

# NATIONAL LIBRARY OF THE PHILIPPINES

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### 1. GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RECENT MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

#### A. National Conferences, Seminars, and Workshops

- 1) Co-sponsored with the National Committee on Library and Information Services (NCLIS) the Conferences on Resource Description and Access (RDA)  
Phase 1: in the National Capital Region (NCR) with Ms. Barbara Tillett of the Library of Congress (LOC) as the Trainer for catalogers on RDA held in the Creative Commons, De La Salle University, Manila, April 3-5, 2013.  
Phase 2: Training Librarians on RDA at 3 main cluster groups of islands in the Philippines (Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao)
- 2) Conducted the First Forum on Copyright: "Librarians in the World of Copyright" in cooperation with the Korean Copyright Commission (March 11, 2013)
- 3) Hosted the First Salon on Philippine Library Education, NLP Conference Room, March 15, 2013.

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- 4) Hosted the First Salon on the National Development Plan for Public Libraries (NDPPL) and Capacity-Building of Public Librarians for Luzon, March 19, 2013.
- 5) Sponsored the Second Summer Kids Workshop, Nido Science Discovery Center, April 25 – 26, 2013.
- 6) Conducted Effective Storytelling and Puppetry, Surigao del Sur, August 7 – 9, 2013.
- 7) Hosted the National Conference of Public Librarians on the Role of Public Libraries in the Preservation of Cultural Heritage, L-Fisher Bacolod City, August 28 – 30, 2013.
- 8) Sponsored Second National Children's Conference, NLP Auditorium. October 10 – 11, 2013.
- 9) First Convention of Provincial Librarians in the Philippines on the theme "Public Libraries; Now & Beyond", Tagaytay Convention Center, November 5 – 7, 2013.

### **B. Staff Attendance to Regional and International Conferences**

- 1) Attendance to the 1<sup>st</sup> Philippine Cinema Heritage Summit, Philippine International Convention Center, January 25, 2013.
- 2) Participation in the GOPAC Global Conference of Parliamentarians Against Corruption 2013, Philippine International Convention Center, January 28 – February 2, 2013
- 3) Attendance to the 2-Day Workshop on the ODA-Japan Proposal, Quezon City,p February 11-12, 2013
- 4) Participation to the Jordan IFLA / OCLC Early Career Development Fellowship
- 5) Participation in the 21<sup>st</sup> CDNLAO Meeting, National Library of Malaysia, March 25-28, 2013.
- 6) Participation in the "Train the Trainers" Workshop on RDA, Learning Commons (De La Salle University, Manila), April 3 – 5, 2013.

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- 7)** Participation in the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference of Asian Special Libraries (ICoASL 2013), Philippine International Convention Center, April 10 – 12, 2013.
- 8)** Participation in the 16<sup>th</sup> CONSAL Meeting, Thailand, May 8 – 10, 2013.
- 9)** Participation in the 1<sup>st</sup> Director's Forum for Philippine Library on e-Resources, Antipolo City, May 15-16, 2013.
- 10)** Attendance in the American Librarians Association (ALA) Conference, Chicago, Illinois, June 27 – July 2, 2013.
- 11)** Attendance in the National Children's Bookday, Cultural Center of the Philippines, July 16, 2013.
- 12)** Attendance in the 79<sup>th</sup> IFLA World Library and Information Congress, Suntec Convention Centre, Singapore, August 17 – 23, 2013.
- 13)** Attendance TAOID, Sonia's Garden Tagaytay City, September 21, 2013.
- 14)** Participation in International Network of Emerging Library Innovators (INELI) Cohort I & II, Hilton Hotel, Rotterdam, Netherlands, September 27 – October 8, 2013.
- 15)** Participation in the 2013 Overseas Koreanology Librarian Workshop, National Library of Korea, October 12 – 20, 2013
- 16)** Participation in the 2013 Training Project for ASEAN Children's Librarians, Seoul, Republic of Korea, October 13 – 31, 2013
- 17)** Participation in the Annual Meeting of the Association for Information Science and Technology, Quebec, Canada, October 31 – November 7, 2013.
- 18)** Participation in the Asia Cultural Cooperation Forum 2013, Hong Kong, November 13 – 15, 2013.

19) Participation in the Library Planning Management Course for Librarians, Malaysia, November 16 – 27, 2013.

20) Participation in the 2013 Forum of Asia Library Directors, Kunming, China, November 17 – 22, 2013.

21) Attendance in PLAI National Congress 2013, Iloilo City, November 18 – 22, 2013.

