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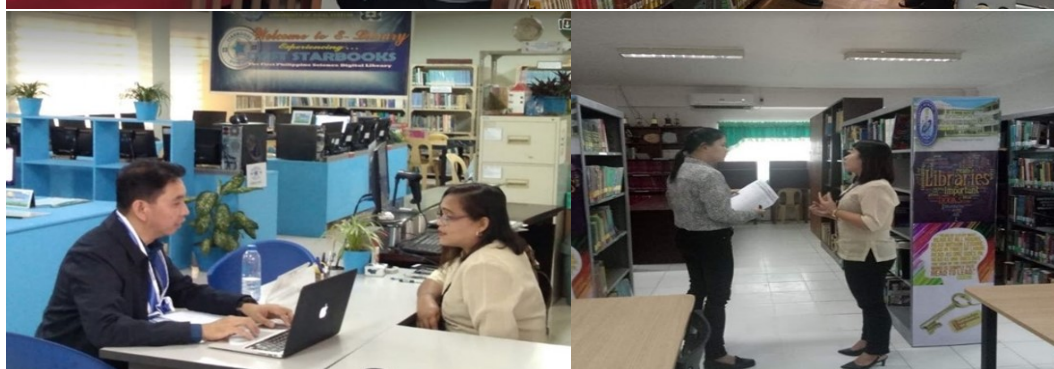
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## FACING THE CHALLENGE OF ISO 9001:2015

Anna Minia Lourdes C. Martinez, MLIS, RL

On January 29, 2020, six URS Campuses, URS Tanay, Morong and Rodriguez were submitted to ISO recertification and URS Pililla, Binangonan and Antipolo Campuses for ISO Certification.

The Campus Libraries were among the units audited. The library facilities, collection, service processes and security provisions were the areas of focus during the interview. Dr Elvira C. Prieto, Head for Instructional and Library Resources Services with Mrs Aleili Bolire seats for Tanay Campus, Campus Librarians Mrs. Cecilia G. Reyes of Morong Campus, Prof. Edith Sedutan of Rodriguez, Anna Minia Lourdes C. Martinez of Pililla Campus, Dr. Adora Mallari of Binangonan Campus and Ms. Sheila Raguine of Antipolo Campus represented the Library Services Unit during this ordeal. With almost a year preparation, series of workshops and continuous document enhancement., the six campuses successfully passed the ISO External Audit.



## URS Library Services introduces Online Library Services

Jean C. Carigma—Library IT, Binangonan Campus

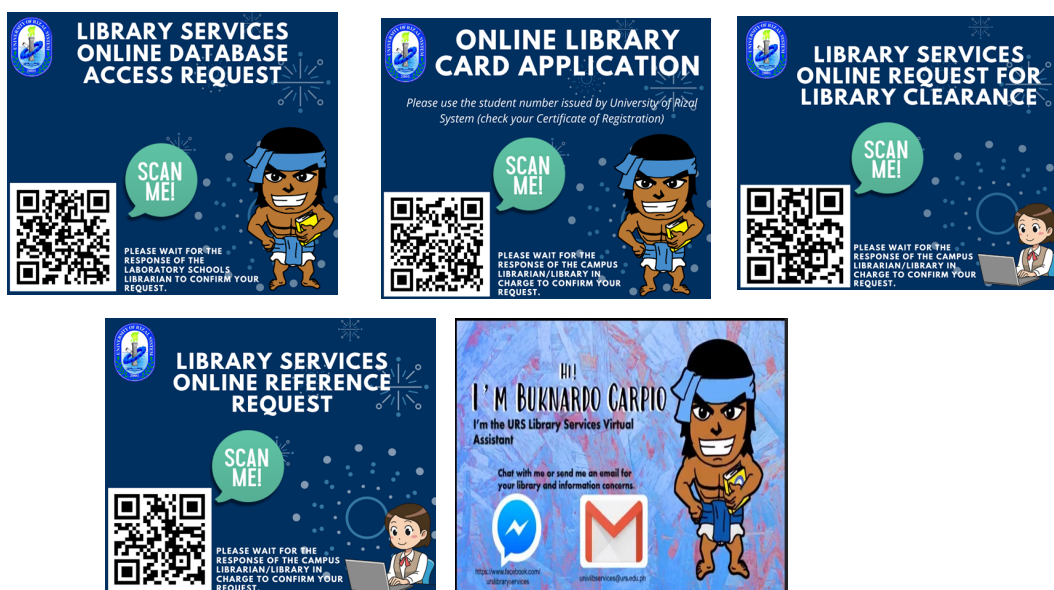
Library closed? No problem!

