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## NEWLY RENOVATED NLP BUILDING: A Hub for Cultural and Educational Events



NLP Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano was joined by executives from various organizations, acclaimed artists, and other participants during the SDGs ResiliArt Exhibit and Heritage Animated Book Launch on March 15, 2023, at the 2nd Floor Lobby of the NLP Building.

**Following an extensive renovation, the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) Building is once again emerging as a popular venue for a diverse range of events. The renewed NLP Lobby and Epifanio Delos Santos Auditorium have recently hosted significant gatherings, including a book launch and a unique exhibition promoting peace, climate justice, and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).**

### *Book Launching at the NLP Auditorium*

In a celebration of literature and historical exploration, the NLP Epifanio Delos Santos Auditorium played host to a significant book launch event on December 27, 2022. Esteemed author Mr. Virgilio C. Leynes presented his latest work, "The Filipino Tragedy and Other Historical Facts Every

Filipino Should Know," captivating a diverse audience eager to delve into the rich tapestry of Philippine history.



Mr. Virgilio C. Leynes during the launching of his new book at the NLP Auditorium.

Mr. Leynes, a respected figure in the accountancy, business, and literary communities, shared insights into the inspiration behind his latest work. Published on August 28, 2022, the book spans 569 pages and is written in English, with translations into

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Filipino for key topics. It serves as a compilation of the author's ideas, opinions, and arguments on personalities, events, and places during the tumultuous period of Philippine history (1896-1906). The book closely examines historical events that many consider controversial and some that are unknown to the general public.

### *SDGs ResiliArt Exhibit and Heritage Animated Book Launch at the NLP Lobby*

March 15, 2023, witnessed the launch of the SDGs ResiliArt Exhibit by the Philippine Center of International Theatre Institute (ITI), Earthsavers DREAMS Ensemble - UNESCO Artist for Peace, and ITI Social Change Network, in partnership with the NLP and in collaboration with the Department of Education, DFA-UNACOM, Philippine Commission on Women, National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), Association of Local Colleges and Universities, Universidad de Manila, and Asia TV Studios. The exhibit, located at the 2nd Floor Lobby of the NLP Building, featured artistic creations promoting peace and climate justice. It also included heritage-based book launches, aligning with UNESCO concerns for early childhood education.



Director Adriano, together with leaders from various organizations, led the ribbon-cutting ceremony that marked the opening of the SDGs ResiliArt Exhibit.

The event is a conjoined celebration of UN-designated annual observances for the month

of March, namely the International Days for Women, Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness, Water, Forests, and Poetry, and the ITI World Theatre Week. It was an opportunity to salute outstanding women leaders of the Philippines.

The exhibit showcased the works of notable artists, such as the Angono-based acclaimed veteran visual artist Nemi Miranda, considered the "Father of Imaginative Figurism" and founder of the Angono Ateliers Association, and Zimbabwean artist-musician Xander Pratt, a CNN Africa's top 10 Avant Garde awardee. They presented their featured art collections that resonate with the message of peace, women empowerment, and other SDGs.



Zimbabwean artist-musician Xander Pratt presented some of his works included in the SDGs ResiliArt Exhibit.

Notable book launches included visiting Fil-Am author Rey de la Cruz's "Cecil Guidote Alvarez, The Philippine is a Stage," with illustrator Beth Parocha, and the award-winning, climate change-themed children's book, "Ballesteros On My Mind," illustrated by Tenni Magcase.

The program was made more exciting by the performances of the Pinoy pop girl group, 4th Impact, a long-time member of the Earthsavers DREAMS Ensemble, and the theatrical presentations of the Tanghalang Bagong Sibol Theater and Dance Co. by Cecil Guidote Alvarez. The exhibit was open to the

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public until April 4, 2023.



Members of the Pinoy pop girl group 4th Impact performed during the launching of SDGs ResiliArt Exhibit.

## *World Theater Week and World Poetry Day Celebration*

On March 27, 2023, the NLP joined the Philippine Center of International Theater Institute and the ITI Social Change Network in celebrating World Theater Week and World Poetry Day at the 2nd Floor Lobby of the NLP Building.



Ms. Cecile Guidote-Alvarez, founder of the Philippine Educational Theater Association (PETA) welcomes participants of the World Theater Week & World Poetry Day celebration.

Ms. Cecile Guidote-Alvarez, founder of the Philippine Educational Theater Association (PETA), spearheaded the program, featuring various theatrical performances and poetry presentations. Government officials, including Sen. Cynthia Villar, Sen. Sherwin Gatchalian,

Sen. Loren Legarda, and Sen. Pia Cayetano, showed their support through recorded messages. The event also included messages from NLP Assistant Director Edgardo B. Quiros and NCCA Executive Director Oscar G. Casaysay.



Several artist groups performed during the celebration.

The celebration highlighted the importance of theater and poetry in cultural expression. Performances by Earthsavers DREAMS Ensemble - UNESCO Artist for Peace, Tanghalang Bagong Sibol, and the Shirley Halili Dance Company added a touch of artistry to the occasion.

**The success of these activities marks a significant moment in the ongoing development of the NLP. The institution's dedication to promoting literature and historical awareness echoes its role as a guardian of the nation's cultural heritage. The NLP Building, with its revitalized spaces, continues to be a beacon for cultural enrichment and educational endeavors, embodying its role as a hub for the arts and literature in the Philippines.**

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## ENCHANTING CHILDREN WITH STORIES & CREATIVITY THROUGH NLP'S ACTIVITIES



NLP Kuwentistas together with Mr. Hubert Fucio in Robinsons Place Sta. Rosa for Little Reader's Day activity. (Photo from Robinsons Sta. Rosa Facebook page).

Discover the vibrant childrens activities of the National Library of the Philippines (NLP), where the enchantment of storytelling, puppetry, and creative activities unfolds for young minds. From the lively festivities of "Pista ng Sto. Niño" at San Beda to the virtual realm of World Read Aloud Day, the captivating puppetry spectacle of World Puppetry Day, and the delightful collaboration with Robinsons Malls for Little Reader's Day — these events showcase the NLP's unwavering dedication to fostering joy and cultivating a love for literature among our youngest readers.

### *Pista ng Sto. Niño sa San Beda*

San Beda University - Rizal, Integrated Basic Education Department, witnessed a vibrant celebration of "Pista ng Sto. Niño" on January 26, 2023, as NLP Kuwentistas joined the event

under the theme "Sto. Nino: Kalakbay Tungo sa Pananampalataya at Misyon."



NLP Kuwentistas and Ms. Melanie Ramirez celebrated Pista ng Sto. Niño sa San Beda.

The NLP took center stage during the festivities, showcasing its commitment to community engagement and educational services. NLP Kuwentistas treated teachers and students to a range of captivating

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activities, including interactive storytelling, puppet shows, and insightful presentations about the resources and services offered by the NLP.

In the spirit of the occasion, the NLP Kuwentistas left a lasting impression, emphasizing that at the National Library, learning is not only informative but also an enjoyable experience. The successful integration of the library's services into the Feast of Sto. Nino celebration showcased the institution's commitment to reaching out to diverse communities and fostering a culture of learning and appreciation for literature.

### *World Read Aloud Day*

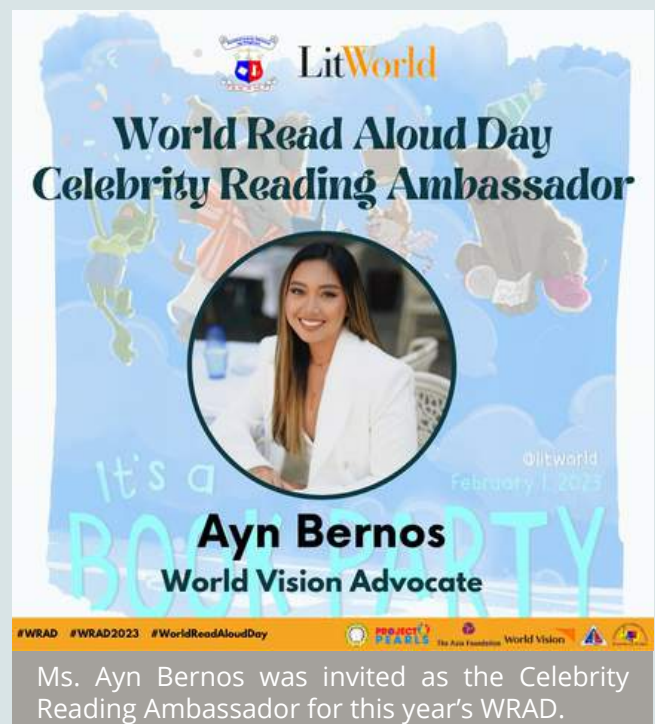
In a virtual celebration that transcended geographical boundaries, the NLP collaborated with LitWorld to commemorate World Read Aloud Day (WRAD) on February 1, 2023. The event, conducted via Zoom, provided a platform for libraries and schools to participate in the read-aloud session, fostering a passion for reading and storytelling.



The activity aimed to cultivate a love for literature among participants, encouraging them to engage in the age-old tradition of reading aloud. It received widespread support from various organizations, including the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. —

National Capital Region Librarian Council (PLAI-NCRLC), Project PEARLS, The Asia Foundation, World Vision, and Quezon City Public Library.

World Vision Advocate Ms. Ayn Bernos assumed the role of Celebrity Reading Ambassador for this year's WRAD celebration. Her presence elevated the event, attracting attention and inspiring even greater participation.