### **C. Exhibitions**

1. “Ugnay: Connecting the People”, in cooperation with the Bureau of Communication Services (BCS) under the Presidential Communications Operations Office, January 31, 2013.
2. Opening of the Cultural Arts, Marikina, Freedom Park, February 6, 2013

Other exhibitions at the NLP were suspended for majority of the year due to the structural retrofitting of the building.

### **D. Institutional Projects**

- 1) Structural Retrofitting of the NLP Building:
  - a. Phase I has been completed and Phase II will resume in 2014
- 2) National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) Cultural Agency Fund for NLP titled: The Role of the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) as the Spearhead Foundation for Emergent Library Services in the Philippines
- 3) “Modernizing the NLP” Audio-Visual Presentation
- 4) Renewing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the National Library of Iran and the NLP, April 22 – 26, 2013.
- 5) Assistance in the development of a Philippine-based framework on Cultural Statistics as promulgated by UNESCO in cooperation with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and other government agencies.

## **2. RELATIONSHIP TO GOVERNMENT**

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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, life long 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.

### 3. KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

Summary of Pertinent Facts and Figures	
Size of library holdings	<b>1,192,915</b> volumes
Number of readers served	<b>126, 364</b> readers
Number of NLP Affiliated Libraries	<b>1,398</b> libraries
Number of NLP Librarians who attended IFLA 2013	<b>24</b> libraries
Number of materials acquired (2013)	<b>4477</b> titles, <b>17260</b> copies
No. of ISBN / ISSN / ISMN issued	<b>5818</b> issuances
No. of Copyright registrations issued	<b>4215</b> registrations

*\* Statistics as of Third Quarter, 2013.*

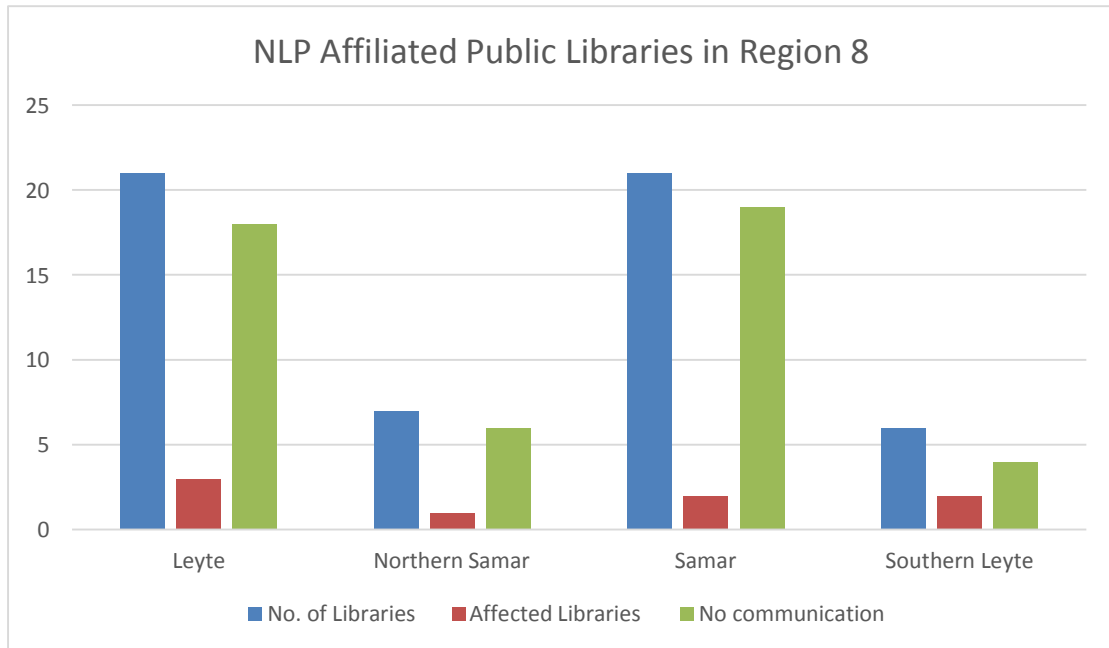


Figure 3. Initial report on NLP Affiliated Public Libraries in Region 8 which were affected by Super-typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan)

After the Super-typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) struck the Eastern Visayas area, the Public Libraries Division (PLD) has been in constant contact with the librarians for these areas. There are a total of fifty-nine (59) libraries that are affiliated with the NLP. In the initial report of the division, there has been a total reported number of eight (8) affected libraries. This report has been last updated as of the time of writing (November 29, 2013, 20 days after the incident).

