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Webinar Collaboration with PNULISSA on Enhancing Indigenous Knowledge Management: Cataloguing Practices in Different Languages in Koha

By: Anna Gefreliz P. Erpelo

The URS Library Services Unit and RDEP-Extension Services Unit in partnership with the Philippine Normal University Library and Information Science Alumni Association (PNULISAA), successfully conducted OUTREACH 4, Session 4 on May 20, 2025 via virtual platform with 1,927 participants. The webinar has been granted 8 CPD units for Librarians. Outreach 4 theme is "Patuloy na Pagpapayaman ng Kaalaman at Kasanayan Tungo sa Higit na Maunlad na Pamayanan," and Session 4 focused on strengthening indigenous knowledge management through digital libraries and multilingual cataloging practices in Koha. This webinar invited Mr. Manuel S. Tamayao, a Librarian at the Summer Institute of Linguistics to give the in-depth lecture-discussion of the aforementioned topic. This virtual event opened with messages from URS leaders, namely Dr. Marites M. Rio, VP for RDEP, Dr. Allan E. Conde, VP for Academic Affairs, and the University President Dr. Nancy T. Pascual. They emphasized that indigenous knowledge is not only cultural heritage but also wisdom that deserves preservation and celebration. Furthermore, their remarks underscored the importance of inclusivity, innovation, and collaboration in library services. The rationale and objectives for this event was delivered by the President of PNULISAA, Ms. Maylene L. Mallari.

The lecture-discussion of Mr. Tamayao highlighted Koha's multilingual capabilities, and demonstrates cataloging techniques for indigenous materials. He also discussed metadata challenges for these resources, and he stressed the collaboration among librarians and researchers. Mr. Tamayao introduced Koha as an open-source integrated library system that offers flexibility, customization, and support for diverse scripts, making it ideal for cataloging indigenous resources. Aside from slide presentations, Mr. Tamayao enriched the lecture with Demonstrations: Practical workflows that showed how indigenous texts can be accurately cataloged and retrieved using Koha's features. However, Mr. Tamayao explained that there were certain challenges such as metadata gaps, classification issues, and the need for librarian training. The program concluded with a workshop and output submission, reinforcing that indigenous knowledge matters, language diversity matters, and technology—when guided by respect and inclusivity—can empower communities. As Dr. Pascual aptly noted, "Behind every data field lies a story, a community, and a worldview." Likewise the closing remarks of Dr. Fe Esperanza T. Mateo, Director of Extension Services expressed her gratitude to the resource speaker and the participants in appreciating this endeavor and wished that this activity may catapult towards a more progressive society.



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URS Library Services Unit Celebrates the 91st National Book Week

By: Sheila E. Raguine

Reading plays a vital role in everyday life, serving as a foundation for learning, critical thinking, and personal development. In recognition of its importance, the University of Rizal System Library Services Unit continuously promotes and nurtures a culture of reading among students and the entire academic community.

The Library Services Unit remains committed in delivering efficient and high- quality services. It actively provides a wide range of library resources, including books, journals, and other instructional materials, to support the academic, research, and teaching needs of the University.

In celebration of the 91st National Book Week, with the theme "**Tulay ang Pagbasa sa Bukas na Puno ng Pag-asa,**" held from November 24 to 28, 2025, the URS Library Unit organized a series of engaging and creative activities. These include the *Book Spine Inspirational Quotation / Poetry Contest*, and the *Book Face Challenge*, all of which encouraged active participation and showcased the creativity of the URS community especially the students.