Ms. Ayn Bernos was invited as the Celebrity Reading Ambassador for this year's WRAD.

Participants actively embraced the spirit of WRAD by hosting their own read-aloud sessions and sharing the joy of reading on social media platforms. This collective effort amplified the impact of the celebration, reaching a broader audience and igniting a shared enthusiasm for literature.

The yearly celebration of World Read Aloud Day stands as a testament to the enduring power of literature to connect, inspire, and transform lives. In a world increasingly dominated by digital communication, this event reaffirmed the timeless significance of the spoken word and the shared experience of

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storytelling.

## World Puppetry Day

In a mesmerizing display of creativity and artistry, the NLP Kuwentistas took center stage during the celebration of World Puppetry Day on March 21, 2023, at the Amphitheater of Parks and Wildlife in Quezon City. The event, organized in collaboration with the Samahan ng mga Papetir ng Pilipinas, Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife Center, Biodiversity Management Bureau, and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, brought together puppet enthusiasts from various corners of the Philippines.



NLP Kuwentistas joined the celebration of the World Puppetry Day by showcasing their puppetry skills.

The event featured a diverse lineup of puppeteers, each bringing a unique flavor to the celebration. Roppets Edutainment enchanted the crowd with their puppetry, while Tali Galaw Marionettes added a graceful touch to the performance. Carlo Magno showcased the ancient art of ventriloquism, and Nelson Pabelonia mesmerized onlookers with his skillful table puppetry. The NLP Kuwentistas contributed to the festivities by showcasing their puppetry skills.

The collaborative effort of these puppeteers created an immersive experience, celebrating the rich cultural heritage of puppetry in the Philippines. The event not only entertained but also served as a platform to promote the

art form and its significance in cultural expression.

The annual celebration of World Puppetry Day serves as a reminder of the enduring appeal of this ancient art, transcending generations and captivating audiences of all ages. The event not only celebrated the art of puppetry but also highlighted the collaborative spirit that unites artists and enthusiasts in their shared passion for storytelling through this timeless and magical medium.

## Little Reader's Day at Robinsons Malls

In a delightful collaboration aimed at promoting literacy and fostering a love for reading among children, several Robinsons Malls partnered with the NLP for their Little Reader's Day activities. This initiative is part of the popular Weekends R for Kids program, offering youngsters an engaging and educational experience.



NLP Kuwentistas facilitated the Little Reader's Day activities in Robinsons Dasmariñas on May 21, 2023.

The NLP Kuwentistas embarked on a series of visits to Robinsons Malls, creating a literary spectacle for young readers. The schedule included stops at Robinsons Galleria South on May 13, Robinsons Place Dasmariñas on May 21, Robinsons Place Las Piñas on May 28, and Robinsons Place Sta. Rosa on June 4, 2023.

Accompanying the NLP Kuwentistas on this

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literary journey were esteemed guests Ms. Zarah Gagatiga and Mr. Hubert Fucio, award-winning children's book author and illustrator, respectively. The Little Reader's Day activities offered a myriad of fun and engaging experiences, including captivating storytelling sessions, enchanting puppet shows, interactive games, and creative coloring activities.

The collaborative effort between Robinsons Malls and the NLP exemplifies the commitment to community engagement and the promotion of literacy in a fun and interactive way. By blending entertainment with education, the Little Reader's Day activities proved to be a resounding success, leaving a positive impact on the young minds that participated. The diverse range of activities aimed not only to entertain but also to inspire a lifelong love for reading and learning.

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**As we continue to create these enchanting moments, the NLP, alongside its Kuwentistas, will continue to provide laughter, wide-eyed wonder, and the promise of a future where every child finds joy in the magic of reading. Until the next chapter unfolds, the echoes of these celebrations linger, reminding us that within the pages of a book lies the key to unlocking a world of imagination and endless possibilities for our youngest readers.**

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# CULTURAL CONNECTIONS AND COLLABORATIONS AT THE NLP



Ms. Emily Drabinski (middle), President of the American Library Association, during her visit to the National Library of the Philippines. She was accompanied by NLP Assistant Director Edgardo Quiros, Mr. Rene Manlangit and Ms. Lilia Echiverri of PLAI, Mr. Bryan Boy Cortez of ASLP, and NLP staff.

**In a series of momentous events, the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) played host to esteemed figures from the global community, marking a milestone of cultural exchanges and collaborative endeavors. This collective journey began with the warm reception of Emily Drabinski, President of the American Library Association (ALA), followed by a generous literary donation from the Embassy of India, and culminated in exploratory talks with the Turkish Ambassador. Each event not only enriched the NLP's cultural tapestry but also highlighted the institution's commitment to global knowledge sharing and collaboration.**

### *ALA President Drabinski Welcomed at the NLP*

In a momentous gathering of esteemed personalities in the field of librarianship, the

NLP, in collaboration with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts - National Committee on Libraries and Information Services (NCCA-NCLIS) and the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI), extended a warm welcome to Emily Drabinski, ALA President and Chief Librarian of the Graduate Center, City University of New York.

On February 8, 2023, NLP Assistant Director Edgardo B. Quiros guided Ms. Drabinski through an insightful tour of the National Library, accompanied by Prof. Salvacion M. Arlante, Head of NCCA-NCLIS, and Ms. Prudenciana Cruz, former NLP Director. The entourage also included prominent members of the PLAI, such as Ms. Lilia F. Echiverri, Chairperson of the 100 Years PLAI Steering Committee, along with Ms. Emma M. Rey, Former PLAI President, Mr. Rene Manlangit, current PLAI President, and Mr. Bryan Boy Cortez, former ASLP President.



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Ms. Drabinski's visit held special significance as she was the distinguished resource speaker at a seminar. The event, titled "Essential to the Public: Libraries in Urgent Times," was organized by PLAI-National Capital Region Librarians Council in collaboration with the University of the Philippines (UP) School of Library and Information Studies and took place on February 10, 2023, at UP Diliman, Quezon City.



Asst. Dir. Quiros guided Ms. Drabinski for a tour of NLP facilities and services.

## *Indian Embassy Donates Books to the NLP*

The Embassy of India in the Philippines, represented by Mr. Kannan Chockalingam, the First Secretary of the Press, Information, Culture and Education, extended a gesture of cultural exchange during a courtesy meeting with NLP Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano on March 31, 2023.



Represented by Mr. Kannan Chockalingam, the Embassy of India donated books to the NLP.

In a move to strengthen cultural ties between the two nations, the embassy donated a collection of 42 titles and 75 volumes of books encompassing diverse subjects such as culture, history, arts, business, and foreign relations of India. The meeting witnessed the participation of Ms. Melody M. Madrid, Chief Librarian, and Ms. Mabelin P. Callo, Librarian II, from the Collection Development Division.



Meeting between the NLP and Embassy of India in the Philippines on March 31, 2023.

The donated books will be distributed to selected affiliated public libraries of the NLP, aimed at enriching their library resources and will benefit various library users interested in gaining insights into the Indian heritage, history, and contemporary affairs.

## *Turkish Ambassador Explores Collaboration Opportunities with the NLP*



Turkish Ambassador Akyol and Secretary Kucuk during their visit to the NLP on May 8, 2023.

His Excellency Turkish Ambassador to the Philippines Niyazi Evren Akyol, accompanied

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by Mr. Zeki Furkan Kucuk, Turkiye Embassy Third Secretary, embarked on a significant visit to the NLP on May 8, 2023. The purpose of the visit was to explore potential avenues for partnership and collaboration between Turkey and the Philippines in the realms of culture and education.

The distinguished guests were warmly received by NLP Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano and Assistant Director Edgardo B. Quiros, underscoring the diplomatic importance of fostering ties between the two nations. During the courtesy visit, both parties engaged in constructive discussions on the possibilities of joint initiatives that could contribute to the enrichment of cultural and educational exchanges.



Meeting between the NLP and Turkish Embassy in the Philippines on May 8, 2023.

Expressing mutual interest in strengthening ties, the NLP directors conveyed their appreciation for the Turkish delegation's visit. The NLP, in its pursuit of knowledge and cultural enrichment, remains open to collaborative efforts that transcend borders and contribute to shared learning and appreciation.

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## NLP FORGES TRANSFORMATIVE COLLABORATIONS WITH OTHER AGENCIES FOR KNOWLEDGE AND ACCESS



Respective officials from the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) and the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) sign an agreement to make some of the NLP’s special collections available to the public through the NHCP’s National Memory Project.

**In recent months, the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) has taken monumental strides towards fostering collaboration and expanding access to knowledge. Three groundbreaking partnerships with key government agencies underscore the NLP's commitment to inclusivity, historical preservation, and cooperative education.**

### *IPOPHL Explores Partnership and Coordination with NLP*

In a significant stride towards collaboration, representatives from the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines - Bureau of Copyright and Related Rights (IPOPHL-BCRR) paid a visit to the NLP on February 15, 2023, to engage in discussions about a potential future partnership.



IPOPHL-BCRR delegation visited the NLP on February 15, 2023.

Leading the IPOPHL-BCRR delegation was Director IV Atty. Emerson G. Cuyo, accompanied by Atty. Jeremy John C. Bayaras, Chief of the Accreditation and Standards Division; Dr. Fernan R. Dizon, Chief of the Copyright Services Division; Leonor “Beng” G.

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Reyes, Chief of the Creative Sector Development Division; and Edgard Allan C. Yorro, Assistant Chief of the Copyright Services Division. The IPOPHL-BCRR team convened with NLP Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano and Assistant Director Edgardo B. Quiros to delve into the shared responsibilities of both organizations concerning Copyright Registration.