In support of the new normal health protocol and community quarantine, the URS Library Services Unit launched its Library Online Services: the Online Reference Request, Online Database Access Request, Online Library Clearance, and Online Library Card Application. Bonafide students, faculty, and staff can avail the services. Requests responses were sent by Document Delivery Services and Book Delivery Services.

The platform is managed by the Technical Working Group for Enhanced Information Technology and Online Library Services under the supervision and monitoring of Mrs. Anna Minia Lourdes C. Martinez, the University Librarian. Requests received are forwarded and coordinated to the campus librarians who take charge of the responses. These services were created to aid the URS academic community in their research needs despite the closure of the library and suspension of face to face transactions brought about by the pandemic.

Students and faculty may send their request by filling out the forms. Reference Request are intended for scanned copies of the library's printed collection, request for electronic resources, such as e-books and e-journal articles and selected chapters of the thesis collection. Database Access is intended for researchers who wishes to access the library's digital collection databases. The Library Card Application is for the new students who wishes to avail of the online services. An automated Certification of Library Card Application will be issued to the applicants to serve as their temporary library cards.

A 24/7 Chat Service Chat with BUKNARDO is also available for other inquiries.



## CREATION OF TWG FOR ENHANCED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND LIBRARY ONLINE SERVICES

**Marlon J. Alquiza—Library IT, Tanay Campus**

COVID 19 pandemic posed a big challenge for the library services, observance to quarantine health protocols, limits access to our physical libraries thus finding new ways to serve our customers is essential. For this purpose the Technical Working Group (TWG) for Enhanced Information Technology and Library Online Services was created with the guidance of our new University Librarian, Ms. Anna Minia Lourdes C. Martinez, to formulate, facilitate and execute effective and efficient ways to deliver our online services. The TWG is composed of the following library personnel

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| Chair    | : | Anna Gefreliz P. Erpelo, Librarian URS Tanay            |
| Co-Chair | : | Marlon J. Alquiza, Library IT Staff, URS Tanay          |
| Members  | : | Richwin M. Oliveros, Library In-charge, URS Cardona     |
|          |   | John Dominick A. Agarin, Library IT Staff, URS Antipolo |
|          |   | Ma. Nessel DJ. Alejandro, Library IT Staff, URS Morong  |

The TWG was responsible for the creation of the following initiatives:

URS Library Services Virtual Orientation Video

Creation of Library Avatar "Buknardo"

Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC)

Library Online Services

URS Library Services Facebook Page Updates

URS Library Services Webpage Updates

The TWG continuously find ways to further enhance the library's capabilities in providing quality services during this ordeal that we are facing.



In Photo: 1st row (L to R) Mr. Marlon Alquiza, Ms. Nessel DJ. Alejandro, Mrs. Anna Minia Lourdes C. Martinez 2nd row (L to R) Mrs. Anna Gefreliz R. Erpelo, Mr. Dominic Agarin and Mr. Richwin Oliveros



## URS Library opens its Digital Collection

Aleili T. Bolire, RL— Graduate School Librarian, Morong Campus

Collection development is one of the program of the University Library Services Unit which aims to deliver effective and efficient service to its clientele, whether in print and non-print modalities. Continuous acquisition of learning resources serves as the back bone of the University Library Services and has been an annual practice.

To better serve the academic community despite the closure of the libraries and suspension of access to the printed collection. The URS Library Services Unit allocated its 1.4 million 2020 budgetary allocation for the procurement of electronic books.

On the last quarter of 2020, the library has procured a total of 243 volumes of ebooks from Gale ebooks and Tritech Media, the electronic resources can be accessed by all URS Campus Libraries. Database access can be requested using the Library's Online Database Access Services.

The screenshot displays the URS Library's digital collection interface. At the top, the 'GALE EBOOKS' section features a search bar with 'Basic Search' and 'Advanced Search' options. Below this, a 'BROWSE COLLECTIONS' sidebar lists categories: Arts (2), Business (9), Education (31), and Environment (6). The main content area shows 'Arts (2)' with two featured items: 'LISTEN TO NEW WAVE ROCK!' and 'LISTEN TO POP!'. A 'hotjar' survey pop-up is visible on the right. The bottom section, 'Tritech Digital Media', includes a navigation bar with 'Books', 'Users', 'Settings', and 'Signout'. Below this is the 'Institute Books List' with an 'Export To Excel' button. The list shows 'Showing 1-5 of 169 results' and displays two book entries:

Book Cover	Title	Publish Year	Author	Keyword
	A Basic Course In Algebra And Calculus	2019	Shojiro Kyotani	Basic and Applied Sciences, Mathematics and Statistics
	A Textbook On Anatomy & Physiology	2019	Jita G. Hoogerduijn	Medical Sciences, Medicine

On the left side of the list, there are filters and sorting options: 'Filters', 'Sort' (Title A-Z), 'Title' search, 'Keywords' search, 'Select Category' (dropdown), and 'Select Sub Category' (dropdown).

