What keeps Lasallians’ smiling?

We Filipinos are known for our resiliency and this strength of character that we have was challenged once more by the recent twin tragedies in the Visayan region that devastated most of its provinces. Instead of feeling miserable and distress, it made us even stronger. We still managed to smile … our calidad humana.

From Dec. 11 to 16, the College of Liberal Arts and Communication (CLAC), Embassy of Chile and Aklatang Emilio Aguinaldo brought to the Lasallian community the Chilean Photo Exhibit titled “Smiles for the World.” The exhibit showcased 32 photographs by Filipino photographers who participated in the photo competitions organized by Chile Embassy as part of Calidad Humana project. According to Ambassador of Chile to the Philippines, Roberto Mayorga, the project has three goals: “To preserve the Calidad Humana among Filipinos; To intend to explain why Filipinos have this kind of personality; And to share the Filipino Calidad Humana with other countries around the world.”

Calidad Humana is a Spanish phrase literally means human quality. This human quality is best exemplified by the Filipinos through their smile. Smiles for the World is a Filipino invitation towards an even friendlier world. It is a Filipino invitation towards a more human world. It is a Filipino invitation towards a more compassionate world. Calidad Humana is about sharing, caring, helping, playing, working, and loving. “We may be naked and toothless, but we are blessed; for our spirits are undaunted and our laughter pure. We are children of Filipino earth. Our smiles brighten up every dark cranny in the land” says Medardo Marquez, creator of the award winning photo titled Smile from the Heart. Heidi Sarno, professor and photographer herself cannot say anything but smile after viewing the exhibit. That’s what kept Lasallians’ smiling.

The opening of the exhibit on Dec. 11 was graced by H.E. Ambassador Mayorga who delivered the remarks of circumstance. April Gonzales, AB Psychology senior student, gave a short talk on Filipino positive psychology of smile. CLAC Dean Christian George Francisco welcomed the participants while AEA Director Sonia Gementiza gave the closing remarks. Jemerson Dominguez, professor of the Psychology Department served as master of ceremony. The Philippine National Anthem and invocation were sung by the DLSU-D chorale.
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Airwaves Research introduces Liblife

Hosts of Airwaves Research introduced Liblife as its newest segment. This segment will feature students and alumni about their library experience during their stay in the university. It aims to affirm the usefulness of the library in academic and college life.

For the months of December and January, graduating AB Psychology student Vir John Fajardo, newly graduate of BS Operations Management major Alvin Joseph Cabezas, and a group of architecture students shared how the library help in shaping their college life. For Fajardo, the library is a place where you can find books and get information for your paper and to answer your assignments. It is also a comfort zone where you can relax your mind and at the same time a social place to gain new friends. His favorite spots in the library changed as he moved to the next year level. In his freshman year, he frequently visited the photocopying center where he gets hand-outs for his subjects. In sophomore year, he stayed most often in-between shelves where he scanned his favorite books. Being preferred to study in group, the discussion room became his favorite hang-out in his junior year. On his senior year, his regular abode was the Thesis section. With regard to favorite reading materials at AEA, books on graphology, design and business were among the subject matters he frequently read.

As former President of the Friends of the Library, Cabezas was not new to the library personnel. The library was literally his second home as he dutifully done his tasks as officer of the organization. But more than this, his love for reading which he developed since his younger years glued him to the library. According to him, there are three ways to read – skim, scan and chew. He used skim method when finding main ideas, scan when searching for a particular item and chew when finding the information relevant and interesting. Whatever the method is, the important thing is that reading allows you "to find and discover finer details in life." Cabezas also expressed his gratitude to library personnel for the welcoming atmosphere they have shared with him when he left and came back in the university.

Similarly, a group of junior architecture students namely Kenneth Psalm Pinyong, Gabriel Parra, Benjohn Reyes, and Emil Marvin Suerte were interviewed about their on-going World Architecture: Diversifying Man’s Creation exhibit at AEA Gallery. Through their comments and proposal about the architectural design of the library building, they expressed their concern about the security of library collections. Moreover, the group found the library as an ally. This is where they draw as well as get inspiration and information for their plates and assignments.

Other guests who enlightened the listeners of their witty and edifying sharing were Mary Ann Estudillo on AEA’s digitization project and Library Associates Cristina Nera and Benjamin Montallana on the relevance of Christmas celebration. The New Year's messages shared by the students, faculty, and staff added spice to the program, too.