The following are the winners of the said activities:

Book Face Challenge:

- *1st place:* Melrose Beatrice M. Aguirre of Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Taytay Campus
- *2nd place:* Margarette Paming of Bachelor of Technology & Livelihood Education from Taytay Campus
- *3rd place:* Yesha T. Manrique of Bachelor of Science in Information Technology from Cainta Campus

Book Spine Inspirational Quotation / Poetry Contest:

- *1st place :* Neil Tristan E. Gomez of Bachelor of Science in Biology from Cardona Campus
- *2nd place :* Anna Charisma D. Aragonos of Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Taytay Campus
- *3rd place :* Bea Gillian D. Vistal of Bachelor of Science in Information Technology from Binangonan Campus

Part of the celebration is the recognition and appreciation to students and faculty members who have demonstrated a strong commitment to utilizing library resources. Their continued support and patronage of the library resources and services are highly valued.

The following are the recognized students and faculty members as Top Library Users:

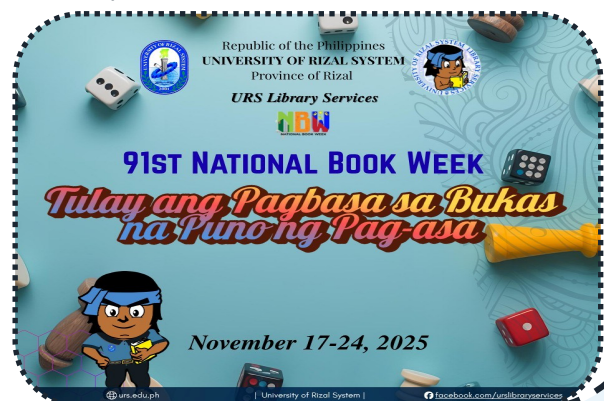
Faculty Category:

- Angono Campus – Prof. Dorcas S. Macapagal
- Antipolo Campus – Prof. Mylene T. Balagot
- Binangonan Campus – Prof. Arnel Pelante
- Cainta Campus – Prof. Donna DA. Salagan
- Cardona Campus – Prof. John Carlo L. Unida
- Morong Campus – Prof. Edmund B. Capuz
- Pililia Campus – Prof. Ivench Pugong
- Rodriguez Campus – Engr. Virginia R. Ubongen & Prof. Armando C. Cinco
- Tanay Campus – Dr. Elvira C. Prieto
- Taytay Campus – Prof. Chipperd Dela Cruz

Student Category:

- Angono Campus– Shyrille M. Labitag of Bachelor in Elementary Education
- Antipolo Campus – Amirah Manlapaz Savria of BSBA Major in Marketing Management
- Binangonan Campus – Jaybie Ken Benemile of BSBA Major in Financial Management & Andrea Mae Bongat of BSBA Marketing Management
- Cainta Campus – Christine May Q. Arat of Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
- Cardona Campus – Nicole Jane O. Nolasco of Bachelor of Science in Fisheries
- Morong Campus – Marc Ariel Palencia of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering & Diana Mae B. Solidor of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering
- Pililia Campus – Russel R. Sta. Ana of Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
- Rodriguez Campus – Leny Mosquida of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration & Russel Timothy Martin of BSE major in Social Studies
- Tanay Campus – Joan M. Galliguez of Bachelor of Arts in English Language Studies
- Taytay Campus – Jayson C. Torion of Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The URS National Book Week Activities served as a meaningful reminder that reading continues to be a powerful bridge toward knowledge, growth, and a future filled with hope.



URS Advances Academic Excellence Through CHED Program Evaluations

By: Julius N. Morales

The University of Rizal System underwent evaluation by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) to ensure its programs meet national standards. On March 11, 2025, the CHED Regional Quality Assessment Team (RQAT) conducted an on-site review of the BS in Agriculture and Biosystems Engineering (BSABE) at the URS Tanay Campus. The evaluation covered the curriculum, faculty, and facilities, with strong emphasis on the Library and Electronic Resource Center (ERC), which provide essential learning resources, research support, and digital services that enhance students' academic performance. In addition, CHED conducted a Virtual Monitoring and Evaluation on August 12, 2025, to ensure the BSABE program's continued compliance with Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC) standards.