## URS Library Services welcomes the University Librarian Anew

**Cecilia G. Reyes, MAED, RL— Campus Librarian, Morong Campus**



The University library services welcome Mrs. Anna Minia Lourdes C. Martinez as the newly appointed University Librarian, effective July 16, 2020 to July 15, 2021.

Mrs. Martinez is a registered librarian. She is currently holding College Librarian III position and has been in service for 13 years. She was appointed as the University Librarian in concurrent capacity as Campus Librarian for URS Pililla.

She graduated *Cum Laude* at the Philippine Normal University Manila with the degree Bachelor of Science in Education Major in Library Science in 2002. She finished her Master of Arts in Library and Information Science at University of Perpetual Help System Binangal with *Best*

*in Research Award*.

She is a co-extensionist of PROJECT READ: Raising Enthusiastic and Active Dwellers which won 3<sup>rd</sup> place as Best Extension Program. She is also the recipient of the Most Outstanding Staff Level 2 Category at the 2019 Annual PRAISE Awarding Ceremonies.

As a University Librarian, she will be taking on important responsibility to manage and supervise the operation of all ten campus library and its library personnel. With the above mentioned credibility of the new head, the University Library Services will achieve its goal, mission and vision.

## Meet BUKNARDO: The Library Virtual Assistant

**Analyn M. Tanawan, Laboratory Schools Librarian, URS Morong**



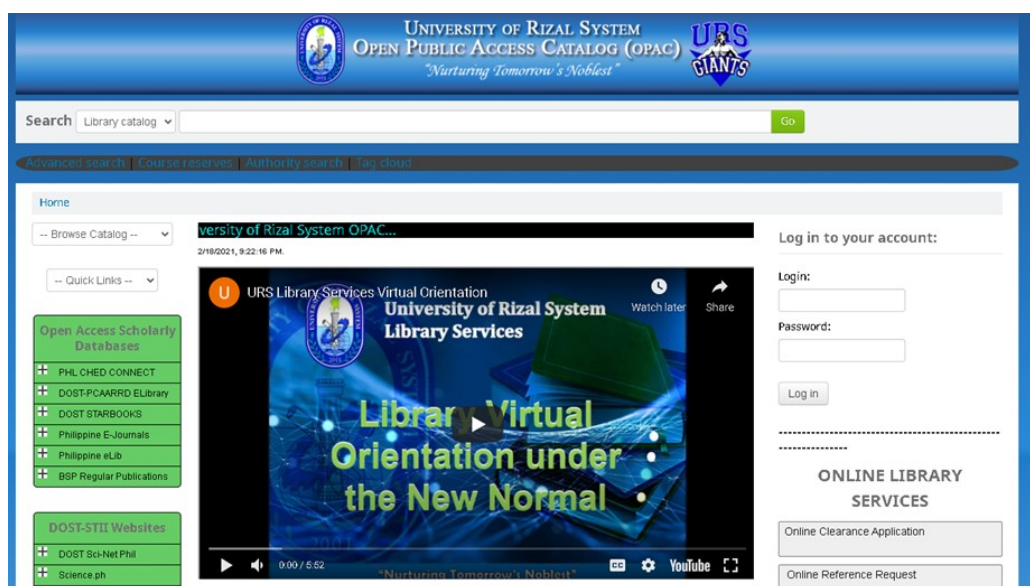
An avatar is an icon or representation of a user in a shared virtual reality. This allows the library promotes its online services to its user. A contest named "Can you name this library avatar?" organized by the Library Services on August 2020 aims to create a real persona of the Virtual Assistant. A total of 75 URS students and alumni from various campuses submitted their entries online. The winner was chosen by the University of Rizal System Library Services Unit Personnel through a voting system and was endorsed to Vice President for Academic Affairs

and to the University President. The winning entry became the official name for the URS Library Services Virtual Assistant.

