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URS Libraries as Tech4Ed Centers

Anna Minia Lourdes C. Martinez

The role of libraries deliberately changes and transform over the years, the vitality is evident as different platforms are developed to make information at reach and readily available for all. In response to the government's call for free access to education, institutions that advocates learning initiates programs and projects that addresses the demand for information and provide services for free especially for the marginalized sector, among them

are the DICT's Tech4Ed, DOST's STAR-BOOKS and CHED's PHL CHED Connect.

On November 18, 2021 the University of Rizal System through the Library Services Unit and the Department of Information and Communications Technology sealed its partnership establishing Tech4Ed Centers at URS Campus Libraries at the University of Rizal System Function Hall, Morong Rizal.

The program partnership was attended by distinct personalities from the Department of Information and Communications Technology, Undersecretary for Digital Philippines Usec. Emmanuel Rey R. Caintic, Director Reynaldo T. Sy, Regional Director-DICT Luzon Cluster 2 and Ms. Zendie Sollano-Cabanlong, DICT Rizal, Provincial Head, University President Dr. Nancy T. Pascual, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Alan E. Conde were present on behalf of the University of Rizal System. Campus Librarians who will serve as Tech4Ed center managers witnessed the significant event.

The Tech4Ed Center in URS Morong Campus Library headed by Mrs. Cecilia G. Reyes was launched after the program.

Tech4Ed, which stands for Technology Empowerment for Education, Employment, Entrepreneurship, and Economic Development, is a program that provides ICT-enabled services to communities that have minimal

access or no access to ICT and government services. As a national digital inclusion initiative, the Tech4Ed Program caters to disadvantaged communities such as rural and urban poor, PWD's, and indigenous communities.







DOST FNRI INFORMATION RESOURCE STATION WITH URS

Rhealyn Nimer

The Department of Science and Technology-Food and Nutrition Research Institute (DOST-FNRI) in cooperation with the University of Rizal System Library Services Unit conducted a 2-hour virtual orientation on the DOST FNRI Information Resource Station on June 30, 2021 at 10:00 am via zoom. Selected faculty, staff researchers and library personnel attended the activity. The University President Dr. Nancy T. Pascual and Dr. Allan E. Conde, VP of Academic Affairs challenged the participants to develop food products with the help of Information Resource Station. The function of the IRS is to establish linkages with national and international institutions doing food-and nutrition-related activities through information networking and resource-sharing and to provide efficient and effective Library Services.



Library Virtual Contest in Celebration of the LIS Month

Cherry M. Damiles

By the Virtue of Presidential Proclamation no.837, series of 1991, November was declared as the Library and Information Services (LIS) Month.

In celebration with the LIS Month with the theme, "Libraries Building ROADS: Readers, Opportunities, Advocacies, Development, Sustainability." the URS Library Services hold several activities for the students of the University of Rizal System that primarily aims to develop innovation and creativity. The following contest were Library Meme, Book Character Dress Up, Itik-tok mo na yan, Best Selfie and Book Face Challenge.

The Virtual Awarding and closing ceremonies of the Library and Information Services contest was held on December 6, 2021. The winners received cash prizes and certificates of recognition. Here are the winners for the following categories:











LIBRARY SERVICES TEAM CONDUCTS CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS

Anna Minia Lourdes C. Martinez

The conduct of library meetings are essential to ensure that important updates are delivered to each member, it also serves as an avenue to discuss accomplishments as well as to help the team reach a common decision and strengthens the team's camaraderie. On January 16, July 30, November 2 and December 3, 2021, the Library Services Unit conducted virtual meetings which were actively participated by the library personnel with important agenda discussed and quarterly campus status report presented.

The revision of ISO mandatory documents, conduct of library activities and collaborative webinars, collection development, status of the Campus e-library upgrading equipment and institutional partnerships were among the important agenda acted upon.



ONLINE BASIC MANAGEMENT TRAINING FOR URS LIBRARY PERSONNEL

Josefino A. Belano and Michael S. Teope

As part of the Tech4Ed Partnership, the URS Library Personnel completed the Online Basic Center Management Training (Coaching) on November 17, 2021. The training was facilitated by Mr. Karlo Gabriel Abad, Project Development Officer I of the Department of Information and Communications Technology Region IV-A.