At the University of Rizal System Taytay Campus, key developments were achieved for the BS Nursing program. The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) conducted an initial COPC evaluation on August 8, 2025, followed by a revisit on September 9, 2025, to check improvements and ensure quality standards. Throughout these evaluations, the Library played a vital role by providing updated medical references, research materials, and digital resources that support students and faculty in achieving strong academic and clinical outcomes.

Collection Development and other Improvement updates Infrastructure and Facilities upgrade

By: Cherry M. Damiles

Libraries are essential for promoting research, education, and community development in the quickly evolving information landscape of today.

Libraries must constantly improve their physical and digital infrastructures as well as their collections in order to stay current and productive.

Resource Acquisition:

Print Resources:

No. of Titles - 450

No. of Volumes - 1,678

E-Books:

No. of Titles - 163

No. of Volumes - 163

Donations:

- *The Ortigas Foundation, Inc.*, through its director Mr. John Silva, generously donated 10 boxes of books to the University of Rizal System Libraries.
- *The Banko Sentral ng Pilipinas* has generously donated 5,000 educational booklets and 11 posters to the libraries of the University of Rizal System.
- Journals were received from *DOST Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD)* and *Philippine Institute for Developmental Studies (PIDS)*
- Additional journals were received from *DOST thru Nutrinet*

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- Academic journals were also received from the Philippine Journal of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering.
- Additional academic journals were provided by the Department of Science and Technology.
- The URS Libraries will receive office supplies.
- The Antipolo and Rodriguez Campus Libraries will receive ergonomic executive chairs.
- Fifteen chairs were purchased for Pililla Campus.
- Seven swivel chairs were purchased for the Morong Campus.
- One locker cabinet and nine chairs were purchased for Tanay Campus.
- Purchasing three lockers for the Pililla Campus.

Facilities and Equipment Improvements

- Apart from enhancing its holdings, the library has modernized its spaces to make them more cozy, practical, and tech-friendly.
- Among these enhancements are:
- The installation of air conditioning on the Morong Campus.

The library's purpose to be a hub for knowledge, innovation, and lifelong learning is strengthened by these efforts.

University-Wide CHED Monitoring Visit for Facilities and Infrastructure

By: Britt Marie J. Luna & Mark John Ruiz

University of Rizal System Campuses Undergo Commission on Higher Education Inspection to Uphold Academic and Facility Standards

The Commission on Higher Education, through its Regional Office IV-A, conducted a two-day on-site inspection of facilities at the University of Rizal System on July 14 and 15, 2025, as part of its efforts to uphold standards in higher education.

The inspection team, composed of Commission staff from Regional Office IV-A assigned to evaluate the university's facilities, was led by **Engr. Loupel B. Gueta, Education Supervisor II**. The team reviewed key areas, including classrooms, laboratories, faculty rooms, university administration offices, and campus libraries.

Campus libraries, which serve as important centers for learning and research, providing students and faculty with access to books, digital resources, and quiet study areas, were inspected along with dormitories, guidance and counseling offices, gender and development offices, medical and dental clinics, and other student services. Sports facilities, multipurpose halls, canteens, sanitation facilities, security areas, and other student service spaces were also assessed to ensure compliance with safety and operational standards.

The assessment was conducted across several URS campuses on a scheduled basis, with university personnel and administrators showing full cooperation throughout the activity. The inspection is a crucial undertaking in maintaining the university's quality standards and identifying areas for improvement. The activity underscores the university's commitment to quality education and a safe learning environment.