On August 24, 2020 during the Library Personnel's meeting, Ms. Kimberlie Anne Bautista, from URS-Morong, with entry number 30 was awarded winner and received a cash incentive of 300.00. Her library avatar name is "Booknardo", represents the picture of an icon in the URS Vector, Bernardo Carpio.

## URS Union Catalog Goes Online

Richwin M. Oliveros, Library-In-Charge, URS Cardona



The challenges posed by the Coronavirus pandemic will not prevent the Library services as a whole from presenting its latest innovative products and services that would be of considerable use and relevant to all library users.

The University of Rizal System has suspended its public on-site activities after the start of the quarantine in March 2020 due to COVID-19. The Library has never stopped its services despite the situation, and has continued to digitally serve the information needs of URS library users. The Library's highest priority is to maintain the learning needs of its patrons. Thus, online reference and support services such as Open Public Access Catalog (OPAC) and Online Library Services via social media Facebook were provided at the start of the quarantine; access to library accounts was extended and access to electronic resources was encouraged and made available to URS library users.

The online integrated library management system called Koha is used by the University of Rizal System Library Services to control and coordinate library resources, access, retrieval and circulation. Koha is an open source integrated library system, used world-wide by public, school and special libraries. In maximizing the use of this online system, not only by providing complete and updated bibliographic information of printed materials, but also by providing records of its extensive collection of digitized records and links of e-books and articles, abstracts of theses and other studies.

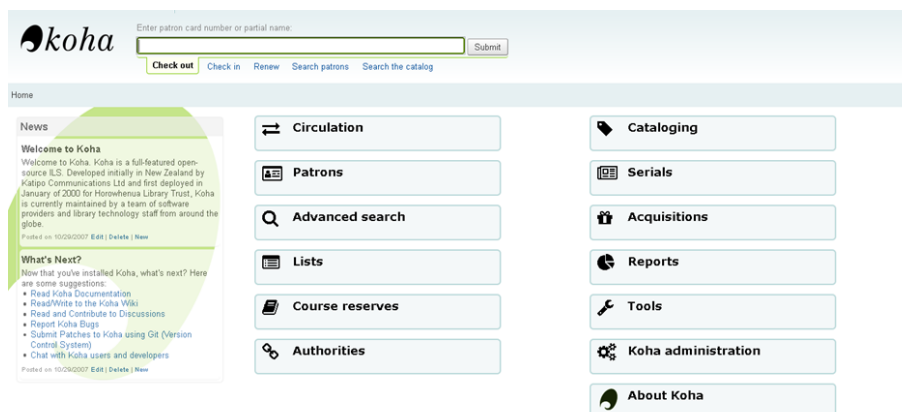
All of the information in URS Koha database will be available in the Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC). It is the default interface of University of Rizal System Library which provides a search engine and

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supports advanced search options. Here, library users can search a library catalog virtually and mainly to locate books and other materials available in all campuses of University of Rizal System. These online resources are accessible either PC or Mobile, anytime and anywhere.

The impact of COVID-19 will be surely felt for years and with this, Library services need to be more active, resourceful, and quick to respond in providing services. The URS Library will take on new trends and will continue to support the University in meeting the demands of the new academic environment.

The URS Union Catalog can be accessed through <http://opac.urs.edu.ph>



## PRAISE Service Awardees

**Cherry M. Damiles, MLIS, RL— Campus Librarian, Taytay Campus**



The theme for the 15th Annual Celebration of the University is “Philippine Civil Service @ 120: Public Sector in the Age of Digital Transformation.”

The Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE) provides both monetary and non-monetary awards and incentives to recognize, acknowledge, and reward productive, creative, innovative, ethical behavior, and accomplishments of employees. Service award is more than just a tenure but it is a way of the employer to thank the employees for their loyalty and commitment to the organization. This award recognizes and applauds the years of service dedicated by an employee making them feel appreciated by the organization.

This year, The University of Rizal System hold its annual PRAISE program online broadcast live on Facebook on October 23, 2020 . Among the recipients of the Service award were Prof. Analyn M. Tanawan, Laboratory Schools Librarian with 15 years of service and Dr. Adora G. Mallari, outgoing Campus Librarian of URS Binangonan with 20 years in service.. The Service Award recognizes their invaluable service to the government in various capacities.

