 16-17, 2017 for Medicine freshman students, and August 18 and 25, 2017 for undergraduate freshman students at the library building. The activity started off with a video presentation about the library, followed by a walk-through of its website and technology-driven tools, and was capped off with a walking tour of the building. The library team also met the Master of Arts in Nursing students on August 11, 2017 at the College of Nursing Auditorium to introduce the library and OpenAthens, one of its prime services for remote access to online content. A total of 825 students attended the said orientation.

## From the Director

In this issue, we take the spotlight to the new spaces, facilities, and people which make up a well-rounded library service. The furniture upgrade has been completed from the Medicine Section at the ground floor up to the Periodicals and Theses Section at the third floor. Zones have been established to designate responsible use of space. Four new staff have also become part of the library team, bringing with them diverse skills, experiences, and talents. Our Infographics have also shown how our patrons have utilized the library in terms of resources, services, technologies, and space. While service remains one of the driving forces behind all these changes and innovations, user convenience also plays a key role in our decision-making. In the coming months, watch out as we continue to prepare something new and exciting. For now, please enjoy your library and we hope to see you more often!

Efren M. Torres Jr., RL, MLIS

Director, Library Services

Faculty members were also invited for a database training featuring iSearch, the library's gateway to discover scholarly information, online databases, and OpenAthens on September 25, 27, and 29, 2017. EBSCO Training Representative Chiew Boon Tay was invited to facilitate one of the training sessions for faculty members. The library was glad to meet 54 faculty members, residents, and staff from the College of Humanities and Sciences, College of Medicial Laboratory Science, College of Medicine, College of Pharmacy, College of Rehabilitation Sciences, and Special Health Sciences High School who participated in the training.

The Library thanks the Colleges, the Special Health Sciences High School, the College of Medicine Student Council, faculty members, residents, staff, and students for supporting the event.

### **THROWBACK** THE LIBRARY IN REVIEW

Library usage statistics SY 2016-2017

11:00 am-12:00nn Peak hour

#### Medicine students

Top patron visitor

181,862

Total number of library visit

#### **Biochemistry** students

Top print book borrowers

**16%** 

Increase in library visit

### **Pharmacy** students

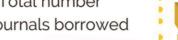
Top print journal borrowers



Total number of books borrowed



Total number of journals borrowed





Total number of theses borrowed



Total number of computer sessions



Total number of discussion room reservations



Total number of DVDs borrowed

### Use of technologies

Laptops 335 **Projectors** Tablets, iPads

Use of online resources



55,023 lownloads

57,248 e-journal titles



# Library furniture upgrade hits its completion

The third installment of the library's space upgrade was completed on September 2017 when the set of new furniture was delivered and installed at the Periodicals and Theses Section. High tables and chairs lined the windows for individual study space while big tables and matching side chairs were placed in the middle of the room to accommodate group collaboration. A digital board was set up to feature the recent journal issues available and the latest multimedia resources. This is on top of the three (3) new LED TVs installed in the lobbies of the library to inform users of announcements, news, and activities.

Zones have also been established in the different areas of the library to foster environments which suit the diverse needs of users. It was intended to develop a culture of responsible use of space while considering the interests of others whom they share the space with. The Medicine Section was designated as Silent Space where speaking or making noise is not allowed while the rest of the library sections were assigned as Quiet Spaces where there is very little or no noise. The discussion rooms were marked as Collaborative Spaces.

This rounds up the fresh look and feel of the library building by transforming space to be responsive to the needs of the users. The first upgrade happened on October 2015 at the Medicine Section while the second upgrade occurred on February 2017 at the Allied Health and Reference Section

### Staff spotlight:

### New members of the Library Team



The Library is happy to introduce the four (4) new members of the team. They provide support to the frontline services and engage in advocacy and outreach programs of the library. Having different academic and work backgrounds and personalities, they provide fresh and unique perspectives that the library can leverage to provide quality service to users.

Jay Pee M. Tizon has been part of the Library since July 2015 as contractual staff then was hired for a permanent post on April 2017. He is a graduate of Bachelor of Science in Business Management Major in Operations from STI College Dasmariñas.

Bryan Paolo A. Brillantes also worked first as a contractual staff in the Library for 3 months before being hired as a permanent staff on June 2017. He is a graduate of Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management from De La Salle University-Dasmarinas. He was a Human Resource Engagement Specialist in a business process outsourcing company before coming on board to DLSHSI.

