

A Report on the Status of Libraries in the Philippines 2015

A CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF THE PHILIPPINE LIBRARIANS ASSOCIATION, INC. (PLAI), AND THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF THE PHILIPPINES (NLP) ABOUT THE STATUS OF LIBRARIES IN THE PHILIPPINES IN THE YEAR 2014

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PHILIPPINE LIBRARIANS ASSOCIATION, INC. (PLAI)

Established as a non-profit, non-stock corporation in 1923, the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI) aims to promote the interest and welfare of its members, and develop capacities for quality library and information service. Recognized as the Accredited Professional Organization (APO) of the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), it envisions a strong and dynamic association of Filipino librarians committed to the advancement of the practice of librarianship towards national development.

To accomplish its vision, mission and goal, the Association has the following objectives:

- To oblige all practicing librarians to be duly registered and affiliated with the Association as mandated by law;
- To undertake programs/projects or activities that will ensure the growth and development of libraries, librarianship, and librarians in the country;
- To provide a venue to discuss problems, issues, and concerns affecting the practice of librarianship, the Association and its members;
- To strengthen linkages with local, national, and international organizations as well as partnership with institutions and agencies in the government and private sectors;
- To undertake research and publications affecting the profession;
- To conduct a regular continuing professional development activities for its members.

Key Facts and Figures

Currently, PLAI has approximately one thousand five hundred (1,500) members dispersed in the sixteen (16) regional councils and governed by a National Board of Trustees. Communication is facilitated by the creation of a website (www.plai.org.ph) and the use of social media (Facebook and Twitter) and other web technologies.

PLAI has been instrumental in the initiation and completion of a number of programs and projects. Most recently, these include working with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Technical Committee for LIS on the inclusion of the Bachelor of Library and Information Science (BLIS) among the priority programs under the CHED's Financial Assistance Program (StuFAP); coordinating with the Department of Education (DepEd) in its Library Locator Mapping Project; participation in the PRC Board for Librarians programs and activities and partnering with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) in various projects promoting the educational and cultural thrusts of the Association. It also initiated a worldwide book drive dubbed ***“One Million...and Counting: Book Drive for Libraries, Victims of Calamities*** and spearheaded a ***Call for Action*** to solicit for donations to help in rebuilding libraries in areas devastated by typhoon Yolanda (international name Haiyan).

The PLAI leadership played an active role in maintaining international linkages. As in the past, three member delegations have been actively participating in the Executive Board Meetings in preparation for the XVI Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL) in Bangkok, Thailand. A proposal to conduct a pre-CONSAL Convening on ASEAN Integration has been drafted and approved as a result of its participation to the IFLA *Building Strong Library Associations (BSLA)* Convening in Jakarta, Indonesia last year.



COUNTRY REPORT – NATIONAL LIBRARY OF THE PHILIPPINES

FOR THE 3RD Executive Board Meeting of CONSAL XVI

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GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RECENT MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

NATIONAL CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, AND WORKSHOPS		
1.	Conducted the Second Salon on Philippine Library Education, NLP Conference Room	January 13, 2014
2.	Hosted the American Shelves Road Show of the Thomas Jefferson Information Center, Epifanio delos Santos Auditorium,	January 28, 2014
3.	Hosted the 41 st General Assembly of Philippine Association of Academic and Research Librarians (PAARL), Epifanio delos Santos Auditorium,	January 30, 2014
4.	Launched a Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Forum and Workshop in collaboration with ATDO-Japan, Eastern Visayas,	February 4 – 7, 2014
5.	Conducted a Forum on Procurement of Library Collections in Government Libraries, Epifanio delos Santos Auditorium,	February 7, 2014
6.	Conducted the 1 st Salon on Filipiniana Collections and the Philippine Registry for Cultural Property (PRECUP) (in relation to Republic Act No. 10066 otherwise known as the National Heritage Protection Act of 2009),	February 19, 2014
7.	Conducted a workshop revisiting the Standards for Philippine Public Libraries in cooperation with the National Task Force for Public Library Standards,	February 20 – 21, 2014.
8.	Conducted a Symposium on Maximizing the Extended Tertiary Education Equivalency Program (ETEEAP) and Distance Education Programs for the Accreditation of Librarians, Epifanio delos Santos Auditorium,	March 4, 2014
9.	Conducted a Forum on Copyright Safeguards and Regulations, Epifanio delos Santos Auditorium,	March 5, 2014
10.	Conducted a Forum on Numbering System vis-à-vis Digital Publications, Epifanio delos Santos Auditorium,	March 7, 2014
11.	Co-sponsored with the National Committee on Library and Information Services (NCLIS), PAARL, the National Committee on RDA (NCRDA) Public Consultations on Resource Description and Access (RDA) Manila March 27 – 28, 2014 Luzon (Baguio City) June 26 – 27, 2014 Visayas (Bacolod City) May 29 – 30, 2014 Mindanao (General Santos City) August 28 – 29, 2014	
12.	Conducted the 1 st International Conference of Public Librarians with the theme “The Role of Libraries in Serving Persons with Disabilities”, Cebu City,	March 19 – 21, 2014
13.	Opening Ceremonies of the Chinese Corner,	May 30, 2014
14.	Beyond Access Public Library Workshop, Orchid Garden, Manila	July 23, 2014
15.	Conservation of Paper-Based Collections NLP, Filipiniana Conservation	August 1, 2014