The Campus Librarians as Center Managers are required to undergo the training that aims to:

- 1. know the background and objectives of the Tech4Ed Project;
- 2. describe Tech4Ed Centers, its different models and the services offered;
- 3. enhance their skills in managing their Tech4Ed Centers;
- 4. appreciate the importance of rules and procedures for the proper management of the Center;
- 5. and, demonstrate a clear understanding and appreciation of the Monitoring and Evaluation process being done in Tech4Ed centers.



Securing Online Dissemination of Informational Resources: An Information Technology Capability Webinar

Cecilia G. Reyes and Nida SC. Salvio

The development of information technology opens to innovative virtual and remote services that will cater to the needs of the clientele. The COVID-19 pandemic pushed for virtual and remote services in compliance with health protocols. It paved way to sending documents and resources online to students, faculty and staff. However, this also posed challenge to comply with the fair use of these materials under the Philippine copyright law.

The University of Rizal System Library Services in cooperation with University MIS Unit hosted a virtual activity entitled "Securing Online Dissemination of Informational Resources: An Information Capability

Webinar" held on December 6, 2021. The invited speaker was Mr. Mark Joseph Del Rosario, an ICT coordinator from San Ildefonso College.

The webinar was participated by the office secretaries, MIS, Human Resource Officer, Registrar, records and library personnel.

The objective of the webinar is to enhance ICT capabilities and to broaden knowledge on various ways in securing data. The speaker talked about "cybersecurity", securing of personal, organizational and govern-

The Speaker reminded everyone to do their part in protecting the information that we post and share online. He also emphasized to always observe data privacy in all transactions especially in handling personal information.



NUTRINET Adopt-a-Library Meet and Greet

Charlyn T. Jamuyot

The **Nutrition Research Information Network** (NUTRINET) comprises of institutions whose libraries and documentation section of information centers have linked-up to establish a specialized information system in food, nutrition and related fields.

Way back July 31, 2018, University of Rizal System became a recipient of NUTRINET Adopt-a-Library (AAL) and conducted a Turn over Ceremony.

On December 20, 2021, NUTRINET led the AAL Meet and greet on their five adopted libraries via virtual social gathering. Fortunately, the University of Rizal System was one of the adopted Libraries.

The ceremony was commenced by Dr. Imelda Angeles-Agdeppa, Chair, NUTRINET Governing Board and Director IV and Scientist II, DOST-FNRI by giving her warm welcoming message accentuating that the AAL was not just a donation of library materials but it is the pledge to encompass the knowledge and spread information resources to the adopted libraries.

Meanwhile, Dr. Milflor S. Gonzales, Chair, NUTRINET Technical Committee and Chief SRS, DOST-FNRI presented the AAL projects and accomplishments of the system. She also pondered the imminent plans of the AAL.

After the presentation of the AAL projects, accomplishments and future plans, University of Rizal System gave the testimonial and benefits for being the beneficiaries of the AAL via an Audio-Visual Presentation "Maraming Salamat Po" on the headship of University Librarian Mrs. Anna Minia Lourdes C. Martinez.





To wrap up the event, The Nutrition Research Information Network (NUTRINET) gave the certification to University of Rizal and other beneficiaries of the AAL Project.

RFID Library Security System for URS Morong and Tanay

Ma. Nesset DJ. Alejandro and Moises SP. Supilanas



Security is a common problem in libraries. Library resources have always faced the danger of accidental loss. Libraries are expected to increase their library resources based on program offerings and to improve customer service with minimal personnel. Library personnel find it challenging to monitor the utilization of these printed resources in an open shelf system. Books and other library collection involved in being loss, some of it are improperly discharged and in some cases, books are hidden behind the shelves.

To avoid these circumstances, many libraries turned into a technology-driven or modern library with this demand.

Through the upgrading of e-library project, the University of Rizal System Morong and Tanay Campus libraries upgraded to RFID Library Se-

curity System. The security gates were installed last September 17-22, 2021. The Campus Library personnel from Morong and Tanay also completed the intensive training for the operation of the new library security system.

The URS Library Services Unit is positive that this new technology will be a tool to protect its valuable printed library resources and to be at par with other modern libraries in the service of tomorrow's noblest.