During the meeting, Maricel M. Urena, Chief of the Research and Publications Division, and Michelle A. Flor, Administrative Officer, and Copyright Examiner of NLP actively participated, emphasizing the collaborative spirit of the discussions.



The IPOPHL-BCRR delegation had a tour of the Filipiniana and Presidential Library collections.

The fruitful dialogue concluded with a side tour, providing the IPOPHL-BCRR representatives with a firsthand view of the Filipiniana and Presidential Library collections at the NLP.

### *NLP and NHCP Collaborate to Democratize Access to Historical Collections*

In a groundbreaking move toward inclusivity and accessibility, the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) has partnered with the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) to make three significant special collections available to the public. The collections in focus— the Philippine Revolutionary Records, the Historical Data Papers, and the Jose Rizal Collection— will be accessible online for free through NHCP's

### National Memory Project (NMP).

This initiative underscores a commitment to democratizing access to valuable historical resources. The NMP, accessible via the NHCP's website, is designed to provide free online access to a myriad of Philippine history materials housed in various libraries, archives, and museums nationwide, as well as in collaborating institutions.



NLP and NHCP made a partnership to democratize access to historical resources.



The Philippine Revolutionary Records offer insights into the nation's struggle for independence, chronicling pivotal moments during the revolutionary period. The Historical Data Papers provide a comprehensive view of significant events and individuals in Philippine history, while the Jose Rizal Collection presents materials related to the national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal, and his contributions to the country.

The NLP and NHCP envision that this collaborative endeavor will empower researchers, students, and the general public to explore and delve into the rich tapestry of Philippine history. By embracing digital accessibility, these institutions hope to foster a deeper understanding of the nation's past,

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cultivating a sense of national identity and pride.

As the NLP joins forces with the NHCP to democratize access to these invaluable collections, it marks a significant step forward in the preservation and dissemination of Philippine historical heritage. The collaboration between these two esteemed institutions reflects a shared dedication to making history a shared and accessible treasure for all.

## *NLP and CDA Joined Hands to Promote Cooperative Knowledge*

In a significant step towards fostering cooperative awareness and knowledge dissemination, the NLP and the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) joined hands through the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on June 15, 2023. The historic event unfolded at the Common Service Area of the NLP, drawing the participation of high-ranking officials from both entities.



The NLP and the CDA signed a Memorandum of Agreement to inaugurate a dedicated cooperative section in the National Library.

The distinguished attendees included Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano, Director of the NLP, along with Assistant Director Edgardo B. Quiros. Representing the CDA were Undersecretary Joseph B. Encabo, Chairman; Assistant Secretary Abdusalam A. Guinomla, Board Member III and Education, Advocacy and Union Cooperatives Cluster Head; and Mr. Ray

R. Elevazo, Institutional Development Services Deputy Administrator. The event also saw the presence of Hon. Roberto "Obet" Pagdanganan, alongside other CDA officials and NLP employees.

The primary objective of the MOA is to inaugurate a dedicated cooperative section within the NLP. This initiative envisions establishing a knowledge hub, showcasing an array of books, research papers, and other valuable resources. The curated collection aims to empower individuals by providing insights into the opportunities, benefits, and transformative power of cooperatives.

For the time being, the Cooperative Section will be housed at the Common Service Area, located on the ground floor of the NLP Building. This temporary arrangement is expected to evolve into a dynamic and comprehensive resource center, fostering a culture of cooperation and collaboration within the society.



Ribbon cutting ceremony of the Cooperative Section, temporarily located at the Common Service Area of the NLP.

With this collaboration, the NLP and the CDA strive to create a lasting impact by promoting cooperative education and encouraging a well-informed and engaged society. This strategic partnership is poised to contribute significantly to the nation's journey towards a more cooperative and empowered future.

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# UNODC, BJMP, AND NLP COLLABORATE TO LAUNCH "READ YOUR WAY OUT" PROJECT, TRANSFORMING PRISON LIBRARIES



A collaborative project between the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), and the National Library of the Philippines (NLP), the "Read Your Way Out" Project was launched on March 14, 2023 at Novotel, Quezon City.

In a concerted effort to promote education, rehabilitation, and well-being among persons deprived of liberty (PDL), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), in partnership with the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) and the National Library of the Philippines (NLP), officially inaugurated the Read Your Way Out (RYWO) Project. This transformative initiative was launched on March 14, 2023, at Novotel, Quezon City, following a preliminary visit by UNODC officials to the NLP on March 23, 2023.

The UNODC delegation, along with members of the Technical Working Group (TWG), visited the NLP on March 13, 2023. The delegation included Lisa Krolak, Chief Librarian of the UNESCO Institute of Lifelong Learning in Hamburg, Germany; Jane Garner, a lecturer in the School of Information Studies at Charles



The UNODC delegation visited the NLP and had a guided library tour on March 13, 2023.

Sturt University in Australia; Kate Jones, a resource speaker on the role of education in reformation; Nathee Chitsawang, a resource speaker on best practices of the Living Library in Thailand; and Padma Bandaranayake, a resource speaker about how libraries support rehabilitation from Sri Lanka. The NLP is also a

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part of the TWG, providing technical expertise in terms of library management.

During the visit, UNODC officials explored the services and facilities of the library, gaining insights into the valuable resources available. This exchange served as a precursor to the collaborative efforts that would unfold in the subsequent launch of the RYWO Project.



Part of the library tour is the visit to the Filipiniana Division where participants were shown steps in basic book cleaning and binding.

The genesis of the RYWO project lies in the Nelson Mandela Rule 64, advocating for the establishment of prison libraries, and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Guidelines for Library Services to Prisoners. These guidelines provide a framework for implementing and customizing library services within correctional facilities. The RYWO project, also known as "Magbasa Tungo sa Paglaya," aligns with these principles, aiming to create new jail libraries across the Philippines.

The project not only focuses on the physical setup of libraries but also emphasizes the provision of books and equipment. The overarching goal is to offer learning opportunities that facilitate personal development, well-being, and rehabilitation for individuals within the correctional system. A key aspect of the initiative is to encourage reading activities among PDLs, allowing them to earn Time Allowance for Study, Teaching, and Mentoring (TASTM). This incentivizes

educational pursuits, leading to reduced sentences and aiding in decongestion through early release coupled with rehabilitative efforts grounded in improved education and vocational skills.

The official launch at Novotel, Quezon City, included the signing of a Declaration of Cooperation among the concerned agencies. Signatories to the declaration included Serafin P. Barreto Jr., Undersecretary for Public Safety of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG); Jail Director Allan S. Iral, Chief of BJMP; Atty. Joyce Jazmin G. Dimaisip-Cunanan, Supreme Court Senior Chief Staff Officer; Olivier Lermet, Senior Policy Advisor of UNODC; and Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano, Director of NLP.



The Declaration of Cooperation was signed by officials from the DILG, BJMP, Supreme Court, UNODC, and NLP.

A symbolic turnover of the newly established libraries to BJMP recipients marked a significant moment in the launch. This symbolic gesture underscored the commitment to enhancing educational resources within correctional facilities.



Symbolic turnover of books for the newly established libraries to BJMP.

Additionally, a simultaneous workshop and meeting took place, bringing together BJMP personnel, local and international subject

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matter experts, and the RYWO Technical Working Group. This collaborative effort is poised to shape the trajectory of prison libraries, emphasizing the transformative power of education and reading within the context of rehabilitation.

As the RYWO project takes root, it signifies a collective commitment to fostering positive change within the correctional system, ultimately contributing to the holistic development of individuals in custody.



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# NLP SHOWCASES LITERARY TREASURES AT THE FIRST PHILIPPINE BOOK FESTIVAL



NLP Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano, Assistant Director Edgardo B. Quiros, division chiefs, staff, and guests joined the 1st Philippine Book Festival on June 2, 2023. NLP showcased its treasures, including the facsimile copy of Dr. Jose Rizal's *Noli Me Tangere* and *El Filibusterismo*.

The spotlight was on the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) during the inaugural Philippine Book Festival (PBF), the nation's pioneering traveling book festival, which unfolded on June 2, 2023, at the World Trade Center in Pasay City. This groundbreaking event not only celebrated the love for books but also played a pivotal role in strengthening the nation's literary fabric and showcasing the talents of Filipino writers and creators.

Taking place within the expansive exhibition spaces of the World Trade Center, the 1st PBF, orchestrated by the National Book Development Board (NBDB), stands as a tribute to Filipino literature and culture. Showcasing an extensive array of books by Filipino authors and publishers, this festival holds the distinction of being the country's pioneer event dedicated solely to Filipino content. It presents an excellent opportunity

to delve into Filipino culture, unearth new literary gems, and connect with fellow book enthusiasts.



Participants were able to freely browse the facsimile copies of Dr. Jose Rizal's novels.

NLP Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano, along with NLP Division Chiefs and staff, played a prominent role in the event by presenting carefully chosen rare books and Filipiniana collections curated by the NLP. Among the showcased treasures were facsimile copies of Dr. Jose Rizal's masterpieces, namely "*Noli Me*

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Tangere" and "El Filibusterismo," in addition to the Philippine Incunabula, Filipino Komiks, and other literary gems. This exhibition served as a captivating portal to the past, offering visitors a distinctive opportunity to delve into the Philippines' rich literary heritage.



Dir. Adriano and Asst. Dir. Quiros view rare books in glass enclosure with Mr. Anthony John Balisi, Director I of NBDB.