	Room	
16.	Presentation of eLib/iPel Project Plan to MITHI, HEDC Bldg., Quezon City	September 10, 2014
17.	Connecting and Linking of Information through Transformed Children's Libraries to the Era of Digital Information, Tagaytay City	October 12-16, 2014
18.	Art of Storytelling & Storywriting, Taguig City Public Library, Taguig City	November 19, 2014

STAFF ATTENDANCE TO REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES		
1.	Participation to the 2014 Good Governance Summit, Philippine International Convention Center,	January 15 – 17, 2014
2.	Participation in the Library Development Forum, Naypyitaw, Myanmar,	February 3-4, 2014
3.	Attendance to the annual meeting of CDNLAO, Canberra, Australia,	February 25 – 28, 2014
4.	Participation to the 26 th Medical And Health Librarians Association of the Philippines (MAHLAP) Congress, Clark, Angeles City,	Mar. 12, 2014
5.	LibTech ProQuest Library Directors Event 2014, Marriot Hotel, Manila	March 11, 2014
6.	Attendance to the International Digital Library Conference, Malaysia,	April 7 – 11, 2014.
7.	Asia-Pacific Meeting on Disability-inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction: changing mindset through knowledge, Ateneo de Manila University, Quezon City	April 22-23, 2014
8.	Library Leadership & Management : A Foretaste of PAARL's Leadership Academy for Librarians, Hotel Essencia, Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental	April 27- May 1, 2014
9.	Attendance TAOID, San Agustin Church,	May 7, 2014
10.	Participation in the 17 th CONSAL Meeting, Thailand,	May 7 – 10, 2014
11.	6th National Electronic Conference, Sofitel Philippine Plaza, Pasay City	May 19-20, 2014
12.	NAST 36th Annual Scientific Meeting, PICC, Pasay City	July 9-10, 2014
13.	2014 Korea-Philippines Copyright Forum, Dusit Thani Hotel Makati City	September 18, 2014
14.	2014 Overseas Koreanology Librarian Workshop, Seoul, South Korea	October 17-27, 2014
15.	Writeshop on the Finalization of the Filipino Braille Code, TICC, Tagaytay City	November 17 – 21, 2014
16.	PLAI National Congress “Philippine Libraries: Future Possibilities” Century Park Hotel, Manila	November 26-28, 2014
17.	Children's Literacy Festival La Salle Greenhills, San Juan City	November 28, 2014