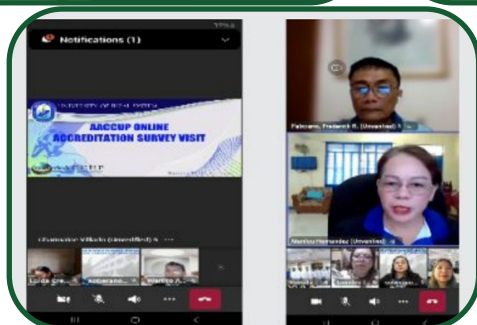
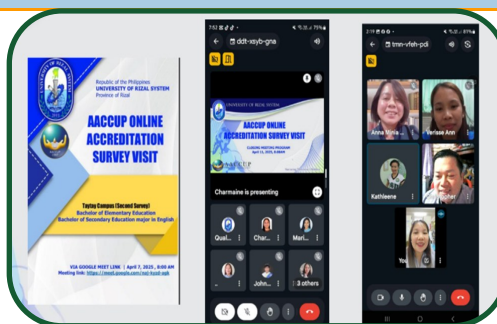
URS Library Services Subjected to Accreditation Visit

By: Aleili T. Bolire

Accreditation is a review process to determine if educational program meet defined standards of quality. Once achieved accreditation is not permanent , it is renewal periodically to ensure that the quality of the educational program is maintained, thus University of Rizal System submits itself to accreditation audits.

In the year 2025, there were five (5) campuses which under went Survey Visits by the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCUP). These were the following campuses and programs to wit:

Campus	Programs	Level	Date
Angono	Bachelor of Science in Tourism Bachelor of Fine Arts Major in Virtual Communication Programs	Level 3 – Phase 2	April 21 – 23,2025
Antipolo	Bachelor of Science in Tourism Management Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management Bachelor of Elementary Education	Level 3 – Phase 2 Level 3 – Phase 2	September 20 – 24,2025 November 10 – 12,2025
Binangonan	Bachelor of Science in Commerce Major in Accounting	Level 3 – Phase 2	November 10 – 12,2025
Morong	Bachelor of Science in Engineering Major in Computer Engineering	Level 3 – Phase 2	September 20 – 24,2025
Taytay	Bachelor of Elementary Education Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in English Bachelor of Science in Nursing	Level 2 Level 3 – Phase 2	April 7 – 8,2025 December 8-10,2025



URS Librarians attended PLAI congress 2025 at the City of Smile

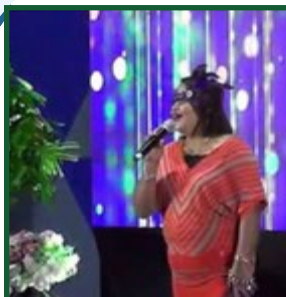
By: Edith N. Sedutan



Training is a structured process through which development professionals assist individuals in enhancing their job performance. In this context, the University Library Services unit recognizes the importance of continuous growth and professional development among its librarians. For the academic year 2025–2026, the URS institution has approved a range of training programs, conferences, and other professional development initiatives. These opportunities are designed to further strengthen the librarians' competencies and enhance the overall quality of services they provide. The 2025 Annual Congress of the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. was held at the SMX Convention Center in Bacolod City "The City of Smile", bringing together

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Library professionals from across the country for a five-day national conference. Representing the University of Rizal System (URS), six campus librarians various URS campuses actively participated in this significant event.

Leading the URS delegation was University Librarian and Pililla Campus Librarian Anna Minia Lourdes C. Martinez. She was joined by Aleili T. Bolire; Analyn M. Tanawan (Morong Campus); Sheila R. Raguine; (Antipolo Campus), Cherry M. Damiles; (Taytay campus), Anna Gefreliz P. Erpelo; (Tanay campus) and Edith N. Sedutan, a faculty member of the College of Education and Campus Librarian of Rodriguez.

In addition, a star among librarians shone brightly during the Librarians Got Talent 2025 held on November 25, 2025, as part of the PLAI Congress Fellowship Night and masquerade program. One of the events highlights is the performance of Prof. Edith N. Sedutan of the University of Rizal System – Rodriguez Campus proudly securing the 1st Runner-Up title, representing the Southern Tagalog Region Librarians Council.

She captivated the audience with a heartfelt rendition of the song “Kahit Sandali”, popularized by Jennylyn Mercado. Her powerful voice, poise, and stage presence lit up the venue, earning admiration from fellow librarians across the country. Her achievement not only brought pride to URS but also highlighted the creative talents of librarians, proving that beyond their vital role in information and knowledge management, they also shine in the performing arts.