DLSP - Library Committee trains trainers

In response to UNESCO’s declaration that “libraries are learning spaces and partners in the lifelong learning process and modern citizenship through information literacy”, the De La Salle Philippines Library Committee geared-up for one day training for trainers’ program on Jan. 10 at European Documentation Center Multi-purpose Room, The Learning Commons, De La Salle University - Manila.

The training program intensified the teaching and classroom skills of the participating librarians from different La Salle schools. They were also equipped with necessary knowledge and skills in searching and operating the tools and gadgets used for researching and navigating online databases namely EBSCO Discovery Service, ProQuest Databases, OECD/Library, Ebrary, Gale Databases, Lexis/Nexis, and Rumitin.

DLSU Manila Vice Dean and assistant professor of the College of Education Dr. Rochelle Irene Lucas facilitated the training. Josef Halos of EBSCOhost, Bonneth Siguisabal, and James Sardalla of iGroup, Myla Stephanie Villarosa of Cengage/CE-Logic and Dina Sarmiento of CD Technologies Asia were also invited to present library products.

AEA representatives to this activity are AEA Director Sonia Gementiza and Acquisition Librarian Arlene Manzo.

PAARL honors Gementiza

AEA Director Sonia Gementiza was among the librarians who were honored by the Philippine Association of Academic/Research Librarians, Inc. during the Association’s 41st General Assembly and Induction/Awarding ceremonies held on Jan. 30 at the National Library of the Philippines Auditorium, NLP Building, Ermita, Manila.
Dr. Gementiza was given Professional Award for being the President of PAARL in 2012. Other 2013 awardees were Loreto Garcia and Michael Pinto for Outstanding Professional Librarians, St. Louis University Libraries, Baguio City for Outstanding Library of the Year, Lyceum of the Philippines’ Information Literacy for Dumagats as Outstanding Library Program for the Year and Belen Vibar for Lifetime Achievement Award.

The 2014 executive boards inducted by Prof. Rodolfo Tarlit, university librarian, University of the Philippines - Diliman were: Sharon Maria Esposo-Betan, president, UP Engineering Library; Rina Diardon, vice president, St. Louis University, Baguio City; Christine Abrigo, secretary, DLSU Manila; Rosalina Robles, treasurer, San Beda College, Manila; Enrique Gungon, Jr, auditor, St. Paul University, Quezon City; Maribel Estepa, public relations officer, Technological Institute of the Philippines; Directors: Marcial Batiancila, San Sebastian College-Recolletos de Cavite, Cavite City; Cielito Santos, Bulacan State University, Malolos City, Bulacan, Purita Uson, Philippine Women’s University, Manila; Ex-Officio, Sonny Boy Manalo, Technological University of the Philippines, Quezon City. Dr. Gementiza was appointed chair for the Awards and Scholarship Committee for this year.

Librarians Mae Lyn Baron, Joebert De Paz, and Mary Ann Jimenez-Salvador attended this year’s PAARL GA. They also renewed their membership to the Association. Likewise, AEA renewed its membership to PAARLNET.

**Birthday Celebrators**

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**Library Visitors**

- Bataan Peninsula State University, Balanga City, Bataan
- Da La Salle University - Manila
- Infant Jesus Academy - Silang, Cavite
- Medicine Class of Batch ‘88, DLS-HSI
- National Chi Nan University - Taiwan

**Library Wisdom**

“I think that the better part of my education, almost as important as that secured in the schools and the universities, came from libraries.”

Irving Stone (1903-1989)
In the merry months of December and January, there were 56,485 or an average of 1,448 students visited the Aklatan. The figures below clearly show that the undergraduate students of the College of Business Administration and Accountancy (CBAA) and the College of Education-Graduate Studies (COEd-GS) remain the top library users.

For the months of December and January, the Aklatan was pleased to present the statistical results of books borrowed by students in the Circulation, Reserve and Filipiniana collection for home use. Undergraduate students borrowed a total of 32,411 books while graduate students borrowed a total of 4,753 books.