EXHIBITIONS	
1.	UGNAY Exhibit, June 19, 2014

INSTITUTIONAL PROJECTS	
1.	Structural Retrofitting of the NLP Building: Phase I has been completed and Phase II has commenced this year
2.	Strengthening Partnerships with the Thomas Jefferson Information Center
3.	Collaboration with the Association of Librarians in the Public Sector (ALPS) and the Assistive Technology Development Organization (ATDO), Japan in providing archiving devices to record stories of local communities in the Eastern Visayas area affected by Super-typhoon Yolanda (International Name: Haiyan)
4.	Memorandum of Understanding between the NLP and the Bureau of Communication Services (BCS) under the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO).
5.	Signing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the National Library of Egypt and NLP, February 11, 2014
6.	Collaboration and Signing of a MOA with the National Library Board, Singapore for the National Libraries Asia Project (NL-AP) in providing metadata for the NL-AP website, February 11 – 14, 2014
7.	Soft launching of the NLP Digital Library Services with the Rotary Club of Manila and Redfox Technologies Philippines Inc., 2 nd floor NLP, March 10, 2014.
8.	Collaboration with Beyond Access
9.	Supports NLP staff chosen to be scholars to the Public Management Development Program of the Development Academy of the Philippines.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT		
1.	Organized the 1 st Personnel Summit, City Garden Hotel,	January 30, 2014
2.	Budget Fora on the Guidelines for Budget Execution and Preparation of the Budget, AFP-COC Tejeros Hall, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City	January 15, 2014
3.	Gender and Development (GAD) Planning Workshop , NCCA, Manila	January 17, 2014
4.	Fora on the ICT Plan and Budget for FY2015, Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Manila	January 23, 2014
5.	Training on Philippine Public Sector Accounting Standards and Revised Chart of Accounts Commission on Audit, Quezon City	February 3-7, 2014
6.	Seminar on the Basics of Records and Archival Management, NLP Conference Room,	February 12, 2014
7.	Workshop on the ICT Plan and Budget for FY 2015 DBM, Manila	February 19, 2014

8.	DBM Briefing/Workshop on Shift to Outcome-Based PIB for the FY 2015, DBM, Manila	March 7, 2014
9.	Workshop on eLibraryUSA databases, NLP Auditorium	March 31, 2014
10.	NCLIS Planning workshop , Bayview Park Hotel, Manila	April 3-4, 2014
11.	Public Financial Management and Climate Change Resiliency Towards Responsive and Transparent Governance, APO View Hotel, Davao City	April 22-27, 2014
12.	Attendance to the Basics of Preservation, Conservation, Restoration & Data Curation, Aquinas University of Legazpi, Rawis, Legazpi City, Albay	April 9-13, 2014
13.	Activity Center, Bonifacio High Street, Taguig City	April 23, 2014
14.	Records Management, Preservation and/or Conservation and Disaster Management, Dao Diamond Hotel, Tagbilaran City, Bohol	April 23-27, 2014
15.	Trainings for GSIS Los, GSIS, Pasay City	April 25, 2014
16.	RDA Fundamentals: Preparing NLP Librarians for New Cataloging Standards and Guidelines, NLP Auditorium	April 29, 2014
17.	Legal Research and Library Services made easy, UP Law Library, Diliman, Quezon City	May 8-9, 2014
18.	DBM Review of Agency OOs, DBM-Bureau B, Manila	May 9, 2014
19.	Technical Budget Hearing for FY 2015 proposal, DBM-Bureau B, Manila	May 15, 2014
20.	Reading Programs for Youth, Facilitated by NLB Singapore NLP Auditorium	May 20 and 21, 2014
21.	Supervisory Development Course (SDC-Track) Civil Service Commission-NCR Building, Quezon City	June 17-20, 2014
22.	Basic Supervisory Skills Training (Business Coach, Inc.) Greenhills, San Juan City	June 21, 2014
23.	Harnessing Talent for High Performance, Civil Service Commission Quezon City	June 24-25, 2014
24.	Course on the Basic Policy Process, DAP Building, San Miguel Ave. Ortigas Center, Pasig City	June 25-27, 2014
25.	Updates on the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations on Government Procurement, AFPCOCC – Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City	June 26, 2014
26.	The Theme of Philippine Culture, NCCA, Manila	June 27, 2014
27.	Supervisory Development Course (SDC) – Tracks 2 & 3, CSC-NCR Building	July 15-18, 2014
28.	Second Conference on Baybayin, National Museum	August 22, 2014
29.	Mga Rebolusyonyong Dekalogo and in viewing of Painting on Bonifacio's Dekalogo, Museo ng Katipunan, Pinaglabanan Memorial Shrine, San Juan City	August 27, 2014
30.	Lecture on ASEAN integration NCCA, Manila	August 28, 2014
31.	Building Alliances by Developing a Community of Competence HR Practitioner, CSC Region 4, Quezon City	August 28, 2014
32.	4 th GAD Focal Point Assembly, Tagaytay City	September 9- 10, 2014