#### 4. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN CREATING AND BUILDING COLLECTIONS

- a) Manifesto of renewed 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.
- b) Building partnerships with the Japan Consortium for International Cooperation in Cultural Heritage (JCIC-Heritage), February 22, 2013

#### 5. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN MANAGING COLLECTIONS

- a) 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"

**6. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO COLLECTIONS**

- a) Collaboration with the Office of Disability Affairs (ODA), Japan. (January 31, 2013)
- b) Collaboration with the Daisy Consortium (Japan) with regards to resources for the blind (January 17, 2013)
- c) Undertaking more concrete plans in including in its reorganization the Digital Library Services Division
- d) The Philippine E-Lib Project was awarded additional funding through the iGovernment Program under the MITHI (Medium Term Information and Communications Technology Harmonization Initiative) and this was lodged in the NLP.
- e) The Information Technology Division (ITD) of the NLP assumes a continuous endeavor of assisting affiliated libraries in the deployment of computers and trainings of librarians for KOHA Open Source Integrated Library System.

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

- a) Turnover and acceptance of Donation from Rufino Family (Amorsolo) from the National Museum of the Philippines (January 18, 2013)
- b) 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 2013 there are 1,399 affiliated libraries throughout the country.
- c) 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.
- d) Coordinating with the National Committee of Libraries and Information Services (NCLIS) the Search for Most Outstanding Children's Library and Library Services in NLP Affiliated Public Libraries in the Philippines.
- e) Coordinating with the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI) the celebration of the National Library Day, National Book Week and the Library and Information

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Services Month in November of each year as mandated by Presidential Proclamations.

f) Assisting in the implementation of Republic Act No. 9246 or The Philippine Librarianship Act of 2003 mandating the Licensure Examination for Librarians.

g) 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.

h) Serves as the National Center for ISBN, ISSN and ISMN Numbering System.

l) Memorandum of Understanding between the NLP and the Bureau of Communication Services (BCS) under the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO).

j) Opening of the Exhibit on “Baybayin” (Syllabication of the Early Filipino Language), National Museum of the Philippines, March 19, 2013

k) Collaborating with all the Philippine stakeholders on historical archives, Embassy of Spain (Manila), June 7, 2013.

l) Joining the nation in the celebration of Philippine Independence Day, June 12, 2013.

m) Coordinating with the Philippine Regulatory Commission (PRC) in the awarding of the Most Outstanding Librarian in the Philippines, Manila Hotel, June 20, 2013.

n) Collaborating with the PRC in regards to formulating a competency-based standards for librarians in the Philippines

o) Opening of the Exhibit and Art Talk on “New Philippine Philosophy”, DLSU, August 7, 2013.

p) Meeting with the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) in regards with establishing a Martial Law Historical Committee, NHCP, August 8, 2013.

q) Assisted the Association of Special Libraries in the Philippines in the revision of the Standards for Special Libraries in the Philippines, NLP Conference Room, August 1, 2013.



r) Collaborated with the Professional Regulatory Board for Librarians (PRBFL) the revision of Standards for Public Libraries in the Philippines through the Public Library Division (PLD).

**8. EXAMPLES OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE REPORTING LIBRARY AND PUBLISHERS IN YOUR COUNTRY/REGION**

- a) “Ugnay: Connecting with the People” book launch and photo gallery exhibit held at the 4<sup>th</sup> floor exhibit area of the NLP on January 31, 2013.
- b) Attended the book launch of Dr. Robert Yoder’s “In Performance: Walter Howard Loving and the Philippine Constabulary Band” on February 28, 2013
- c) Book launch, “El Camperon”, Ateneo de Manila University, February 5, 2013.
- d) CE Logic, Nasugbu, Batangas, May 23 – 24, 2013.
- e) Book launch, “\_\_\_” (Abad), Ayala Museum, July 16, 2013.
- f) Book launch, “On the Wings of Love” (Atty. Delfin Gonzales), July 19, 2013
- g) Donations of Buddhist Encyclopedia by the Fo Guang Shan Mabuhay Temple, August 1, 2013.
- h) Donations of books from the Association of Book Publishers in the Philippines (ABAP) for the Antipolo City Library (which was later razed to the ground by fire)
- i) Co-sponsoring with ABAP a seminar on Philippine Procurement for Filipino Librarians
- j) Sipat Aklat – Book Drive for Community Libraries. For survivors of Super typhoon Yolanda so they never stop learning – NLP as Drop-off Point. For survivors of Super typhoon Yolanda so they never stop learning – NLP as Drop-off Point.