Moreover, URS Librarian's participation demonstrates the university's strong commitment to advancing professional development and continually improving library services across its campuses.

Year-End Activity and Program Planning 2025

The University of Rizal System Library Services Unit has recently concluded its much-awaited Year-End Activity and Program Planning, a day of development and camaraderie, in the URS Morong Campus Library last December 22, 2025. The event opened formally with a solemn opening prayer and followed by opening remarks that highlighted the inspirational message of the Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA), who commended the librarians for their unyielding commitment to academic excellence and their significant role as information specialists to the university's research and instruction goals.

As the team moved on to the meeting proper, where they focused on the challenging task of program planning for the upcoming year. The session provided an opportunity for librarians and staff from various campuses to get their goals in line and strategize on how

to better serve the changing needs of the URS educating community. At the end of the meeting, a roadmap was set for the upcoming academic year, ensuring that the library is a modern and efficient hub for all students and faculty in the university.

The energy reached its peak during the afternoon activities, which were expertly facilitated by Mr. Jaypee Ramasasa and Ms. Emarie Melgar from the Binangonan Campus.

Their lively hosting and creative games encouraged team spirit and friendly competition among the personnel, making great use of the

library's spacious layout.

As the day ended, the activity was formally concluded with a heartfelt closing message from the University Librarian, Ma'am Anna Minia Lourdes C. Martinez. She expressed her deep gratitude for the team's hard work throughout the year, reinforcing the sense of unity and companionship within the Library Services Unit. After a final closing prayer, the personnel left the Morong campus and headed home with bright smiles and unforgettable memories, recharged and ready to face the challenges of the new year with renewed passion.



By: Jaypee A. Ramasasa & Emarie DC. Melgar

Promotion of Library Personnel and Newly Employed Personnel

By: Moises S.P Supilanas & Rayli P. Martin

URS Library Services Celebrates Growth and New Faces.

The University of Rizal System (URS) Library Services continues to strengthen its team and enhance its commitment to excellence with recent promotions and new appointments across its campuses. These changes highlight the dedication, expertise, and fresh energy that drive the library's mission to support the academic community.

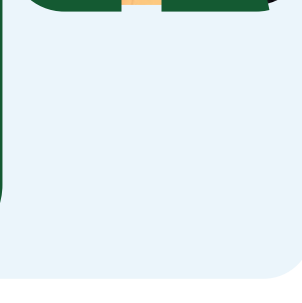
Promotions were granted to several deserving staff members. Josefino A. Belano, Library Staff of Pililla Campus; Moises S.P. Supilanas, Library IT Staff of Morong Campus; Ma. Nessel DJ. Alejandro, Former Library Staff of Morong Campus; Rayli P. Martin, Library Staff of Morong Campus; and Rhealyn R. Nimmer, Library In-Charge of Cainta Campus, have all been designated as Administrative Aide III (Clerk I).

Meanwhile, Britt Marie J. Luna has been promoted to Administrative Aide IV (Clerk II) and has

assumed a new role within the University of Rizal System (URS), recognizing her continued dedication and professional growth.

URS Library Services also welcomes its newest personnel, who bring fresh perspectives and renewed enthusiasm to the team. At Angono Campus, Joseph Jr. Morales Gipan joins as Campus Librarian, with Divine Grace P. Villaroste joining as Library Staff. Binangonan Campus, welcomes Jaypee A. Ramasasa, who recently received a promotion to Instructor I, serving as Campus Librarian, alongside Emarie D.C. Melgar as Library Staff. Meanwhile, MarkJohn Ruiz strengthens the Cardona Campus team as Library Staff.

These personnel developments reinforce URS Library Services' commitment to providing high-quality support and innovative services, ensuring that students, faculty, and staff continue to benefit from a well-equipped and professional library workforce.