33.	Third GAD Budget Forum, Commission on Audit, Quezon City	October 9, 2014
34.	Anti-Money Laundering Act (AMLA), Landbank Plaza, Manila	October 17, 2014
35.	ICT for Development Essentials for Government Managers ICTO Bldg., Diliman, Quezon City	October 13-17, 2014
36.	Laon Laon Forum Conference Workshop on Preservation of Music Heritage in Asia, UP Diliman, Quezon City	October 14-16, 2014
37.	3 rd CIOF General Membership Conference Meeting Bureau of Treasury, Manila	October 15, 2014
38.	TESDA Massage Therapy NCII Cosmos Training and Assessment Center, Pasay City	October 20, 2014
39.	Preparing for the Unexpected : the Financial Implication of Disaster Management CAP-John Hay Trade and Cultural Center, Baguio City	October 20-25, 2014
40.	Orientation on the Gender Mainstreaming Monitoring (GMMS) PCW, Manila	November 18, 2014
41.	Unified Accounts Code Structure (UACS) Application Course ELAN Hotel, San Juan City	November 18-20, 2014
42.	Orientation on the Assessment and Validation Process for the Grant of 2014 PBB, DBM, Manila	November 20, 2014
43.	Papapasinaya ng Museo ng Paglilitis ni Andres Bonifacio at Silid ng Araling Interaktibo, Maragondon, Cavite	November 28, 2014
44.	Science Information Forum on Health and Stakeholder's Gathering Hotel Jen, Pasay City	December 9, 2014



ROLE OF THE NLP

1. Affiliating Regional, Provincial, Congressional, Cities, Municipal Public Libraries and Barangay Reading Centers through a Memorandum of Agreement with Local Government Units allocating materials to the same. As of 2014, there are 1,398 affiliated libraries throughout the country.
2. Collaborating with the National Archives of the Philippines, National Historical Commission of the Philippines, National Museum, Cultural Center of the Philippines and the other cultural agencies under the administrative supervision of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts in the implementation of Republic Act No. 10066 otherwise known as the National Heritage Protection Act of 2009.
3. Coordinating with the National Committee of Libraries and Information Services (NCLIS) the Search for Most Outstanding Library and Library Services for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in NLP Affiliated Public Libraries in the Philippines.
4. Coordinating with the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI) the celebration of the National Library Day, National Book Week and the Library and Information Services Month in November of each year as mandated by Presidential Proclamations.
5. Assisting in the implementation of Republic Act No. 9246 or The Philippine Librarianship Act of 2003 mandating the Licensure Examination for Librarians.
6. Deputizing the Intellectual Property Office (IPO) in the registration of Copyright registration and receiving deposits to augment the NLP collection as mandated by the Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines.
7. Serves as the National Center for ISBN, ISSN and ISMN Numbering System.



RELATIONSHIP TO THE GOVERNMENT

NLP is a cultural agency under the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) of the Office of the President that caters frontline services to the public. It has dual function, as a national library and as a public library.

As a national library, it serves as a repository of the printed and recorded cultural heritage of the country and other intellectual, literary and information sources and providing access to these resources for our peoples' intellectual growth, citizenship building, lifelong learning and enlightenment.

As a public library, the NLP establishes, develops and maintains in cooperation with LGU executives, a system of public libraries and information centers nationwide. Being the central node of the public library system, it provides the books and other materials to affiliated libraries nationwide, install hardware and software and train the librarians to hone their skills and update them on the development and trends in the library profession.

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

Summary of Pertinent Facts and Figures	
Size of library holdings	1,192,915 volumes
Number of readers served	100, 326 Readers 49, 191 new readers
Number of visitors toured (onsite)	4,906 patrons, 95% of which are students
Number of NLP Affiliated Libraries	1,398 libraries
Number of materials acquired (2014)	
No. of ISBN / ISSN / ISMN processed	8,019 applications
No. of Copyright registrations processed	7,828 applications

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN CREATING AND BUILDING COLLECTIONS

1. Renewal of Manifesto of support for the NLP was signed by public information officers and some heads of various government agencies to support the NLP in its quest for providing researchers up to date and complete information sources by furnishing the library of copies of their publications on a regular basis.
2. Strengthening Partnerships with the Thomas Jefferson Information Center
3. Signing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the National Library of Egypt and NLP, February 11, 2014
4. Collaboration and Signing of a MOA with the National Library Board, Singapore for the National Libraries Asia Project (NL-AP) in providing metadata for the NL-AP website, February 11 – 14, 2014