The Electronic Resource Services recorded a total of 27,414 or an average of 703 computer users per day for the combined months of Dec. 2013 and Jan. 2014. Usage of online databases continuously increasing with EBSCOhost as the top most databases preferred by AEA users in terms of searches (320,759)/ sessions (77,508). It was followed by GALE with 20,671 searches /7134 sessions; Proquest 1,329 sessions / 1,592 sessions; Cengage Philippine Collection 260 searches / 82 sessions; EBSCOhost e-books with 4,580 searches / 1,176 sessions; and GVRL eBook 824 searches / 455 sessions.
Faculty and Staff in Action

On Dec. 5 and 6, Dr. Sonia Gementiza was invited to St. Louis College, La Union to be part of the accreditation team of PAASCU.

Library personnel Felicitas Poblete, Julia Camamac, and Adrian Robert Palomar attended their Lasallian Formation Seminar on Dec. 6 and 11, respectively at Alumni Multi-purpose Hall. Poblete and Camamac had their 18th module’s “The Lasallian Ministers Called to Witness” while Palomar had his first module’s “You are Good News.” The LFS was facilitated by Pete Peñalba and Gemma Gosgolan.

Library personnel participated in institutional simple Christmas celebration held on Dec. 20 at the University Chapel. In the afternoon, all the staff had its own Christmas party organized by the officers of Kabalikat ng DLSU-D. Prior to this, on Dec. 19, the AEA personnel were treated to a sumptuous lunch as a thanksgiving and commemoration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

As part of their rights as members of Kabalikat ng DLSU-D, all regular library staff casted their votes on Jan. 16 to select new officers of the organization. The newly elected officers who will serve the association effective next school year were: Mylene Joson, president; Edilberto Reyes, vice president; George Munoz, Marinesa Toledo, Joel Ybera, Romeo Pardoño, Paul Kristoffer De Guzman, councilors.

On Jan. 21, Director Sonia Gementiza witnessed the groundbreaking ceremony of the De La Salle University-Dasmariñas High School (DLSU-D HS) located infront of the Grandstand. The DLSU-D HS will start its operation next school year beginning with grades 7 to 9.

Also, Dr. Gementiza attended a seminar on Japanese Culture on Jan. 22 at the University of the Philippines-Diliman, University Hotel sponsored by the Language Learning Center.

Faculty members including librarians had a closed encounter with Br. President Gus Boquer, FSC, EdD on Jan. 23 (Mae Lyn Baron, Sharon Samaniego, Ethel Mendoza-Torres, Arlene Manzo, Joelbert De Paz, and Mary Ann Salvador) and Jan. 30 (Mary Ann Estudillo and Ludivina Cambay), at the Centennial Hall, CTHM Building. The annual meeting allows the faculty members to share their thought, provide suggestions and air their sentiments to the President.

Donations

The Library would like to thank Dr. Isagani Cruz for adding 136 titles/143 volumes of books, 4 titles/6 volumes of journal publications, 3 titles/volumes of magazines and 3 conference proceedings to his special library collection.

The Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) also sent additional materials to PIDS corner.

AEA also extended its appreciation to the following donors:

- **Ateneo de Manila University**, 2 issues of Philippine studies;
- **Br. Augustine Boquer FSC**, 4 titles of magazines, 4 titles of newsletters, 3 titles of newspapers, 1 handbook, 1 journal and 2 titles of foreign books
- **College of Education Graduate Studies**, 2 titles/5 volumes, books
- **College of Tourism and Hospitality Management**, 2 titles/10 volumes, magazines
- **DLSU-Manila – MCO**, 2 copies of newsletters;
- **DLSU-D MCO**, 3 newsletters
- **Deutschland**, 1 magazine
- **Hong Kong Lasallian Family Bulletin**, 1 newsletter
- **Mindanao State University**, 1 Mindanao Forum
- **Nanzan University**, 1 prospectus
- **Oca, Marissa**, 12 titles/volumes books, 1 brochure, 2 DVDs
- **Pareja, Marlon**, 6 brochures; 1 newspaper
- **Planters Development Bank**, 3 issues of SME
- **Robles, Rosalinda**, 1 scientific journal
- **Ramos, Myrna**, 14 titles/volumes, books; 2 VCT, 1 CD ROM and 1 audio CD
- **University of Sto. Tomas**, 1 issue of Ad Veritatem
- **UST Miguel de Benavides Library**, 1 newsletter, 2 Ad Veritatem;
- **Villamater, Augusta Rosario**, 3 journals
The experiences narrated are geared towards realities in life, that a reader is gradually led to take a look at his own experiences not to compare his plight with the author but to be sensitive to the meaning of all occurrences and the learning they bring to him. The author is gifted with words which she used to describe all her characters, the situations involving individuals, her ability to identify insights, her keenness to stress on what is significant and identify a person’s image from the perceived meaning he/she may have attached to his/her experience. The ordinary becomes outstanding because the experience is not dealt solely according to the effects it had caused to the character but how gradual processing of an experience allows the character to have stood on his belief, prizing and living them as rule of life to become the framework of his existence.