The inaugural PBF also provided an avenue for public librarians and book enthusiasts to delve into the extensive collections showcased by various local and independent publishers. The occasion facilitated significant interactions, nurturing a heightened appreciation for the diverse literary panorama of the Philippines.

Spanning from June 2 to June 4, 2023, the Philippine Book Festival left participants with an unforgettable literary experience, inspiring and enriching all those who attended. The NLP's active involvement in this milestone event further reinforces its commitment to promoting a culture of reading, preserving literary heritage, and supporting the flourishing local book industry.

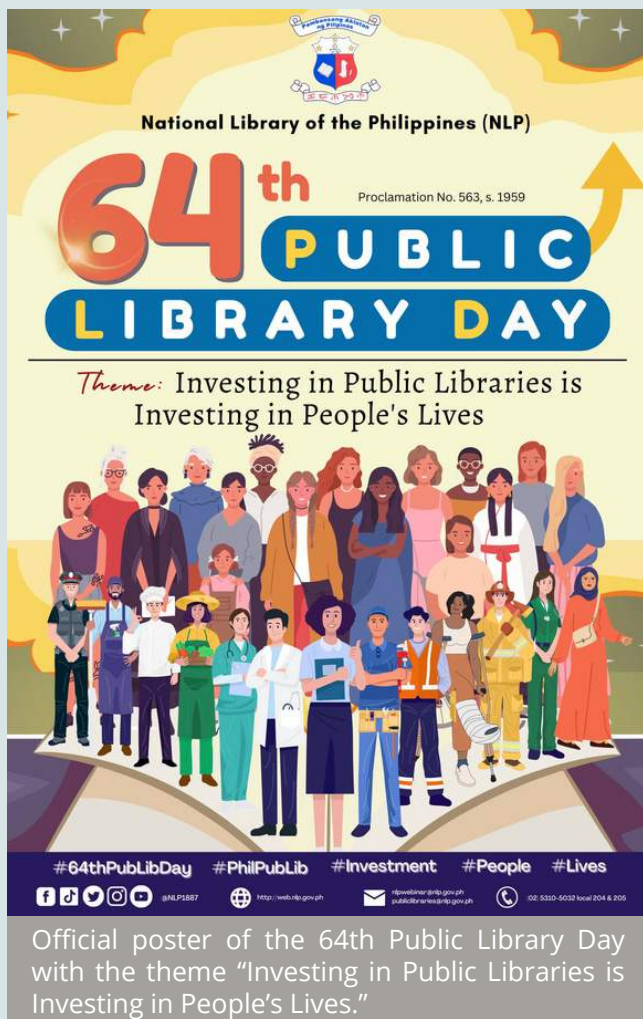
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## EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 64TH PUBLIC LIBRARY DAY CELEBRATIONS



In a tribute to the enduring importance of knowledge and community enrichment, the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) and affiliated public libraries nationwide celebrated the 64th Public Library Day on March 9th. This annual event, established by Proclamation No. 563, s. 1959, took place under the theme "Investing in Public Libraries is Investing in

### People's Lives."

Conceived by Mr. Vic Jayson Cruz of the Marikina City Public Library, this year's theme highlights the profound impact of enhanced library services, programs, and projects on the lives of individuals within the community. Advocating for increased support for public libraries and reading centers, the theme emphasizes their role in uplifting the lives of the Filipino people.

To amplify the celebration, participants actively shared their experiences on social media platforms using hashtags such as #64thPubLibDay, #PhilPubLib, #Investing, #People, and #Lives.



Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano welcomed the participants of the 4-day orientation.

In alignment with the festivities, the NLP, in collaboration with the Public Libraries Division (PLD), conducted a four-day Orientation and Initial Allocation of Library Resources to Newly-Affiliated Public Libraries from March 21-24, 2023, at the NLP Epifanio Delos Santos Auditorium.

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The inaugural day commenced with an opening program, during which NLP personnel provided insights into the library's services, collections, and programs. Noteworthy presentations included a comprehensive overview of NLP, its mandate, and mission, delivered by Ms. Michelle A. Flor of the Finance and Administrative Division (FAD). Ms. Lonlia R. Garcia of the Collection and Development Division (CDD) discussed the mechanical processing of library materials. Additionally, Ms. Susan A. Zamora of the Catalog Division (CD), shared valuable tips on the basic/simple arrangement of library collection, and Ms. Flordeliza T. Quinones of the Reference Division (RD) shed light on reference and special services at NLP.

NLP Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano expressed full support for the event in his opening message, with 94 participants from various public libraries nationwide in attendance.



The speakers who provided insights into the NLP's services, collections, and programs.

In the afternoon, Ms. Blesila P. Velasco, Chief of PLD, introduced participants to the roles and responsibilities of the PLD, together with other PLD staff. Ms. Julie Ann Dominique San Esteban elucidated why affiliated public libraries undergo monitoring activities, addressing any ambiguities in the Online Monitoring Report Form. Mr. Chad Aren Diaz shared information on upcoming training sessions for affiliated public libraries, enhancing their competencies in library management and concluding with an

introduction to customer relations and client handling.

The second day's learning sessions concluded with a presentation from Mr. Alvin Lim, Communications Officer of Mama Sita Foundation, and Mr. Reynald S. Ocampo, Program Officer of The Asia Foundation. The presentation focused on how public libraries can collaborate with Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), private organizations, and other entities to enhance and develop their programs and services. Ms. Rhodara E. Valdez of PLD integrated and synthesized all the learnings and activities from Days 1 and 2.



The participants were divided into several groups in order to further discuss learnings from the activity.

On March 23-24, participants attended an orientation on the different modules of Koha, a free and open-source library system. Facilitated by Ms. Ana Fe V. Azuela and Mr. Charlie A. Garcia of the Information Technology Division (ITD), participants engaged in a hands-on workshop on key modules such as Patron Enrollment and Modification, Back-End Administration, and Networking the System into their IT infrastructure.



Participants during the orientation on the Koha Library Software.

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A workshop on the Cataloging Module was also conducted by Ms. Zamora. Utilizing her previous discussion on the arrangement of library collection, she provided a guide on how to identify necessary metadata to be uploaded in the Cataloging Module of KOHA. She also briefly discussed and provided an overview of MARC tags for participant appreciation.

libraries but has also underscored their crucial role in shaping the lives of the Filipino people.



The Cataloging Module of the Koha Library Software.



The newly-affiliated public libraries of the NLP received initial allocation of library resources and devices.



The program concluded with an Awarding Ceremony, where participants and speakers were recognized for their contributions. Director Adriano, and Assistant Director Edgardo B. Quiros, along with Ms. Velasco, were present. Asst. Dir. Quiros delivered the Closing Remarks, marking the successful conclusion of the comprehensive training program.



The participants were given certificates during the Awarding Ceremony.

As the 64th Public Library Day celebrations wrap up, the commitment to fostering knowledge, collaboration, and community growth remains at the forefront of the NLP and its affiliated public libraries. The event has not only strengthened the foundation of these

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# NLP'S PROACTIVE APPROACH TO SAFETY AND PREPAREDNESS



All NLP employees were given emergency grab-and-go bags containing essential supplies meticulously packed to ensure readiness for rapid evacuation in case of an emergency.

**The National Library of the Philippines (NLP) has taken significant strides to fortify the safety and preparedness of its employees through a series of initiatives aimed at disaster response and emergency preparedness. From disaster seminars to earthquake drills, equipping employees with emergency go bags, and enhancing emergency response skills with first aid training, the NLP is fostering a culture of readiness within its premises.**

## *NLP Boosts Employee Preparedness with Disaster Seminar*

The NLP took a proactive step in enhancing the safety and preparedness of its employees through a Disaster Preparedness Seminar held on February 23, 2023. The seminar, which focused on earthquake and fire preparedness in workplaces, was organized by the Public Service Continuity Plan and Disaster Control Committee of NLP.

The resource persons and disaster experts

from the Philippine Red Cross collaborated with NLP to provide a Basic Volunteer Orientation course. Mr. Don Jorge S. Marcos, Disaster Preparedness Technical Officer, delved into the fundamentals of disaster preparedness, equipping attendees with essential knowledge to respond effectively to potential emergencies. Mr. Angelo Tan, Chapter Service Representative of Disaster Management Service, conducted a short tabletop exercise. This exercise involved a sample scenario to train members of the Continuity Core Team and Incident Emergency Response Team on appropriate measures before, during, and after earthquakes or fires.

A significant highlight of the seminar was the practical demonstration of fire extinguisher operation, skillfully facilitated by Mr. Tan. This hands-on experience provided NLP employees with the opportunity to apply their knowledge, ensuring they are well-prepared to handle fire-related incidents.

The Disaster Preparedness Seminar is part of

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NLP employees participated in the Disaster Preparedness Seminar facilitated by the Philippine Red Cross on February 23, 2023 at the NLP Auditorium.

NLP's ongoing commitment to prioritize the safety of its employees and visitors. Over the past year, the library has consistently invested in providing essential knowledge and skills to mitigate potential risks within the premises. This sustained effort reflects NLP's dedication to strengthening disaster preparedness and ensuring a safe environment for everyone associated with the NLP.

### *NLP Actively Engages in Quarterly Earthquake Drills*



NLP employees and clients participated in the National Simultaneous Earthquake Drill.