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN MANAGING COLLECTIONS

1. Submitted a Project Proposal to the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) for the funding of the project “Development of Web-Based NLP Filipiniana Information System”

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO COLLECTIONS

1. Collaboration with the Association of Librarians in the Public Sector (ALPS) and the Assistive Technology Development Organization (ATDO), Japan in providing archiving devices to record stories of local communities in the Eastern Visayas area affected by Super-typhoon Yolanda (International Name: Haiyan)
2. Soft launching of the NLP Digital Library Services with the Rotary Club of Manila and Redfox Technologies Philippines Inc., 2nd floor NLP, March 10, 2014.



EXAMPLES OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE REPORTING LIBRARY AND OTHER NATIONAL COLLECTING INSTITUTIONS (LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS)

1.	Collaboration between the TJIC for the American Shelves Road Show, Product Workshop and Ebook reader workshops, Epifanio delos Santos Auditorium.
2.	Attended the Revelations of the Books, Ayala Museum, Makati City, March 22, 2014
3.	31st National Children's Book Day Celebration, Museo Pambata, July 15, 2014

EXAMPLES OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE REPORTING LIBRARY AND LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS, PUBLISHERS AND OTHER PARTNERS

1.	"Keylinks" Product Launch, Consistent Solutions Inc., Epifanio Delos Santos Auditorium, January 24, 2014
2.	Collaboration with the Government Procurement Policy Board Technical Support Office (GPPB TSO) for the Forum on Procurement of Library Collections in Government Libraries, Epifanio delos Santos Auditorium
3.	Collaboration with the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHIL), Filipino Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (FILSCAP), and Filipinas Copyright Licensing Society, Inc. (FILCOLS) for the Forum on Copyright Safeguards and Regulations, Epifanio delos Santos Auditorium, March 5, 2014
4.	Supported the LibTech ProQuest Library Directors Event 2014, Marriot Hotel, Manila March 11, 2014
5.	Collaboration between the Tulay Foundation Inc, for the donation of more than 1000 copies of 108 Adages of Wisdom
6.	Hosted a Cultural Activity disseminating Chinese culture in collaboration with the Confucius Institute, NLP Auditorium, February 21, 2014.
7.	Celebrated World Book and Copyright Day with the National Book Development Board, Bonifacio High Street, April 23, 2014
8.	6th National Electronic Conference, Sofitel Philippine Plaza, Pasay City, May 19-20, 2014

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

For someone to be able to practice the profession of librarianship in the Philippines, he/she has to finish a four-year Bachelor of Library and Information Science (BLIS) program and pass the Librarians Licensure Examination. So far, a total of 7,615 librarians have passed the examination which is being conducted once a year. But this number is not enough to manage the existing number of libraries nationwide, including those higher institutions that would want to open a program. In answer to the shortage of qualified licensed librarians, several measures have been initiated specifically by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the two government agencies mandated to regulate the professions and the higher institutions offering the various curricular programs.

The Board for Librarians (BFL) under the PRC has organized several committees to formulate standards for various types of libraries and, recently, for a national competency-based standards for librarians. The latter was adopted by the Technical Committee for Library and Information Science (TC-LIS) of CHED and incorporated to the newly revised policies, standards and guidelines (PSGs) for the BLIS program. This revised PSGs reflect the shift from learning competency-based to outcomes-based education, specifying the core competencies and skills expected of our students upon graduation. As a team, the members of the BFL and the TC-LIS visit library schools to monitor their course offerings as well as the performance of their graduates in the licensure exams. At present, guidelines and instruments for the selection of a Center of Excellence/Development among library schools are being formulated. In addition, a two-year certification program for library assistants and audiovisual technicians are in the drawing board.

In terms of training, several library associations have been conducting continuing professional development programs for their members and for other information professionals. In particular, a training of trainers/faculty on the teaching of newly mandated ICT courses in the BLIS curriculum will be conducted by the Council of Deans and Heads of LIS Schools, in partnership with the Philippine Association of Teachers of Library and information Science. There is also the plan to develop instructional resources, including modules on how to teach LIS courses effectively.

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