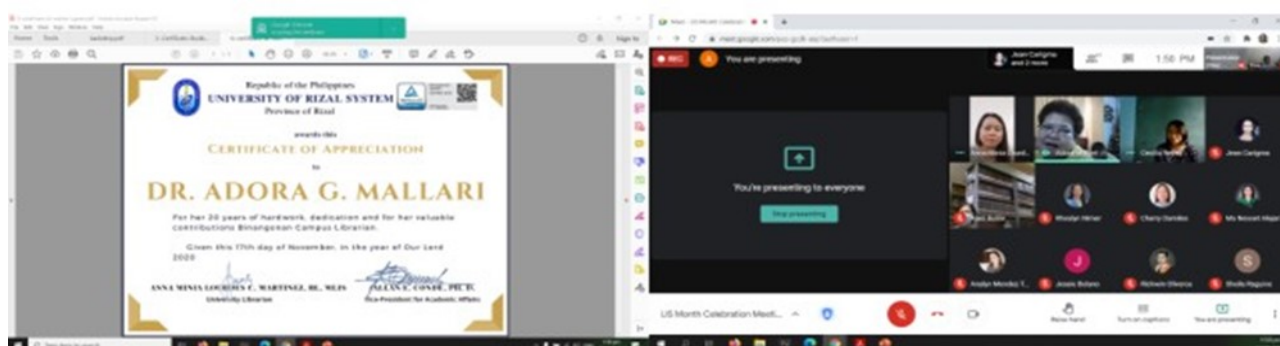


## LIBRARY KAMUSTAHAN :

### LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES MONTH CELEBRATION

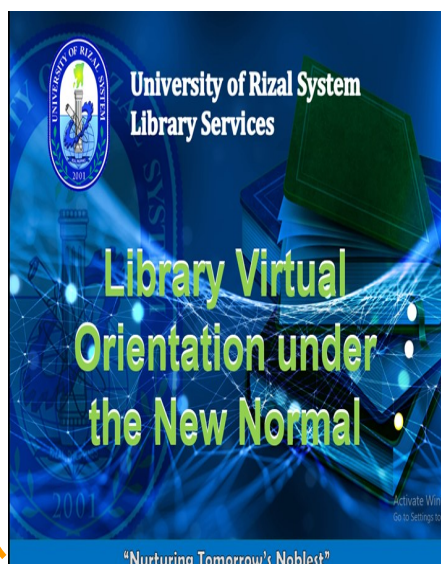
**Rayli T. Martin—In-charge, Circulation Section and Nida SC. Salvio—In-charge, Periodical Section, Morong Campus**

The URS Library Services Unit joins the celebration of Library and Information Service Month with the theme, LIBREAL: Relate, Engage, Advocate and Lead, held on November 23, 2020 via Google meet. The celebration entitled LIBKAMUSTAHAN was a three-part program, the first part recognized the First Customer to avail of Library's Online Services, Ms. Abegail Benamije of Pililla Campus received the award, Part 2 pays tribute to Dr. Adora Mallari, the outgoing Campus Librarian of Binangonan as she retired after 20 years of service. A meeting was conducted after the ceremony. The University Librarian facilitated the virtual meeting and discussed the following agenda: Presentation of the 3rd Quarter Accomplishment Report, Status of subscriptions, Procurement of e-books, Status of Accreditation, and campus needs assessment.



## Library Orientation Under the New Normal

**Rhealyn Nimer, Library-In-Charge, Cainta Campus**



Annual Orientation Program is conducted to educate the students on the nature and functions of a unit. The Library forms part of the annual program, this gives the librarians the opportunity to offer the library services and encourage all to patronize the use of the collection and facilities.

This year, the library services unit introduces the library under the new normal through the Library Virtual Orientation. The 6-minute video presentation introduces the digital collection, online services offered, the modality of delivery of service, it also promotes the library's social media page and website platform and introduces the University Library personnel.

The Library Virtual Orientation Under the New Normal can be viewed at the URS Library Services Facebook page, Integrated Library System site and through the URS Library portal .



## The URS Library Services Unit Conducted A Webinar Entitled “Faculty And Librarian’s Collaboration: Why It Matters?”

Sheila E. Raguine, RL—Campus Librarian, Antipolo Campus

The University of Rizal System Library Services Unit and the Faculty Organization of URS conducted a successful three (3) hour webinar on September 04, 2020 via webinar jam in cooperation with Regalo Touching Lives with the theme “Faculty and Librarians Collaboration: Why It Matters”. The Web Seminar tackles the faculty

and Librarian’s role in maximizing the effectiveness and improving the learning outcomes. It was attended by a total number of 1,923 Librarians and Faculty from different parts of the country and abroad.