The NLP continued its commitment to safety by participating in the National Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED) on March 9, 2023, at 2:00 PM for the 1st Quarter, and on June 8, 2023, at 9:00 AM for the 2nd Quarter. These drills, led by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) through the Office of Civil Defense,

align with NDRRMC Memorandum No. 006, s. 2023, focusing on the "Resumption of Face to Face Conduct of National Simultaneous Earthquake Drills."

In adherence to safety protocols, NLP employees and clients calmly practiced the recommended "duck, cover, and hold" procedure during the simulated earthquake.



NLP employees and clients going to their designated evacuation areas after alarm.

Post-alarm, employees and clients efficiently evacuated to designated areas, while the dedicated Incident/Emergency Response Team diligently ensured that no individuals were left inside the building. These regular drills exemplify the NLP's proactive approach to disaster preparedness and align with national guidelines, fostering a secure environment for all of its staff and patrons.

### *NLP Equips Employees with Emergency Go Bags*

The NLP, through its Public Service Continuity

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Plan and Disaster Control Committee, took a proactive step in enhancing employee preparedness by conducting an orientation on the survival supplies included in the Emergency Go Bags on April 3, 2023.



All NLP employees are now equipped with Go Bags in case of emergency.

As part of NLP's continuous commitment to disaster preparedness, all employees were equipped with grab-and-go bags containing essential supplies. These Emergency Go Bags are meticulously packed to ensure readiness for rapid evacuation in case of an emergency at the workplace.



An orientation was conducted on April 3, 2023 to discuss the content of the Go Bags.

The orientation served to familiarize staff with the contents of their Emergency Go Bags, emphasizing their importance in ensuring the safety and well-being of employees during unforeseen events. This initiative reflects NLP's dedication to fostering a secure and prepared environment for its workforce, aligning with best practices in disaster management.

## *NLP Enhances Emergency Response Skills with First Aid Training*

In another proactive move towards enhancing emergency response capabilities, the NLP successfully conducted a four-day training in Standard First Aid and Basic Life Support from April 17 to 20, 2023. The training targeted members of the NLP's Continuity Core Team - Incident/Emergency Response Team (CCT-IERT), with a total of 31 participants.



Members of the NLP CCT-IERT together with the training facilitators from Philippine Red Cross.

Designed to equip committee members with essential skills, the workshop provided hands-on learning opportunities for identifying and managing various injuries and medical situations during emergencies.



Training facilitator inspects the works of the participants during a session of the training.

Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) from the Philippine Red Cross, Mr. Francis Hidalgo and Mr. Gil Andal, were invited as resource speakers for the training. Their expertise facilitated comprehensive sessions, enabling participants to successfully complete the training and examinations.



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The training not only covered critical medical aspects but also included discussions on current issues, daily evaluations, and practical demonstrations of incident management system (IMS) functionalities in emergency situations. The Philippine Red Cross assessments were successfully completed by all NLP participants, reaffirming the commitment of the NLP in ensuring a prepared and resilient response to emergencies within its premises.



Participants learned first aid skills for different kinds of emergency scenarios.

**The collective efforts of the NLP, from disaster seminars to earthquake drills, emergency go bags, and first aid training, exemplify a holistic commitment to safety and preparedness. By actively engaging employees and enhancing their skills, the NLP is not only fostering a secure environment within its premises but also contributing to a culture of readiness and resilience.**

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## NLP'S COMMITMENT TO EMPLOYEE WELL-BEING: EMPOWERING, CARING, AND FOSTERING CAMARADERIE



NLP employees participated in the NLP Sportsfest 2023 which commenced on April 17, 2023. Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano encouraged the active participation and enjoyment of all employees.

**In a dedicated effort to prioritize the well-being of its workforce, the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) has undertaken a series of initiatives to empower, care for, and foster camaraderie among its employees. From addressing crucial issues like sexual harassment and women's health to conducting annual physical examinations and organizing a vibrant sports festival, these endeavors underscore NLP's holistic approach to ensuring the mental and physical wellness of its staff.**

### *NLP Empowers Staff Through Forum on Sexual Harassment and Women's Health*

In line with National Women's Month, the NLP hosted a Forum on Sexual Harassment and Women's Health on March 23, 2023. The event, held at the NLP Auditorium, featured esteemed speakers such as Judge Maria Rowena V. Alejandria and Dr./Atty. Jose C. Montemayor Jr.

Organized by the Gender and Development

Committee and the Committee on Decorum and Investigation, the forum aimed to enhance awareness among NLP staff regarding sexual harassment and women's health issues. The initiative received support from Central Books Supply Inc., represented by President Mr. Paolo M. Sibal and Vice President Dr. Girlie G. Jacala.



Judge Maria Rowena V. Alejandria and Dr./Atty. Jose C. Montemayor, Jr. served as featured speakers for the forum.

Assistant Director Edgardo B. Quiros emphasized the importance of the activity, highlighting its role in educating and enlightening NLP staff. The forum, attended by

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NLP employees, contributes to the broader goals of National Women’s Month, promoting gender equality and empowerment.



The speakers, organizers, and participants of the Forum on Sexual Harassment and Sexual Health held on March 23, 2023

## *TNLEA Organizes Annual Physical Examination for NLP Employees*

In a commitment to the health and well-being of its workforce, The National Library Employees Association (TNLEA) successfully facilitated the two-day Annual Physical Examination (APE) for permanent employees of the NLP on March 29-30, 2023.

The APE, a comprehensive health check-up program, provided on-site services including routine diagnostics, screening, and various laboratory tests and procedures. The initiative aimed at early detection and ensuring the timely and adequate treatment of any potential health issues among NLP staff.



TNLEA facilitated a comprehensive health check-up for NLP regular employees.

NLP holds this annual event as part of its proactive approach to employee well-being. By offering these health services, the library ensures that its employees are in optimal

health conditions, fit to perform their roles effectively and efficiently. The emphasis on preventive care aligns with NLP’s commitment to fostering a healthy and productive work environment.



The APE activity is part of NLP’s proactive approach to employee well-being.

Year after year, NLP underscores the importance of employee fitness, recognizing that maintaining physical well-being is crucial for the seamless delivery of library services. The Annual Physical Examination not only serves as a preventive healthcare measure but also encourages employees to prioritize and maintain their overall health.

## *NLP Sportsfest 2023 Boosts Employee Well-Being and Camaraderie*

In a commitment to enhancing the well-being of its workforce, the NLP successfully executed its Mental Health Program (MHP), aligning with the model developed by the Civil Service Commission (CSC). The program focuses on both physical and mental health, incorporating various methods such as physical activities, team-building exercises, stress management techniques, peer counseling, support groups, and interest groups.



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To kick off this holistic approach to employee well-being, TNLEA spearheaded the NLP Sportsfest 2023, commencing with a vibrant ceremony on April 17, 2023. The event brought together all members, team managers, and captains to celebrate the spirit of camaraderie and healthy competition.

Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano, in his address, encouraged active participation and enjoyment of the diverse games prepared by the Sports Sub-committee, led by Christopher T. Diaz. While emphasizing the importance of maintaining competitiveness, Director Adriano prioritized the safety of all participants.



Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano led the Opening Ceremony for the NLP Sportsfest 2023.

The NLP Sportsfest 2023 commenced with the Elimination Round on April 14, 2023, and concluded on May 12, 2023. The grand finale on May 15, 2023, at the 2nd floor lobby of the NLP building witnessed a display of sportsmanship and skill.

The much-anticipated awarding ceremony honored the outstanding achievements of players and teams in various sports categories. Assistant Director Quiros, along with TNLEA President Cherry V. Melquiades, presented medals and trophies to each participant, creating a moment of pride for the entire NLP community.

This annual sports extravaganza is a testament to NLP's commitment to mental and physical wellness, fostering a healthy and productive workforce. Despite the games and festivities, NLP services remained uninterrupted, ensuring continued support for all library users.



The organizers and facilitators of the NLP Sportsfest 2023.

The NLP Sportsfest serves as a cornerstone in NLP's comprehensive approach to employee well-being, promoting a culture of health, camaraderie, and resilience within the organization.

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## NLP UNVEILS AMBITIOUS PROJECT L.A.R.A. TO BOOST LITERACY IN AURORA



The NLP Project LARA inspection team was warmly welcomed by the whole administration of Dingalan headed by Hon. Shierwin Taay, Municipal Mayor, and Vice Mayor Edgardo Galvez on February 24, 2023.

**The National Library of the Philippines (NLP) is set to embark on a groundbreaking initiative, Project L.A.R.A. (Library Affiliation and Resource Allocation), aimed at elevating literacy and knowledge access in the Province of Aurora.** To kick off this transformative project, the Public Libraries Division (PLD) organized a pivotal online meeting on February 6, 2023, for selected Local Government Units (LGUs) identified as the target recipients of Project L.A.R.A.

The succinct yet comprehensive meeting had two primary objectives: (1) To discuss and present the goals and rationale behind Project L.A.R.A.; and (2) To present to all identified beneficiaries of this project the requirements for the establishment and affiliation of public libraries, as well as the library resource allocation process to newly affiliated and established public libraries.

The online session was attended by a dynamic group of stakeholders, including the staff of PLD led by its chief, Ms. Blesila P. Velasco, Mr. Leonardo P. Bernabe, Chief of the NLP

Information Technology Division (ITD), Atty. Aila Reopta from the Office of Congressman Rommel Rico T. Angara, Mr. Erwin Lozano from the Office of Senator Sonny M. Angara, and selected local government officials and employees from the Province of Aurora.



An online meeting was held on February 6, 2023 to kick off the groundbreaking initiative, Project L.A.R.A.