UPGRADING OF CAMPUS E-LIBRARY

By: Marlon J. Alquiza

The Library Services has successfully procured equipment for the Upgrading of Campus e-Libraries. The project was proposed by the University Library Services and this benefit the ten (10) campuses of the University of Rizal System. This enhances not only the physical library facility but also the library's capability in delivering quality services to our customers. This new equipment greatly improves the implementation of Online Library Services that we are currently utilizing and would also greatly enhance the library experience of customers when face to face transactions are permitted. The library received the following ICT, Printing, and Network Communications Equipment:

Participation of URS Tanay and Pililla in the RDEP Agency In-House Review for Completed Research and Extension

Vivian A. Lirio and Maria Adal V. Quitasol

Research Development Extension and Production (RDEP) is one of the major units of University of Rizal System (URS). One of its mandates is to plan and implement approved proposals pertaining to research, extension and development in coordination with other departments and units of the University. The Library Services Unit as one the major academic support services in URS participated in these undertakings.



Phase 2 of the extension program, "Project READ: Raising Enthusiastic and Active Dwellers" was conducted on February 13, 2021, spearheaded by its tireless University Librarian/Campus Librarian of Pililla, Mrs. Anna Minia Lourdes C. Martinez. As part of the program, learning kit and reading materials were distributed. It aims to increase the love of reading of young learners and likewise improve its level comprehension. Phase 2 of the program was first initiated on November 7, 2020 through MOA signing with the Sangguniang Kabataan of Quisao, Chair Mr. Chino Chan as partner agency.



Similarly, completed research entitled "Customer Oriented Electronic Resource Center: Design, Development and Implementation: Phase 1" by Dr. Elvira C. Prieto, Mr. Marlon J. Alquiza and Mrs. Anna Gefreliz P. Erpelo of Tanay Campus was presented online on November 23, 2021 during the RDEP Congress. The study aims to determine the preferred services, equipment and fixtures to be available in the Electronic Resource Center (ERC) based on clientele type. The proponents were able to present the results and the proposed ERC Design in 3D.



Evidently, the involvement of library personnel in research and extension services provides significant help in the delivery of efficient library services.

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	Quantity										
<u>Description</u>	Angono	Antipolo	Binango-	Cain-	Cardo-	Morong	Pil-	Rodri-	Та-	Tay-	TOTAL
Lanton		_	nan	ta	na 1		illa	guez	nay	tay	-
Laptop Dockton Computer	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	-	5
Desktop Computer NComputing De-	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	100
vice, 3 in 1 Thin Client Kit,	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	50
Computer Monitor	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	150
Computer Mouse and Keyboard Combo	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	150
Computer Headset with microphone	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	150
Uninterruptible Power Supply	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	16	15	151
DLP Projector	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
DVD Player	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
HDMI Cable	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Sound amplifier	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Speakers	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	60
Microphone	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
CCTV Package	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Thermal POS Printer	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Mobile Tablet	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	30
Document Scanner	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Multi-Directional Barcode Scanner	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	9
Inkjet Printer with CISS	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Digital Copier	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Wireless Router	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
RJ45, box	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
UTP Ethernet Ca- ble, box	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Network Switch	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Network Router	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Network Cabinet	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
RJ45, box	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
UTP Ethernet Ca- ble, box	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Network Switch	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Network Router	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Network Cabinet RFID Encoder and	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Scanner	-	-		-	-	2	-	-	2	-	4
RFID Inventory Blade Scanner	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2
RFID Security Gate	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2
RFID Tags	-	-	-	-	-	6,000	-	-	5,512	-	11,512

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Library Development Report for 2021

Aleili T. Bolire and Rayli P. Martin

Library development program includes different aspects of library concerns like - collection development; facility development, infrastructure and others. Annually, budgetary allocation for the improvement and upgrading is allotted to en-







sure that continuous development is practiced.

On the last quarter of 2021, the library has procured a total of 918 volumes. The distribution is reflected in the table:

Campus	Quantity
Angono	96
Antipolo	90
Binangonan	53
Cainta	109
Cardona	150
Morong	78
Pililla	125
Rodriguez	68
Tanay	52
Taytay	97
TOTAL	918



For the physical facilities improvement of the Campus Libraries the University of Rizal System Library Services Unit has also procured for the new furniture and equipment. Also refer to Page 7(Upgrading of Campus E-Library) as reference of the new equipment and furniture.



Other Campus Libraries had undergone renovation improvement of their library to house their electronic resources equipment.