The two invited resource speakers were Mr. Reagan Austria and Mr. Kelvin Samson.

The webinar started with the welcome remarks from Mrs. Anna Minia Lourdes C. Martinez, the University Librarian, followed by an inspirational message from the University President, Dr. Nancy T. Pascual and Dr. Allan E. Conde, the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Prof. Connie Ofamen, a faculty from URS Taytay, introduced the first speaker Mr. Reagan Austria. Mr. Austria is an Educational Technology Specialist from Senco Link Technologies. He discussed about “Teachers and Librarian’s

Toolkit in a Remote Learning Environment. He emphasized the use of technology in teaching learning environment. He even shares some videos showing the advantage of the use of technology in face to face classroom setting.

Prof. Aries Anievas of URS Pililia, introduced the 2nd speaker in the person’s of Mr. Kelvin Samson. Mr. Samson is a technical Services Librarian from De la Salle University. He discussed the “Rendevouz : Where can Teachers and Librarians meet in teaching information literacy to students? Mr. Samson emphasized the vital role of librarians and faculty in giving Information Literacy to students. He also presented and identified the challenges faced by teachers and school librarians in teaching information literacy. He is willing to share the product of his research which is the module in information literacy. He also shared some open access sites for additional free online resources.

The webinar topics provide fresh ideas and best practices that can be applied under the new normal.

The participants got the chance to raised questions to the speakers during the Questions and Answer by the end of the topic discussions. Certificates of Appreciation were given to the Resource speakers and to the seminar platform host

Prof. John Gilbert G. Guillermo, President of Faculty Organization of URS concluded the program with his closing remarks.



## Recognition of the 1st Library Customer to Avail the Online Library Services

Ma. Nasset DJ. Alejandro—In-charge, Electronics Resource, Morong Campus



The pandemic changes the delivery of services and learning modality. The usual jam-packed libraries suddenly became empty spaces. The new normal challenges are overwhelming. As knowledge resource centers, the libraries should be able to meet the research needs of the academe.

Despite the outbreak, the University of Rizal System Library Services Unit created an Online Library Services where students and faculty can request for references and assistance using the library's online platform.

As part of the URS Library's LIS Month Celebration, the library recognized the First customer to avail of the Library's Online Services on November 23, 2020 via Google Meet. Bachelor of Secondary Education major in English student, Ms. Abegail Benamije, of URS Pililla Campus, received the award.

## Send Off Program for Dr. Adora Mallari

Edith N. Sedutan, MLIS, RL—Campus Librarian, Rodriguez Campus



"Retirement" is a relatively a new concept that has come about as life expectancy for an employee after he/she reach the standard retirement age. The Library services had been able to have an online LIS celebration month with a theme, LIBREAL: Relate, Engage, Advocate and Lead, held on November 23, 2020 via google meet and part of the said activity is the sendoff program for a colleague in the name of Dr. Adora G. Mallari who have been in the Institutions for two decades.

To formally thanked her for her invaluable service to the unit, the Library Services prepared a surprise program for her retirement. Video presentation as well as video messages from her closest friend & co-faculty namely Dr. Linda Fernandez, Prof. Josefina Teologo and Prof. Marlen Cebanico of Binangonan campus brought an emotional farewell.

In one of the messages, Dr. Mallari was described as a good friend, extremely professional, hard-working and a team player with brilliant mind and full of creative ideas.

Dr. Mallari's contribution to the institution is remarkable. The Library Services unit is fortunate for the opportunity to have worked with her and wish her all the best on her retirement!

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# PROJECT READ: Raising Enthusiastic and Active Readers Phase 2 Amidst the Pandemic

Anna Minia Lourdes C. Martinez, MLIS, RL

In full swing! The Extension program Project READ: Raising Enthusiastic and Active DwellersProject READ: Raising Enthusiastic and Active Dwellersby Dr. Jocelyn Gagalang, faculty of URS Pililla and Mrs. Anna Minia Lourdes C. Martinez, University Librarian formally started its Phase 2 with a sealed partnership through MOA signing with the Sangguniang Kabataan ng Quisao Chair Mr. Chino Chan on November 7, 2020. Diagnostics, learning kit distribution and teaching reading were conducted December 2020. Regular weekly online reading tutorial to monitor the progress of the learners were observed. The program aims to spread the love of reading at young age and improve the comprehension level of the learners.

As part of the program, a community library will be established to provide a reading avenue for the learners. In support of the reading advocacy, the program received seven balikbayan boxes of books from Bayanihan Foundation.