Additionally, the NLP Team, consisting of officials and staff from the PLD, ITD, and the Collection Development Division (CDD), conducted an on-site inspection in the municipalities of the Province of Aurora from February 21 to 24, 2023. This on-site visit

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aimed at presenting and assessing the specific requirements for establishing and affiliating public libraries, as well as explaining the library resource allocation process for those newly affiliated and established.



NLP Project LARA team with staff from the Offices of Sen. Sonny Angara and Cong. Rommel Angara, at the Baler Municipal Library.

Furthermore, the PLD, in collaboration with the CDD, ITD, and the Catalog Division (CD), conducted a two-day classroom orientation on Basic Library Administration and KOHA Training at Casiguran Municipal Library on June 14-15, 2023.



Basic Library Administration and KOHA Training held at Casiguran Municipal Library on June 14-15, 2023.

Twenty-one library, IT, and LGU staff from different municipalities of the Province of Aurora joined the event. Topics discussed included accessioning and mechanical processing of materials, the basic arrangement of library collections, tips on administering their public libraries, and the different modules of the KOHA Integrated Library System, encompassing attendance monitoring, database repair, and backup. The speakers were Ms. Lonlia Garcia of CDD, Ms. Susan Zamora of CD, Mr. Chad Aren Diaz of PLD, and Mr. Israel Mendoza and Mr. Charlie Garcia of ITD.

**Project L.A.R.A. signifies a strategic move by the NLP to enhance literacy and**

**learning opportunities in local communities. As the project unfolds, it is expected to make a lasting impact on the cultural and educational landscape of the Province of Aurora, establishing a legacy of increased access to knowledge and information.**



The resource speakers of the two-day classroom orientation/training in Casiguran Municipal Library.

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# ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLANNING UNVEILS NLP'S DIRECTION FOR 2023



Led by Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano and Assistant Director Edgardo B. Quiros, the NLP conducted its annual operational planning from January 30 to February 2, 2023 in Baguio City.

**The National Library of the Philippines (NLP) recently convened at Burnham Suites in Baguio City for its annual operational planning, held from January 30 to February 2, 2023. Led by Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano and Assistant Director Edgardo B. Quiros, the gathering included key figures from the NLP's top management, Division Chiefs, Assistant Division Chiefs, and Section Heads. The Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation Committee (PMEC), chaired by Ms. Jennifer B. Dimasaca, played a crucial role in orchestrating the strategic discussions.**



The annual operational planning was attended by NLP's top management, Division Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs, and Section Heads.

The four-day Operational Planning was a comprehensive effort to ensure that the

agency's key objectives and targets align seamlessly with the proposed and allocated budget for the fiscal year. There was a concerted effort towards cross-functional collaboration to bring together diverse perspectives and areas of expertise. This focus on collaboration bore fruit in the form of actionable plans poised to drive the successful execution of all NLP programs and activities envisioned for the year ahead.



Assistant Director Edgardo B. Quiros discussed about NLP's 2023 Environment.

With a clear vision and a commitment to adaptability, the NLP sets sail into the new fiscal year, poised to elevate its services, accessibility, and impact on the communities it serves.

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## NLP'S DYNAMIC INITIATIVES: STRENGTHENING LIBRARY SERVICES NATIONWIDE



The third part of the Training-Series on Delivering the Basics of Quality Public Library Service was held in Lucena, Quezon on June 27, 2023.

**In a stride towards enriching the skills of library professionals and preserving literary heritage, the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) has orchestrated a symphony of training workshops spanning diverse realms. From hands-on bookbinding and exploring electronic resources to empowering public libraries, each initiative represents a commitment to advancing knowledge and accessibility.**

*NLP Hosts Training-Workshops in Bookbinding and Preservation*



The participants of the Training-Workshop on Bookbinding held on March 17, 2023.

In a concerted effort to enhance the skills of library professionals and advance the preservation of literary treasures, the NLP

organized a comprehensive Training-Workshop on Bookbinding through its Filipiniana Division (FD). The event, held on March 17, 2023, saw active participation from the Cavite Provincial Library, the City of Antipolo, as well as staff from the Filipiniana Division and On-the-Job Trainees from Adventist University of the Philippines.



Training participants actively engaged in various hands-on sessions.

The primary goal of the training program was to equip participants with a profound understanding of key concepts and theories behind bookbinding, fostering practical skills essential for the preservation of books, newspapers, and similar materials. The



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participants engaged enthusiastically in hands-on sessions, mastering techniques such as dry-cleaning, enclosure, and soft-binding.

Highlighting the commitment to knowledge dissemination, the FD further conducted a Training-Workshop on Basic Preservation and Conservation of Paper-Based Collections for Selected Department of Education - National Capital Region (DepEd NCR) Librarians on May 19, 2023.



Another training was facilitated by the Filipiniana Division on May 19, 2023, participated by selected DepEd-NCR librarians.

The overarching objective of this workshop was to empower participants with the knowledge and understanding necessary to identify and recognize the importance of managing and preserving library collections. The workshop also sought to develop participants' skills in preservation and conservation activities through immersive, hands-on training sessions.

### *NLP Explores E-Resources in Training Session*



The participants of the E-Resources Training Session which was facilitated by the Collection Development Division on April 24, 2023.

The NLP delved into the realm of electronic resources in a day-long training session on April 24, 2023. Led by Ms. Melody M. Madrid, Chief of the Collection Development Division (CDD), the training welcomed publishers and

suppliers who showcased various online materials and guided NLP staff on effective navigation through their portals, specifically designed to benefit NLP researchers.



The training welcomed publishers and suppliers who showcased online materials.

In addition to the extensive physical collection housed at NLP, the library is expanding its services by offering free access to electronic resources for all library users. This training session was a crucial step in ensuring that NLP clients receive the necessary guidance to make optimal use of these digital materials, complementing the traditional resources available at the library.

### *NLP Empowers Public Libraries with Extensive Training-Series*

The NLP, through its Public Libraries Division (PLD), has successfully completed the first three parts of its comprehensive Training-Series on Delivering the Basics of Quality Public Library Service. The program, spanning from May to July 2023, aims to fortify and recalibrate the quality of public library services across the country.



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The training-series was designed for all affiliated public libraries of the NLP. It comprised a five-part series, covering critical areas such as Public Libraries' Mission/Vision, Goals, and Objectives; Collection Development and Management; Services of Public Libraries; Physical Facilities and Public Library Administration; and Financial Resources, Partnerships, and Collaboration.

On May 25, 2023, the PLD hosted the first part of the training-series at the NLP Function Room, attracting 61 participants from both within and outside the National Capital Region. Resource speakers, including Ms. Lucila Raquino of Quezon City Public Library and Ms. Rochelle Silverio of the Valenzuela City Public Library, led sessions on exploring the basic theories and concepts behind the current Standards for Public Libraries. NLP Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano and PLD Chief Blesila P. Velasco provided leadership and support.



The first part of the training-series was participated by 61 librarians and library staff within and outside NCR.



The second part, held on June 6, 2023, at Purok Marcela Beach Resort in Lingayen, Pangasinan, was attended by 75 individuals, including NLP organizers, Pangasinan Provincial Library (PPL) and Provincial Government of Pangasinan staff. The training

focused on community needs analysis and the development of a collection development plan, with resource speakers Ms. Kima Sirot of Asingan Municipal Library, Ms. Virgie Aquino of Alaminos City Library, and Ms. Bernadine Gravela of Urdaneta City Public Library.



The second part was held in Lingayen, Pangasinan, with 75 participants.



On June 7-8, 2023, sub-groups visited various municipalities of Pangasinan to validate the existing 2015 Revised Standards for Philippine Public Libraries (RSPPL) and monitor inactive public libraries, joined by selected staff from PPL.



PLD and PPL staff visited various municipalities in Pangasinan to validate the 2015 RSPPL.

Series 3 unfolded on June 27, 2023, in Lucena City, Quezon, in partnership with the Provincial Government of Quezon through the Quezon Provincial Library. Public librarians, officers-in-charge, and staff from Quezon Province and nearby areas participated in discussions about services based on the 2015 RSPPL. Invited speakers, including Ms. Joana Paola C. Tuazon of Camarines Norte Provincial Library, Ms.

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Amylen N. Bautista of Albay Provincial Library and Information Center, and Mr. Federico N. Vinluan of Raul S. Roco Library, shared expertise and experiences.



The third part was held in Lucena City, Quezon on June 27, 2023.



Series 4 and 5 are slated for July, marking the continuation of NLP's commitment to enhancing public library services nationwide.

## *NLP's "eResources Day" Empowers Legislative Library Services*

The NLP, through the Reference Division (RD), recently conducted two insightful sessions of "NLP eResources Day" for the personnel of the Legislative Library Service and Legislative Records and Archive Service of the Legislative Reference Bureau, Senate of the Philippines. The events took place on May 3 and May 18, 2023, at the 6th Floor Function Room of the NLP Building, T.M. Kalaw St., Ermita, Manila.



Personnel of the Legislative Reference Bureau, Senate of the Philippines participated in the NLP eResources Day.

The initiative was prompted by the Legislative Library Service's request to enhance accessibility for their clients by integrating the link to the NLP eResources Portal (ePortal) into their site. This request aligns with the existing Terms of Agreement between NLP and the Publishers and Providers of the online databases.