LIBRARY SERVICES ON AACCUP SURVEY VISIT 2021

Sheila E. Raguine

The library plays an important and unique role in an academic community. It is considered the heart of any learning institution, this is the reason why, LIBRARY SERVICES are part of the accreditation of programs by the AACCUP or the Accrediting Agency of Charter Colleges and Universities of the Philippines. There are seven indicators being evaluated by the AACCUP in the Library to pass

the said Accreditation, these are 1) Administration, 2) Library Personnel, 3) Collection Development, Organization and Preservation, 4) Services and Utilization, 5) Physical Set-Up and Facilities, 6) Financial Support, and 7) Linkages. There are requirements of each area that need to be met by the URS to pass the Accreditation.

Fortunately, the Library services meet all the requirements set by the AACCUP. The URS pursuit to academic excellence, ACCREDITATION is now being considered as a regular activity of the university under the Curriculum and Instruction department. Last year 2021, 8 campuses underwent AACCUP Accreditation in different programs and level, to wit:

Campus	Level of Accreditation / Program	Date of Survey Visit
Angono	Level II 1. BS in Tourism Management 2. Bachelor of Fine Arts	March 2-6, 2021
Antipolo	Level II 1. Master of Arts in Teaching 2. Bachelor in Elementary Education	November 8-12, 2021
Cainta	Level II 1. Bachelor of Secondary Education 2. Bachelor of Elementary Education	March 2-6, 2021
Morong	Level III 1. Bachelor of Technology	March 2-6, 2021
Pililia	Master of Arts in Teaching Doctor of Philosophy in Education	April 5-9, 2021

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LIBRARY SERVICES SURPASSED THE ISO INTERNAL and EXTERNAL AUDIT

Edith N. Sedutan

International Organization for Standardization or

ISO is an international certification that aims to facilitate trade, process improvement, safety, and other quality factors in the organizational parameters and it involves developing the specification for services, systems, products, and procedures where they can measure their level of brilliance. The concept of this international organization for standardization came into existence to streamline the process varying in the industries to make sure the consistency and safety of the products. ISO Certification is also a seal of approval from ISO certification bodies that helps an organization to showcase that they follow the rules and regulations set by international organizations. Moreover, the University of Rizal System headed by the President, Dr. Nancy T. Pascual, is continuously directed that the ten (10) campuses will be granted ISO Certification this year.

As part of the requirements for the certification, all units must undergo the Internal Audit and on March 8-11, 2021, the Library Services unit has been meticulously audited by the very competent URS Internal Quality Auditors (IQA).

Results of the said audit had been presented during the Closing Program and glad to hear that the Library Services of the ten (10) campuses unit has received a lot of positive remarks on the audit findings.

The campus library personnel of the ten (10) campuses played a vital role in the success of the preparation of mandatory documents and other pertinent records to be uploaded in their respective drive for easier access and retrieval. The campus librarians and the University Librarian, Ms. Anna Minia Lourdes C. Martinez spearheaded the sharing and reviewing of library procedures and documents to be prepared and coded as well.

Among the ten (10) campuses, Cardona, Cainta, Angono and Taytay were virtually audited by TUV-R External Auditors for Certification on April 30, 2021, meanwhile, Tanay, Morong, Rodriguez, Pililla Binangonan and Antipolo were also subjected to recertification.

With the success of the audit, all URS Campuses are now ISO CERTIFIED!

An Engaging OPAC for URS Library Services: Updates on Integrated Library System Anna Gefreliz P. Erpelo



The new learning environment of the University pushed the library services to be more engaged in online services with the students, faculty members, students, and other stakeholders of University of Rizal System. The Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) has become vital in the delivery of virtual library services. The OPAC is not only a portal for searching available library resources in the campus libraries. With the help of the very able members of the Technical Working Committee on Enhancement of Information Technology and Online Services, the OPAC interface was enhanced to include links to the various online library requests forms, links to other online resources, and a link to the University. Library Services Facebook Page. Library customers can click the type of online library service they would like to avail of on the right

navigation pane of the OPAC. Aside from the printed library resources, catalog records with links to online resources from subscribed e-books from Tritech Digital Media and Gale, selected e-books from the Directory of Open Access Books, e-journals from Directory of Open Access Journals, some titles of the Philippine Recommends series and other academic and scholarly open-access resources are now searchable in the OPAC. They can also click Buknardo, our virtual library assistant to chat with their library inquiries. It also features a virtual library orientation of the University Library Services. It is played automatically once the OPAC loads on the screen.