INSET: Enhancing Koha Capabilities

By: Analyn M. Tanawan

The University of Rizal System (URS) Library Services once again demonstrated its strong commitment to professional development and service quality through the successful conduct of its In-Service Training titled “Enhancing Koha Capabilities” on October 16, 2025, at the URS Morong Library.

The activity gathered library personnel in a collaborative learning environment aimed at enhancing their technical skills in using the Koha Integrated Library System. This initiative forms part of the University’s ongoing efforts to modernize library services and improve access to information for the academic community.

One of the highlights of the training was the engaging session facilitated by Ms. Anna Gefreliz P. Erpelo, Campus Librarian of URS Tanay. As the resource speaker, she shared her expertise and practical insights on optimizing Koha’s features and functionalities. Her discussion equipped participants with effective strategies for improving cataloging, circulation, and overall system management.

Through this initiative, URS Library Services reaffirmed its dedication to innovation and continuous enhancement of library operations. By strengthening the



competencies of its librarians, the University ensures that its services remain relevant and responsive to the evolving needs of its users.

The training also aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 4: Quality Education and SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure. By fostering lifelong learning, embracing technological advancements, and improving information services, the activity contributes to a more knowledgeable and empowered academic community.

As URS continues to prioritize professional growth, initiatives like this reflect its commitment to providing inclusive, innovative, and high-quality library services for all.

Renewal of Institutional Membership with PAARL and new membership with ASLP

The University of Rizal System continues to strengthen its commitment to academic excellence and library development through its active participation in professional library organizations in the Philippines. In 2025, the university marked two significant milestones: the renewal of its institutional membership with the Philippine Association of Academic/Research Librarians, Inc. (PAARL), and its new institutional membership with the Association of Special Libraries of the Philippines (ASLP).

On October 23, 2025, in Manila, URS formally renewed its institutional membership with PAARL. This renewal underscores the University’s continued dedication to fostering collaboration among academic and research libraries, enhancing information services, and keeping abreast of current trends and innovations in librarianship. Through PAARL, URS librarians gain access to professional development programs, conferences, and a network of experts that contribute to the improvement of library services and support for teaching, learning, and research.

Earlier in the year, on July 21, 2025, URS also secured a new institutional membership with ASLP for the period of January to December 2025.

This strategic move expands the University’s engagement beyond academic libraries into the broader sphere of special libraries, including those in government agencies, private institutions, and research organizations. Membership in ASLP provides URS with valuable opportunities to exchange knowledge, adopt best practices, and explore specialized information services that cater to diverse user needs.

These initiatives reflect URS’s proactive approach to professional engagement and continuous improvement. By maintaining strong ties with both PAARL and ASLP, the university reinforces its role as a dynamic academic institution committed to advancing library services and supporting the evolving information landscape in the Philippines.

Overall, the renewal and new membership highlight URS’s dedication to excellence, collaboration, and innovation in library and information science, ensuring that its academic community benefits from high-quality resources and services aligned with national and global standards.

By: Joseph M. Gipan, Jr. & Divine Grace P. Villaroste

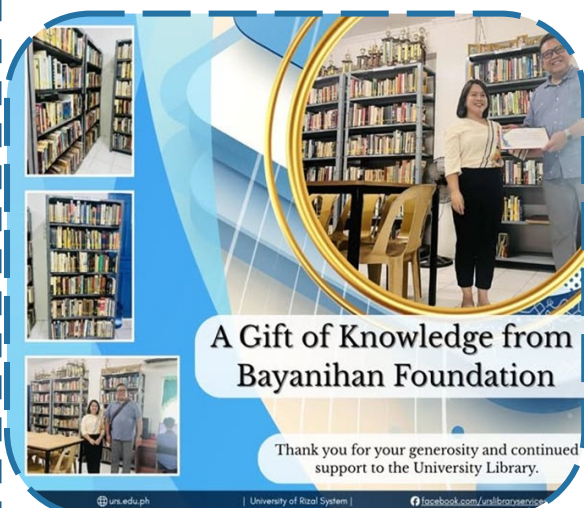
Strengthening partnership: Donations for the Bayanihan Foundation, Ortigas Foundation, and BSP