John Roland A. Bautista is a graduate of Bachelor of Science in Information Technology from the National College of Science and Technology. Prior to working in the Library on June 2017, he was a survey researcher at the De La Salle University Medical Center.

Neil Christian A. Racoma graduated from Lyceum of the Philippines University – Cavite with the degree of Bachelor of Business Administration Major in Operations Management. He worked as an intern at the Human Resource Department of DLSHSI before signing up to become a permanent staff of the Library.

# Librarians on the and Staff GO

Coordinator for Technical Services Raquel P. Samar, RL, MLIS, Coordinator for Readers' Services Zipporah M. Dery, RL, MLIS, Periodicals Librarian Joy M. Perez, RL, MLIS, and Multimedia Librarian Anthony J. Bahia, RL, MEdLS attended the seminar on "How to Become an Effective Thesis Adviser, Panel, Technical and Ethics Review Committee" held on July 10, 2017 at DLS Villarosa Convention Hall. It was organized by the Center for Academic Health Sciences Research.

The library team turned over 158 books, 2 computers, and bookends to Department of Education City Schools Division of Dasmarinas on August 3, 2017. This is part of the library's Donate A Book Program for the benefit of public school libraries.

Library Assistants John Roland A. Bautista, Bryan Paolo A. Brillantes, Neil Christian A. Racoma, and Jay Pee M. Tizon participated in the Actual Hands-on Use of Fire Extinguisher on September 5, 2017. This initiative was spearheaded by the Environmental and Safety Management Unit.

Library Director Efren M. Torres, Jr., RL, MLIS attended the 2017 Southeast Asia eBooks Forum held on September 7-8, 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand.

All librarians attended the General Assembly and Seminar themed "Getting Started with Blended Learning: Breaking New Ground Towards Blended Environment" on October 2, 2017 held at DLS Villarosa Convention Hall. The event was organized by the Center for Innovative Education and Technology Integration (CIETI).

The PLAI-NIRLC and DLSP Library Committee Conference with the theme "Librarians and Information Professionals Moving Forward Through Research" was held on October 18-20, 2017 at University of St. La Salle, Bacolod City. Ms. Dery presented the paper "Access Away: Faculty Perceptions and Experiences in Remote Access to Online Resources" co-authored with Mr. Torres. CIETI Director Marlon G. Gado, RL, MLIS also presented his paper "Evaluation of Technology Use in Romeo P. Ariniego, MD Library Services: Implication for the Formulation of Technology Innovation Plan." Ms. Perez attended as a participant.

All library assistants attended the annual Advent Recollection on November 3, 2017 held at the DLS Villarosa Convention Hall.

Mr. Gado and Mr. Bahia's application to attend the "International Joint Research and Training Program for Nation's Memory and Archives Management" on October 30-November 3, 2017 in National Central Library, Taipei, Taiwan has been accepted. This is a by-invitation training program sponsored by the Ministry of Science and Technology.

In celebration of the Research Week, the Center for Allied Health Sciences Research hosted the 15th Faculty Research Forum on November 20, 2017 at the DLS Villarosa Convention Hall. Mr. Torres, Ms. Samar, Mr. Bahia, and Mr. Gado attended the event.











### RPAMDLS holds annual staff training



Human resource is among the valuable assets of any organization. The Library treats its team with appreciation and respect by supporting their professional and personal growth. This includes participation in seminars, trainings, learning visits, and teambuilding activities.

An in-house training was conducted on July 28, 2017 for all librarians and library assistants to enable them to be familiar with the existing process flows of library operations, new library services, and frequently asked questions. It was hoped that the training would help the participants to perform the daily library operations with efficiency and accuracy, be knowledgeable on the new services offered, and answer questions with confidence and precision. It was facilitated by Zipporah M. Dery, RL, MLIS, Coordinator for Readers' Services, Raquel P. Samar, RL, MLIS, Coordinator for Technical Services and Anthony J. Bahia, RL, MEdLS, Multimedia Librarian.

Participants were asked to evaluate the activity and most of them rated it as excellent or very good. They also said that future trainings could be improved by integrating the Lasallian Guiding Principle in the activity and hosting trainings about different topics such as technology integration in libraries and environmental awareness.

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