One element which will puzzle the reader is how the author accumulated all these stories vividly discussing each of them, picturesque that appears as if one watched a scene from a screen. Such was the power of the words used and how effective is the author in her craft as a writer that she is almost incomparable! Though the story are laden with details, these aspect does not burden anyone patronizing it because they functioned as necessary to the story itself, making the story achieved what it has intended to create.

The story is also laden with simple, natural, spontaneous use of description which became effective in developing characterization and theme building: a young lad whose so eager to be circumcised (he would be in an elder sister’s skirt, lifting their dark and laughing eyes to me, torn between chagrin and pride, hesitating ever so briefly when I asked to look at the object of his ordeal. He would pull that absurd girl’s skirt open, and I would see his possession cradled tenderly in a sling); an eighteen year old boy wounded who felt so alone and helpless (Perhaps, he had wakened from a dream of darkness and cold, and seen the visage of death, and could not bear it, and my hand in his for what warmth it could give might have helped him a little…… and so let him go without comfort); the scandalous quarrel of husband and wife (We heard the thump of a body against a wall…. For clear above treetops and the antennae rose the full – bloodied scream of his wife) an old man devotion to Mongoloid boy (On his limbs and his hands was a thick patchwork of oozing scabies. The old man with him leaned close, often and solicitously…. the grandfather pulled out an old soft shirt with which he soothed and dried the moist patches, murmuring something comforting into the young boy’s ears); the crowd gathered at Luneta park (…all colors blend – the brown and white and yellow of people; the green and blue and red of shrub); and a lonely and very sick aunt (…then bursts into soft weeping. I touched the graying head, full of contusions from her sudden fainting spells).

The overall impact of the book is jaw-dropping because it would often catch anyone unaware of what to feel over a situation presented by the author such as the woman on missing her mother (I want to understand, I ache to know why some things that happened to me, have happened to me duplicate text; if it was possible at all to have deflected some of the pain and loneliness; missed being hurt or used wrongly or sold short, had I but walked away from a corner a second earlier or hopped on a later bus or left a door unopened) or a reflective woman at home (Trees and birds and animals-and babies. How we surround ourselves with them as we age , thinking for some reason that they slow down time, stave off death, providing reprieve from all fears, but I think they happened to our sense of end, instead); and finally, the nostalgic woman at the upcoming death of an aunt (Out on the porch, with the pomelo releasing a fragrance in the air, and the evening closing in, I hum a forgotten song, and sit there, waiting for the ghost of someone young, someone bitter and lost and betrayed). [Angelo Pio]
Section Updates

The Reference and Information Section would like to recommend the following encyclopedias:


**BJ 63 .In82 2013, vols. 1-9**

Provides definitions and explanations of all areas of ethics including the topics, movements, arguments, and key figures in Normative Ethics, Meta-ethics, and Practical Ethics. Covers the major philosophical and religious traditions.


**H 41 .G510 2013, vols. 1-3**

Surveys global problems such as democratization, human rights, global finance to terrorism, pandemics, climate change, etc. that transcend boundaries and are challenging the international system. Explains the political, economic, and cultural context of issues around the globe.


**Q 121 .M178 2012, vols. 1-20**

Contains over 9,000 alphabetized, cross-reference entries on science and technology topics and includes bibliographies, illustrations, analytical and topical indexes, study guides on major disciplines, and a guide to scientific notation. This edition is a major revision, with 2,500 new and thoroughly revised entries, and updates on more than 7,000 entries. It covers the hottest fields of science and technology, including cells, developmental and molecular biology with special feature on stem cell technology, chemistry and updates on newest elements and analytical technology, climate science and meteorology, information technology with emphasis on cloud computing, data warehousing, and computer security, cosmology, environmental science, engineering, genetics, neuroscience, plant sciences and agriculture, and zoology.