By: Verisse Ann B. Salcedo & Josefino A. Belano

The University of Rizal System Library Services continues to strengthen meaningful partnerships with organizations dedicated to promoting literacy, lifelong learning, and access to quality education. Through the generous support of the Bayanihan Foundation, Ortigas Foundation Inc., and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, the library has significantly enriched its collection of learning resources for students, faculty, and researchers.

These donations are aligned with national laws, the **Republic Act No 7743**, which emphasizes the establishment, development, promotion of education, and enhancement of libraries to ensure access to information for all students, faculty, and researchers.

Bayanihan Foundation is a Philippine non-profit organization dedicated to community development, literacy programs, and education initiatives. It supports projects and enhances access to learning resources, and promotes lifelong learning across the country. The Bayanihan Foundation, led by Mr. Dale T. Asis, the president and founder, donated books to the University of Rizal System Library Services on October 27, 2025, at the Ortigas Foundation Library received by the University Head Librarian, Mrs. Anna Minia Lourdes C. Martinez.



Ortigas Foundation Inc a non-profit organization established in 1996 to promote a cultural and educational foundation in the Philippines, is committed to preserving knowledge, supporting education, and promoting reading and research among students. Similarly, the Ortigas Foundation, led by **Mr. John Silva**, the executive director, donated 10 boxes of books to the University of Rizal System Libraries on October 30, 2025, at the Ortigas Foundation Library, which was received by the *University Head Librarian*, **Mrs. Anna Minia Lourdes C. Martinez**



Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) is the central bank of the Philippines, established on July 3, 1993, to maintain price stability, promote financial stability, and ensure a safe and efficient payments system. It serves as the country's monetary authority,

supervising banks and issuing currency to support sustainable economic growth, education, and financial literacy initiatives for students and the general public. Additionally, donated 5,000 educational booklets and 11 posters to the libraries of the University of Rizal System, which was received by Mr. Juluis Morales, staff of the URS Tanay Campus Library.



These partnerships demonstrate the power of collaboration in achieving shared educational goals. By working together, these institutions help build a stronger foundation for learning, research, and community development. The University of Rizal System Library services extend their sincere gratitude to all partner organizations for their continued support and dedication to empowering learners through knowledge. Which is in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4: Quality Education.

Project READ Phase 3 Bags Award at 2025 RDEP Congress

By: Anna Minia Lourdes C. Martinez

The University of Rizal System's extension initiative, Project READ: Raising Enthusiastic and Active Dwellers Phase 3, earned distinction after securing 3rd Place in the Best E- poster category during the 19th RDEP Congress on April 19, 2025.

Project READ was designed to nurture a love for reading among the residents of Pililla, Rizal. Inspired by the DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) concept and bibliotherapy, the program addresses the country's challenges in reading comprehension as highlighted by international assessments. It also supports the establishment of barangay reading centers in line with RA 7743.

The project conducted weekly reading sessions for Grade 3 to Grade 6 learners identified as struggling readers. Activities included storytelling, role-playing, book discussions, and spelling and vocabulary drills. These were facilitated by the extension team, with the support of 49 Student Reading Volunteers from the AB English Language Studies program.

The program was implemented in collaboration with barangay leaders and local schools in Bagumbayan, Pililla, who assisted in identifying at-risk learners. It also laid the groundwork for the establishment of a community library and reading centers.

The program has Impressive Outcomes with significant improvement in literacy, with Filipino reading scores increased by 56.79% and English reading scores improved by 66.77%. Evaluation results yielded an overall rating of 4.95 (Outstanding), with high marks in planning, partnerships, and implementation.

