Assessment of the De La Salle University-Manila Library’s Filipiniana Collection

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The mission of the Filipiniana Section is to support the needs of the academic community in line with the institution’s academic programs and to develop cultural awareness and appreciation and to collect and preserve Filipiniana materials. The section is part of the Readers’ Services Unit, which provides Philippine materials to users by selecting, acquiring, organizing and preserving its collection.

The following are considered Filipiniana materials and therefore form part of the Filipiniana Collection:

- All book publications about the Philippines, its people and culture regardless of author, imprint and language.
- Generally works written by Filipinos except:
  - Works by De La Salle University faculty, administrators, and students which are relegated to the Archives like theses and dissertations, faculty or university publications, La Sallian materials and the like.
  - Works and other original research studies treating on universally accepted knowledge such as chemistry, mathematics, physics, biology, etc.
  - Books written in Pilipino or other Filipino languages, and the vernacular (local dialects).
  - Philippine government publications and yearbooks, except publications by Philippine corporate bodies the subject matter of which does not have anything to do with the Philippines.
  - Publications containing substantial portions or chapters regarding the Philippines (publications with only a

GSB Libraries Now Under the DLSU-M Library

With the re-integration of the Graduate School of Business to the De La Salle University, the two (2) GSB libraries (located at the 5th floor of the RCBC Plaza Building along Ayala corner Buendia Avenue in Makati City and at the La Salle Greenhills, Mandaluyong City), serving as resource centers for the extension programs of DLSU-Manila Graduate School of Business are now under the administration of the University Library. About 5,000 volumes of books owned by the former De La Salle Professional Schools-Ramon V. Del Rosario Graduate School of Business were turned over to the University Library. These books are now being re-cataloged.
The IEEE Xplore Electronic Library (IEL) Database

The IEL Digital Library provides access to almost a third of the world's current electrical engineering and computer science literature, featuring high-quality content from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and the Institution of Engineering and Technology. IEL Electronic Library is accessible in and off campus for 15 simultaneous users via http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/Xplore/dynhome.jsp. The following are now accessible in the said database:

- IEEE journals, transactions, letters, and magazines from 1988 with select content back to 1913
- IEEE conference proceedings from 1988 with select content back to 1953
- IEEE standards from 1948
- IET journals, letters, and magazines from 1988 with select content back to 1965
- IET conference proceedings from 1988
- IEEE books from 1974

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- Botnets
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- Data Preparation for Data Mining Using SAS
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- Developer's Guide to Web Application Security
- Developing Practical Wireless Applications
- Effective Prototyping for Software Makers
- Essential Computer Security
- FastSOA
- Java Data Mining
- Joe Celko's SQL Puzzles and Answers (Second Edition)
- Linksys WRT54G Ultimate Hacking
- Metasploit Toolkit for Penetration Testing, Exploit Development, and Vulnerability Research
- Modelling in Transport Phenomena
- Network Analysis, Architecture, and Design (3)
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- Syngress Force Emerging Threat Analysis
- System Level Design with Rosetta
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- WarDriving and Wireless Penetration Testing
- Wireshark & Ethereal Network Protocol Analyzer Toolkit
- Small portion or a chapter on the Philippines are not considered Filipiniana, but analytics are provided for that portion or chapter.

Works dealing with the application of scientific thought and methodology to Philippine and local needs and circumstances.

The Filipiniana Section collects materials in different formats and maintains special collections such as:

1. Bitanga-Valeros collection - a collection of antique pieces of Ilocano furniture, religious images, silver and glass wares and numismatics, belonging to the family of the donor’s heirloom, Dr. Teresa Bitanga-Valeros of Sarrat Ilocos Norte.

2. Books and Reference sources - covers a wide range of books and reference sources such as: almanacs and yearbooks; bibliographies and indexes; biographical sources, directories of institutions, trade and business, associations and foundations; directories of major local dialects; encyclopedias; travel guides, etc.

3. CD-ROM Collection - consist of rare titles of books from Ambeth Ocampo’s collection and from the original member libraries of the South Manila Inter-Institutional Consortium (formerly Inter-Institutional Consortium) namely, St. Paul University-Manila, Philippine Christian University, Philippine Normal University, St. Scholastica’s College and DLSU. There are also current titles on history, theatre, culture, arts, statistics, social sciences, Philippine politics and government, etc.
4. International Corpus of English-Filipino Component (ICEPH)-a rich mine of data for sociolinguistics, linguistics and discourse analysis of the English language used by educated Filipinos. It began in early 1990 as a research project of Dr. Ma. Lourdes Bautista. The purpose of collecting the corpus is primarily to establish a databank of materials available for the analysis of Philippine English. The collection is exclusively for the use of the faculty from the Department of English and Applied Linguistics.

5. Literary History of the Philippine collection of Regional Literature (LIHIP) - a compilation of anthologies in different genres like novels, essays, poetry, short stories, etc. focusing on Philippine literature of the regions representing the major languages of the country.

6. Lopez-Bautug collection - materials used and written by Dr. Jose Rizal deposited by his grandnieces to De La Salle University Library on June 19, 1987.


8. Map collection - composed of economic, geographical, historical, political, regional, and topographical maps and atlases.

9. Preservation File - consists of original copies of Filipiniana books with authors’ signature and dedication and preservation copies of selected Filipiniana materials.

10. Rare Books - include early imprint books; irreplaceable, fragile in physical makeup but highly valuable for research.