The orientation sessions were designed to empower participants by guiding them through the account creation process to become NLP-authorized users. Ms. Xenia B. Romero, the dedicated eResources portal administrator of RD, facilitated presentations on the diverse online databases available in the ePortal. The sessions also featured hands-on navigation of the ePortal platform, ensuring that participants gained practical skills to maximize the resource.



Participants of the orientation sessions were guided on the process of creating accounts in the eResources Portal.

Since May 2022, NLP has been consistently providing sessions of "NLP eResources Day" to onsite users, marking a significant effort to promote the array of online databases available for free. The primary objectives include orienting library users, cultivating their interest in exploring the ePortal platform, and broadening customer engagement. Notably, these efforts extend beyond the traditional IP-authenticated areas, allowing users remote access to the wealth of resources.

The NLP's commitment to facilitating knowledge dissemination is evident through such initiatives, creating a more inclusive and accessible learning environment for both onsite and remote users.

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## *CDD Hosts Successful Stakeholders' Forum on Library Acquisition*

The NLP Collection Development Division (CDD), conducted the "CDD Stakeholders' Forum on Acquisition of NLP Library Materials" on June 27, 2023. The forum gathered representatives from diverse suppliers and publishing companies, specializing in foreign and Filipiniana print, electronic/multimedia resources, and databases.



The organizers and participants of the CDD Stakeholders' Forum on Acquisition of NLP Library Materials.

The primary objective of the forum was to enlighten stakeholders about the NLP's Acquisition and Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) requirements and processes. Ms. Melody Madrid, CDD Chief; Ms. Maricel Diaz, Filipiniana Division Assistant Chief and BAC Member; and Ms. Neriza Oraba of CDD led discussions on these crucial aspects. Additionally, the forum provided valuable insights into Legal Deposit procedures.



Discussed in the forum were NLP's acquisition requirements and Legal Deposit procedures.

Issues and concerns related to the procurement and delivery of library materials were openly discussed and effectively addressed during the forum. This collaborative platform served as a means to enhance communication and understanding

between the NLP and its valued stakeholders, ensuring a smoother and more efficient acquisition process moving forward.

**These multifaceted initiatives stand testament to the NLP's unwavering dedication to knowledge dissemination and capacity-building. By fostering practical skills, embracing digital advancements, and empowering library professionals nationwide, the NLP is not only preserving the past but also shaping the future of library services in the Philippines. As the journey continues, these endeavors will undoubtedly leave an indelible mark on the landscape of library sciences, making knowledge more accessible and preservation efforts more profound.**

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## NLP NEW PUBLICATIONS: 2022 DIRECTORIES, 'ISBN MANWAL' AND LIS RESEARCH PUBLICATION

The NLP proudly presents the 2022 ISBN and ISSN Directories, along with a Filipino-translated 'Manwal para sa mga ISBN User.' These resources, available on the NLP website, offer vital insights into the Philippine publishing landscape, empowering local publishers. Additionally, the NLP unveils its inaugural LIS Research Publication, enhancing library services and cultural resources in communities.

*NLP Releases 2022 ISBN and ISSN Directories, Filipino Translation of ISBN Manual*

The NLP is delighted to announce the release of the much-anticipated 2022 Directories for ISBN and ISSN, now available for free on the NLP website (<https://web.nlp.gov.ph/>). These directories serve as essential references for publishers, showcasing the latest additions to the publishing landscape in the Philippines from January to December 2022.



The ISBN Directory 2022, available for free on the NLP website.

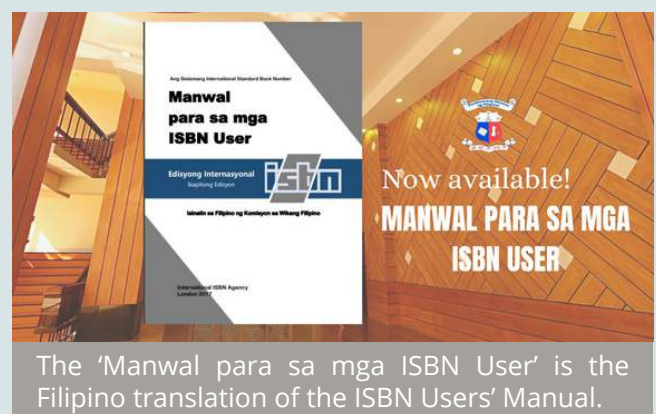
The ISBN Directory 2022 compiles an extensive list of newly registered book publishers in the Philippines, providing a comprehensive overview of the evolving literary scene. Similarly, the ISSN Directory 2022 offers insights into registered serials and

publishers, offering a snapshot of the diverse serial publications in the country.



The ISSN Directory 2022, available for free on the NLP website.

A significant addition to the available resources is the 'Manwal para sa mga ISBN User, Edisyong Internasyonal, Ikapitong Edisyon' (ISBN Users' Manual, International Edition, Seventh Edition), now translated into Filipino. This manual is a valuable tool for publishers and distributors, offering guidance on the use of ISBN for effective cataloging and identification.



The 'Manwal para sa mga ISBN User' is the Filipino translation of the ISBN Users' Manual.

Filipino publishers and distributors can now access and download the translated manual from both the NLP website and the International ISBN Agency website

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(<https://www.isbn-international.org/>). This initiative aims to broaden the reach of valuable resources and empower the Filipino publishing community.

The translation of the manual was made possible through the collaborative efforts of the NLP Bibliographic Services Division and the Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino. This generous endeavor ensures that more Filipino stakeholders in the publishing industry can benefit from the wealth of information provided in the manual.

*Inaugural LIS Research Publication Now Available on NLP Website*

The NLP proudly introduced its first Library and Information Services (LIS) Research Publication, accessible on the NLP website. This compilation features winning research from two categories: (a) BLIS undergraduate students and (b) professional librarians and MLIS graduate students.



The LIS Research Publication is a result of the 1st LISM Research Conference held in November 2022.

The publication aims to enhance library services, programs, and initiatives, providing a valuable resource for identifying unique library development and cultural resources in communities. Initiated by the 32nd Library and Information Services Month (LISM) Committee, in collaboration with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts - National Committee on Libraries and Information Services (NCCA-NCLIS) and the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI), this publication is a result of the first LISM Research Conference

held in November 2022.

Librarians, researchers, and enthusiasts are encouraged to explore this rich content, contributing to the collective knowledge and advancement of library services in the Philippines. The NLP continues its commitment to supporting research and development in the library and information science field.

**Explore these groundbreaking resources, as the NLP remains devoted to advancing research and development in the dynamic field of library and information science.**

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## PAGDIRIWANG NG IKA-125 ANIBERSARYO NG KALAYAAN NG PILIPINAS



Pinangunahan nina Tagapangulo Arthur P. Casanova ng KWF, Tagapangulo Dr. Emmanuel F. Calairo ng NHCP, Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano ng NLP, Executive-Director Oscar G. Casaysay ng NCCA, at Director-General Jeremy Barns ng NMP ang pagbubukas ng eksibit sa NLP.

**Sa pamumuno ng Pambansang Komisyong Pangkasaysayan ng Pilipinas (NHCP), nakikiisa ang Pambansang Aklatan ng Pilipinas (NLP) sa pagdiriwang ng ika-125 Anibersaryo ng Kalayaan at Pagkabansa ng Pilipinas mula taong 2023 hanggang 2026. Ang makasaysayang okasyong ito ay naglalayong bigyang halaga ang mga pangyayari na nagbigay kapanganakan sa bansang Pilipinas, mula sa proklamasyon ng Kalayaan noong Hunyo 12, 1898, sa Kawit, Cavite, hanggang sa pagtatapos ng Unang Republika noong Marso 23, 1901, sa Palanan, Isabela.**

Ang temang "Kalayaan. Kinabukasan. Kasaysayan." ay nagbibigay diin sa kalayaang matagal nang ipinaglaban ng ating mga

ninuno at kasaysayang nais nating alalahanin at parangalan.



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## *Aktibidad sa Luneta para sa Anibersaryo ng Kalayaan*

Sa pagdiriwang ng ika-125 taon ng Kalayaan ng Pilipinas, nakibahagi ang NLP sa mga kaganapan sa Luneta noong Hunyo 10 at 11, 2023. Kasama ang iba't ibang ahensya ng gobyerno, kabilang ang NLP sa mga nagtayo ng booth at nagdala ng iba't ibang serbisyo at impormasyon para sa aktibidad na "Mga Pampamahalaang Programa at Serbisyo." Nagbigay aliw at kaalaman din ang mga NLP Kuwentistas sa mga bumisita na nakisali sa kuwentuhan, sayawan, kulayan, piktyuran, aralan, at kulitan.



Ang booth ng NLP sa Luneta para sa aktibidad na "Mga Pampamahalaang Programa at Serbisyo" noong Hunyo 10-11, 2023.



## *Pagsali sa Pagdiriwang ng Araw ng Kalayaan*

Noong Hunyo 12, 2023, aktibo ang NLP sa pagdiriwang ng Anibersaryo ng Proklamasyon ng Araw ng Kalayaan. Nagkaruon ng parada patungo sa Quirino Grandstand kung saan ang NLP ay kasama sa iba't ibang ahensya ng pamahalaan. Ang makulay na programa ay pinangunahan ni Pangulong Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr.



Sumali ang mga empleyado ng NLP sa parada patungo sa Quirino Grandstand para sa pagdiriwang ng Anibersaryo ng Proklamasyon ng Araw ng Kalayaan.