The functionality of the staff interface allows the library personnel to continue work remotely. Library personnel can update the library holdings and patron records. Patron records were also updated containing the books currently checked out in their account. Library personnel can also check in real-time the responses from the online library service requests. This allows the unit to be prompt with the delivery of library services in the online modality. With high hopes, the Online Public Access Catalog of the University of Rizal System would be more engaging to faculty, students, and stakeholders of the University. Our OPAC is available 24/7 at http://opac.urs.edu.ph.

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Campus	Level of Accreditation / Program	Date of Survey Visit	
Binangonan	Level II 1. Doctor in Business Administration 2. Master in Business Administration Master in Management Level III Bachelor of Science in Information System	March 2-6, 2021	
Rodriguez	 Bachelor of Elementary Education Bachelor of Secondary Education BS in Business Administration BS in Community Development BS in Social Work BS in Office Administration Master in Public Administration Master of Arts in Education Master of Arts in Teaching 	April 5-9, 2021	
Taytay	BS in Nursing Bachelor of Elementary Education Bachelor of Secondary Education	April 5-9, 2021	

LIBRARY SERVICES WELCOMES NEW PERSONNEL

Analyn M. Tanawan

The staff. the books, and the readers make up the fundamental trinity of a library. The success of a library largely depends upon the persons who are responsible for the effective use of a good collection of books in the hands of the readers. A library having good collections cannot render the best services to its readers without efficient and trained personnel. The University of Rizal System employs the new personnel to aid in the delivery of library services and strengthen the unit's workforce.



Ms. Charlyn T. Jamuyot is a product of URS. She is a graduate of Bachelor of Science in Information Technology at URS Taytay. She is assigned as library staff in URS Angono and took office on October 28, 2021.



Ms. Maria Adal V. Quitasol is an educator, a graduate of Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education major in Guidance and Counselling in Siena College. She has 18 units in Master in Management at URS Binangonan. At present, she is assigned as li-

brary staff in URS Binangonan and took office on December 6, 2021.



Another product of URS is Ms. Britt Marie J. Luna, a graduate of Bachelor of Science in Information Technology at URS Binangonan and assigned as IT staff in URS Cardona. She took office on August 10, 2021.



Mr. Moises SP. Supilanas, a graduate of IT vocational course in Philippine Technological Institute of Science Arts and Trade. He was first assigned to General Services Section and transferred to Morong Library as IT staff last August 2021.

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Another graduate of URS is Mr. Arman J. Basbas. He is a graduate of Bachelor of Science in Information Technology at URS Antipolo and he is assigned as IT staff on the same campus. He attended various seminars about his area of specialization and took office on December 6, 2021.



Michael Soria Teope, is a graduate of Jose Rizal University and has Master's Degree in Master of Arts in Teaching major in Information Technology Education. He is assigned as the University Library IT staff. He attended various seminars about Information

Technology and took office on October 21, 2021.

URS Cardona FITS Kiosk

Britt Marie J. Luna



In support with the government program to ensure the availability of affordable agricultural products to every Filipino household, this campus is committed to rural agricultural workers to utilize URS — Cardona Library as Farmers' Information and Technology Ser-

vices (FITS) Kiosk under Techno Gabay Program of Agricultural Training Institute of the Department of Agriculture purposely to help farmers and interested individuals. December 1, 2021 when FITS Kiosk was launched and unveiled the program via video conference in URS Cardona Library. Letter of Agreement was also executed between URS and Agricultural Training Institute represented by Dr. Juan O. Abarro, URS Cardona Campus Director.



Dr. Fe Esperanza T. Mateo, URS Director for Extension Service, Dr. Marites M. Rio, URS Vice President for RDEP, Dr. Nancy T. Pascual, URS President, and Marites Piamonte-Cosico, ATI Center Director. ATI then provided the initial materials (wooden cabinet, printer, tablet, office supplies, and billboard) needed for the kiosk.

Barangay Officials in mainland and island-barangays were eventually invited to disseminate the program to their constituents presently engaged in farming and fishing business. Some respondents, especially entrepreneurs, urged the government the modernization of the country's agriculture sector and its effective management of food supply, especially during the off-harvest season.

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