This recognition at the RDEP Congress highlights the dedication of the team led by Prof. Keith D. Cruz, together with co-extensionists Dr. Jocelyn L. Gagalang, Dr. Mark Ray P. Sioson, and University Librarian Ms. Anna Minia Lourdes C. Martinez. Their collaborative efforts demonstrate the vital role of academic leaders and librarians in promoting literacy and strengthening community engagement.



Delivery of Library Services (Online and Onsite)

By: Rhealyn R. Nimer

The Delivery of Library Services make information more accessible and convenient. Users can search for materials, read e-books, and access databases anytime and anywhere. This is particularly helpful for students, researchers, and professionals who may not have the time or ability to visit the library in person. Online services also support distance learning and remote access to educational resources.

In today's fast-changing world, libraries are evolving to better serve our clients by offering both onsite and online services. This blended approach ensures that users can access information conveniently, whether they prefer visiting the library in person or exploring our online services, which are designed to bring the library to you. Through our Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC), users can easily search for available materials anytime. We also offer access to e-books, e-journals, and digital databases to support your academic and personal learning needs. Need help? Our virtual reference service allows you to connect with a librarian via email or chat for assistance.



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A Decade of Commitment: URS Librarians Recognized at 20th URS PRAISE Awards

A decade of dedicated service is a milestone worth celebrating, and the quiet strength that sustains the library services. **Ms. Sheila E. Raguine (Antipolo Campus Librarian)**, **Prof. Edith N. Sedutan (Rodriguez Campus Librarian)**, and **Mrs. Anna Gefreliz P. Erpelo (Tanay Campus Librarian)** were included in the roster of 10-years in service awardees of the *20th University PRAISE Awards with the theme "Bawat Kawani, Lingkod Bayani: Puso, Dangal, at Galing Para sa Bayan."* It was held on October 3, 2025 at Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez Tanghalang Sining (EARTS), URS Morong Campus. Each of them received plaques of recognition and cash incentives for the ten years of service they have rendered to the University.

During the PRAISE program, the speakers stressed the importance of commitment to the public service and extending their time and effort in pursuit of excellence and genuine concern for the growth of the University and most specially the students it serves. The years of hard work of these dedicated campus librarians strengthens not only the library community but also the broader mission of nurturing inclusive, lifelong learning for the academic community of URS and for tomorrow's noblest.



By: Anna Gefreliz P. Erpelo

University Librarian @ PASUC Midterm Convention & C&E ALS EdConnect

By: Anna Minia Lourdes C. Martinez

Ms. Anna Minia Lourdes C. Martinez, University Librarian of the University of Rizal System, actively participated in two significant national events that highlight innovation, collaboration, and leadership in education.

Ms. Martinez attended the **C&E ALS EdConnect: the 17th CE-Logic National Conference and 1st EdTech Summit**, held from June 26 to 27, 2025, at Seda Vertis North, Quezon City. The conference gathered educators, academic leaders, and technology advocates from across the country to explore emerging trends in educational technology, alternative learning systems, and digital transformation in teaching and learning. The event featured plenary sessions, workshops, and exhibits showcasing innovative tools and strategies aimed at enhancing learner engagement and academic delivery in the digital age.



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In addition, Mrs. Martinez participated in the 2025 PASUC Midterm Convention and General Assembly on July 9-11, 2025 at SMX Convention Center, a major gathering of state universities and colleges across the Philippines. The convention served as a platform for institutional leaders and administrators to discuss key developments in higher education, share best practices, and strengthen collaboration among SUCs. It also addressed policy directions, governance, and strategic initiatives to further improve the quality of tertiary education in the country.

Through her participation in these events, Ms. Martinez continues to strengthen the University of Rizal System's commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and responsive library and information services. Her engagement reflects the vital role of librarians in supporting institutional development, advancing digital learning, and fostering partnerships



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This initiative not only advances the University's mission of nurturing tomorrow's noblest but also aligns with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 11 (Sustainable Communities), by ensuring equitable access to knowledge and cultural preservation.

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