## *NLP Eksibit: "Kasaysayan Tungo sa Kalayaan"*

Bilang bahagi ng pagdiriwang, nagbukas ang NLP ng eksibit na pinamagatang "Kasaysayan Tungo sa Kalayaan" noong hapon ng Hunyo 12, 2023. Ang paglulunsad ng eksibit ay dinaluhan ng mga kilalang personalidad sa larangan ng kultura at kasaysayan. Sa pangunguna nina NLP Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano at Asst. Director Edgardo B. Quiros, kasama ang mga pinuno ng iba't ibang ahensyang-kultural at espesyal na panauhin -- Tagapangulo Dr. Emmanuel F. Calairo ng NHCP; Director-General Jeremy Barns ng Pambansang Museo ng Pilipinas; Executive-Director Oscar G. Casaysay ng Pambansang Komisyon para sa Kultura at mga Sining; Tagapangulo Arthur P. Casanova ng Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino; at Propesor Michael Charleston "Xiao" B. Chua, isang kilalang 'public historian,' nagkaruon ng pagkakataon ang publiko na masilayan ang mga orihinal na dokumento na nagpapakita ng mahalagang bahagi ng kasaysayan ng kalayaan at pagkabansa ng Pilipinas.



Ang eksibit sa NLP na pinamagatang "Kasaysayan Tungo sa Kalayaan."



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Ang eksibit, na bukas sa publiko mula Hunyo 13 hanggang 30, 2023, sa ikalawang palapag ng gusali ng NLP, ay nagtatampok ng mga natatanging koleksyon ng aklat, manuskrito, at litrato na may koneksyon sa pagtataguyod ng ating kalayaan. Kasama sa koleksyon ang orihinal na Proklamasyon ng Kalayaan ng Pilipinas, Kasunduan sa Biak-na-Bato, mga liham ni Heneral Aguinaldo, mga piling dokumento ng Katipunan, Konstitusyon ng Malolos, Pambansang Awit ng Pilipinas, at iba pang makasaysayang dokumento.



Itinampok sa eksibit ang orihinal na Proklamasyon ng Kalayaan ng Pilipinas at iba pang makasaysayang dokumento.

**Ang Pambansang Aklatan ay patuloy na magbibigay importansya sa pagpapahalaga ng ating kasaysayan at itatanghal ang kagitingan ng ating mga bayani para sa kasalukuyan at mga darating pang henerasyon.**

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# MGA GAWAIN NG NLP PARA SA PAMBANSANG BUWAN NG PAMANA



Ang pambungad na pagdiriwang ng Pambansang Aklatan ng Pilipinas para sa Pambansang Buwan ng Pamana na ginanap sa NLP Auditorium noong Mayo 8, 2023.

Sa pagbukas ng Pambansang Buwan ng Pamana 2023, buong pusong nakilahok ang Pambansang Aklatan ng Pilipinas sa makasaysayang pagdiriwang na may temang "Pamana: Pagbabago at Pagpapatuloy." Ang Pambansang Komite sa Pamana ng Pambansang Komisyon para sa Kultura at mga Sining ang nanguna sa pagdiriwang na ito, alinsunod sa Proklamasyon Blg. 439 na nilagdaan noong 2003.

Ngayong taon ipinagdiwang ang ikadalawampung taon ng Buwan ng Pamana, na naglalayong (1) itampok ang potensyal ng kultural na pamana sa pagpapahusay ng panlipunang kapital, pagpapalakas ng paglago ng ekonomiya, at pagpapanatili ng kapaligiran; (2) ipakita ang mga benepisyong, epekto, at mga oportunidad na ibinibigay ng mga pananaliksik at inobasyon sa agham pampamana; at (3) isulong ang mga adbokasiya at hikayatin ang paglahok sa mga programang nangangalaga sa mga kultural na pamana at pamanang panlungsod.



Bilang isa sa mga pangunahing tagapagtanghal ng sining at kultura sa bansa, ang Pambansang Aklatan ay nagbibigay-pugay sa kasaysayan at naglalaan ng espasyo para sa mga akda at dokumento na naglalahad ng kahalagahan ng ating kultura at kasaysayan. Sa pamamagitan ng pagpapakita ng mga yaman ng kultural na pamana, nais nitong hikayatin ang pag-unlad at pag-usbong ng ating lipunan.

*Panimulang Programa at Oryentasyon: Tungkulin ng Pambansang Aklatan sa Cultural Registry*

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Pambansang Aklatan ng Panimulang Programa para sa Buwan ng Pamana, kasabay ng buwanang aktibidad na 'Staff Development' sa Epifanio delos Santos Auditorium. Si G. Emmanuel Mabagos, Pinuno ng Philippine Registry of Cultural Property (PRECUP), ay nagbigay ng pangkalahatang ideya sa kahalagahan ng NLP sa pagsasama-sama at pagtatala ng mga 'cultural property.'



Si G. Emmanuel Mabagos ang naimbitahang tagapagsalita para sa pambungad ng pagdiriwang ng Buwan ng Pamana.

Sa talumpati ni G. Mabagos, ipinaliwanag ang misyon ng PRECUP at ang kritikal na papel ng Pambansang Aklatan sa pagpapahalaga at pagtatala ng kultura. Tinukoy ang pangunahing bahagi ng bawat kawani sa pagbuo ng listahan ng mga 'cultural property.'

## *E-Salin ang Kuwento: Online Kuwentuhan sa mga Pampublikong Aklatan*

Sa pagsasanib-pwersa ng mga mahuhusay na librarian-kuwentista mula sa apat na pampublikong aklatan sa iba't ibang rehiyon ng bansa, isinagawa ang isang masayang serye ng online kuwentuhan. Ang mga kuwentuhan na ito ay naglalaman ng iba't ibang maikling kwentong pambata na nagpapakita ng kahalagahan at kagandahan ng kultura at pamana ng bawat bayan.

Sa pangalang "E-salin ang Kuwento: Online Kuwentuhan sa mga Pampublikong Aklatan," ipinamahagi ng mga librarian-kuwentista ang kanilang mga kwento sa mga batang tagapakinig mula sa kanilang aklatan at sa

online. Ang dalawang kwento ay nagmula sa nakaraang proyekto ng Pambansang Aklatan, kung saan isinulong ang paglathala ng lokal na kuwento gamit ang Mother Tongue ng lalawigan. Ang dalawa pang kwento ay orihinal na isinulat naman ng mga librarian-kuwentista, na naglalahad ng kahalagahan ng kasaysayan at kultura ng kanilang sariling lungsod.



Online Kuwentuhan kasama ang Baguio (itaas) at Parañaque (ibaba) City Public Libraries.



Ang "E-salin ang Kuwento" ay hindi lamang isang simpleng pagkukuwento, kundi isang interactive storytelling activity. Sa bawat kuwento, tinatalakay ng librarian-kuwentista ang mga yaman ng kultura at pamana ng kanilang rehiyon. Layunin ng ganitong aktibidad na hikayatin ang iba pang aklatan na ibahagi ang kanilang sariling kultura sa mga kabataan.

Ang online kuwentuhan na ito ay naganap noong Mayo 3, 17, 24, at 29, 2023. Nagtagumpay ang pagsasanib ng Davao City Library and Information Center, Iloilo City Public Library, Baguio City Public Library, at Paranaque City Public Library, sa pakikipagtulungan sa Pambansang Aklatan para itaguyod ang kahalagahan ng pagkukuwento at pagbibigay halaga sa kultura ng bawat rehiyon.

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## *Managing Risks in Libraries: A Roundtable Discussion on Library Change and Risk Management Practices*

Sa layuning itaguyod ang 'sustainable heritage management' bilang bahagi ng Buwan ng Pamana ngayong taon, isinagawa ng Pambansang Aklatan ang isang Roundtable Discussion hinggil sa pamamahala ng mga pagbabago at panganib sa aklatan. Ang mga pangunahing aspeto ng pamamahala na may kinalaman sa pamana ay tinalakay sa Epifanio delos Santos Auditorium noong Mayo 9, 2023, at na-live stream sa NLP Facebook page.



Sina G. Edgardo B. Quiros at Bb. Eimee Rhea C. Lagrama ang naimbitahang magbahagi sa roundtable discussion.

Sa pagtitipon na ito, inimitahan ang mga eksperto sa larangan upang ibahagi ang kanilang kaalaman ukol sa mga hamon at oportunidad na kinakaharap ng mga aklatan sa kasalukuyan, partikular na sa pangangalaga ng mga importanteng dokumento tungkol sa kultura at kasaysayan ng Pilipinas.



Online Kuwentuhan kasama ang Baguio (itaas) at Parañaque (ibaba) City Public Libraries.

Ang Pangalawang Direktor ng Pambansang Aklatan ng Pilipinas, G. Edgardo B. Quiros, at ang Deputy University Librarian at Pinuno ng

University Archives ng Unibersidad ng Pilipinas-Diliman, Bb. Eimee Rhea C. Lagrama, ay nagbigay ng mahalagang impormasyon hinggil sa epektibong pamamahala ng mga potensyal na panganib sa imprastruktura at koleksyon ng mga aklatan.



Natunghayan din ng mga kalahok ang iba't ibang aktibidad sa pangangalaga ng libro na inorganisa ng Filipiniana Division.

Matapos ang seminar, binigyan ng pagkakataon ang lahat ng mga kalahok na makiisa sa iba't ibang pangunahing aktibidad sa pangangalaga ng libro, na inorganisa ng mga kawani ng Filipiniana Division. Ito ay bahagi ng kanilang pangangasiwa sa pag-aalaga at pagpapreserba ng mga koleksyon ng Pambansang Aklatan.