**RC 467 .C616 2013, vols. 1-8**

Contains classic research articles that have had a fundamental impact on research or practice in clinical psychology. It features landmark empirical studies and hard to locate articles that are often cited but are difficult to access the original source. Also include articles that have acted as a watershed in key areas of clinical psychology as well as those landmark strategic articles that have determined subsequent directions in clinical psychology training and practice.
This section is dedicated to the AEA library clients/users (faculty members, students, staff, and administrators) who want to share their insights, reviews, or reflections about books, movies, or online resources that they have read and viewed from the AEA collection. This section will serve as a platform for sharing views, both critical and frivolous, among library users. It also aims to inspire others to develop the habit of reading a good book and watching quality movie.


**DVD 334 EMS**

Great movie! Interesting story about a renewed family. It talks about issues that lots of families have. A moving story of a father named Matt King (George Clooney) who tries his best to keep his head above water to change his family’s situation. He learned that his wife was having an affair when the accident happened which tore the relationship between his wife and one of his daughters. Also, he has a tough time dealing with his children’s behavior plus false accusation of his father in-law for not being a generous and loving husband. At the end, father and daughters patched things up for the sake of their comatose loved one. Before Elizabeth died, the three tenderly kisses her goodbye and live a peaceful life thereafter. Zea Mae Samudio, ARC13


**VCT 430**

Very cliché but good movie. Spinny sword was just funny. Acting was great specially John Malkovich and Leonardo DiCaprio. It was very nostalgic to have used a VHS tape again. Mary Joy Garcia, BOM36


**VCD 777**

The film is a feel good movie that I don’t mind watching over and over again. It’s very light, sweet and funny plus how gorgeous Kate Hudson and Matthew McConaughey are. Shairaleen Jude B. Devaras, PSY32
Rain or shine, still, children love to laugh and play as if the day will not end. Despite of anything in their surroundings, they can see joy and contentment. Resentment and pains seemed to have no effect in the perfection of their world. Unjust acts, discrimination, disasters, poverty etc. are but nothing to block the purity of their thoughts and their intentions.

One can always see little children roaming street corners, bringing with them empty envelopes urging passers to insert some amount. People are hesitant to give, suspicious that the money will be handed over to syndicate. Questions are asked silently by onlookers, where are the parents of these children? Why are these children denied of the comfort of homes and schools? Are they not susceptible to the dangers on dark corners of streets inhabited by every sort of criminals?

Sun-baked skin, frail bodies dirtied by soil or grime continues to toil on the soil either by planting or weeding. They are unmindful of the harsh tropical sun that put solution to it through drinking cupful of water once in a while to quench their thirst and are determined to finish the task for the day to be rewarded later by few pesos or kilos of rice to be brought home. As the day closes, twilight settles and small feet hurriedly walk towards forgotten hut.

Gathered at the kitchen table are little kids age three and five, who are both busy emptying the content of their plates of porridge with boiled galunggong. Perspirations appear on their foreheads as they partake of their meager meal. Are these foods enough to supply the vitamins and minerals their bodies need? Why are the foods limited?

Perverts are around molesting innocents in exchange for cash. Child prostitutes posed in cameras as if luring their prospective customers. Prostitution deviates the normal experience of sexual acts which even for adults will be difficult to process, how much more for a child?

Typhoon Yolanda brought havoc in the Philippines particularly destroying everything which it had passed. Few days after, dead people were scattered throughout the devastated lands of Samar and Leyte! Horrifying stories of how storm surge crept in the region were narrated by survivors. Dead bodies are enough to cause goose pimples and shock countenance on the entire nation, grief beyond words over lifeless bodies of children so helpless and defenseless.

Where are the smiles of the innocents? Did they fade with the catastrophe? Will there be recovery for them, especially for those who were orphaned, oppressed and hurt? Stripped of material possessions, dignity and loved ones, they will be left in the cold and miseries. Whose warmth will they turn to? Who are they to call in their hunger? Who will provide them shelter? Look at your heart,...the answer is eagerly waiting. - Angelo Pio

(Grain of wheat is a reflection section of the Bookshelf as response to the Brother President’s Agenda No. 1: to create a climate where the presence of God is lived and shared.)
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