11. Rare Vertical File - rare ephemeral materials on various topics.

12. Rizaliana collection - books and periodical articles about Rizal and his writings.

In line with the continuing effort of the DLSU-M library to upgrade the collection, particularly the Filipiniana collection, the need to assess the present Filipiniana holdings in order to determine its strengths and weaknesses was felt. Hence, this study was undertaken to:

1. Present a profile of the Filipiniana holdings.
2. Assess the quantity and quality of the book collection in terms of distribution, strength, weakness, age, value, and use.

Methodology

The descriptive-evaluative method was employed in assessing the Filipiniana collection where pertinent data were collected and collated using the Milennium library system. Manual information reporting system logging usage by type of materials and the data for the budget performance report were also used in gathering data for Filipiniana holdings.

To check the quality of the collection, list checking method was used. Since there is no authoritative list published for Filipiniana materials, the researcher used the lists from the Manila Critics Circle as the “standard” tool to match with the titles available in the De La Salle University Library Filipiniana holdings. This method will help ascertain the size and scope of the collection and may serve as a guide in determining what should be added to the collection.

Summary of Findings:

Results of the study revealed the following:

1. As of December 2006, the Filipiniana collection has a total of 19,759 titles of books with 49,182 volumes.
2. The Filipiniana collection comprises materials in 4 different types/forms such as audiovisual materials, books, periodicals and vertical files.
3. Twenty five percent (25%) of the Filipiniana collections were published from 1990-1999.
4. The Filipiniana collection is strong in Philippine History, with 8,102 volumes or (17%) and weak in Astronomy with six 6 volumes or (.012%)
5. Although there was a decrease of 27% to 38% in the allocation of library budget for the Filipiniana Section from SY 2003-2004 until SY 2005-2006 the total amount spent for buying Filipiniana books increased by 26% to 44% from SY 2003-2004 until SY 2005-2006 due to the incurred overdraft of 38% from SY 2003-2004; 30% from SY 2004-2005; and 31% from SY 2005-2006 in the actual expenses.
6. There was a decrease of 31% to 36% in the number of titles being purchased every year.
7. Only 720 volumes were purchased in SY 2004–2005 due to the high cost of books as compared to the purchases made in SY 2003–2004 logging a difference of Php231.00 per volume.
8. Philippine History which has the most number of collection also got the most number of usage, with 7,510 usage or 15%.
9. There was a decrease of 3% from SY 2004-2005 to SY 2005-2006 in the number of usage which may be attributed to the implementation of longer loan period to students (2 weeks) and faculty (100 days) and the availability of online resources in and off campus, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
10. Ninety two percent (92%) of the book titles awarded by the Manila Critics Circle are available at the Filipiniana collection.

Conclusion:

1. The De La Salle University-Manila Library has a rich collection of Filipiniana materials.
2. Special collection materials found at the Filipiniana Section are not being utilized to the fullest.
4. The budget allotted for the purchase of Filipiniana materials is not sufficient to support the development of the Filipiniana collection.
5. The selection of Filipiniana materials is based on the needs of the academic community.
6. Longer borrowing periods resulted to decrease in the number of usage.
7. In terms of quality, the DLSU-Filpiniana collection is at par with the Manila Critic Circle’s lists.

Recommendations:

1. Catalog/classify/index special collection materials at the Filipiniana collection in order to provide access and maximize its use.
2. Acquire/purchase Filipiniana materials that are available in different institutions, centers, bookstores, and presses for a more...
and reclassified and will soon be made available to the patrons of the 2 GSB libraries.

The GSB-RCBC Library has, at present, 967 volumes of books and can accommodate 70 students at a time and is manned by 2 professional librarians and 1 library clerk. It is open from 12:30 pm to 8:30 pm during weekdays and from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm during Saturdays. The Library is fully automated and has six (6) computer units, all with Internet facilities and access to online databases such as Business Source Complete, Emerald, Proquest, JSTOR, ScienceDirect, etc. Access to LexLibris as well as Reuters (a PLC news agency that provides access to FX, bond and equity prices, etc. as well as news information via terminals or systems) is also made available to library patrons. OPAC terminals are also available for easy access to the collection.

On the other hand, the GSB-LSGH Library has a total collection of 974 volumes of reference and circulation books. It is open from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm during weekdays and 8:30 am to 3:30 pm during Saturdays. The reading area has a seating capacity of 76. To provide access to online databases, the library has Wi-Fi and a computing facility called the Cyberquest with 14 dedicated computer terminals for Internet searching, CD-ROM retrieval, e-mail, and Microsoft Office applications in support of the research needs of GSB faculty and students. Presently, the library is manned by one professional librarian.

All policies of the DLSU-Manila Library apply to both GSB libraries.

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3. Find ways to increase the budget for the purchase of Filipiniana materials by at least thirty to fifty percent to ensure continuous development of the Filipiniana collection.

4. Identify records of the five (5) titles of books with no call number and do the necessary correction/revision.

5. Do a more comprehensive follow-up assessment of the collection to include statistics of room usage as well as reserve usage of Filipiniana materials. Devise a system that will effectively capture the usage of special materials like ICEPH, LIHIP, Lopez-Bantug collection, Maps and Vertical Files so as to determine the extent of its usage and be included in the follow-up assessment.

6. Acquire the remaining titles not available in the DLSU Library that were listed in the Manila Critic Circle’s list.

7. Conduct a follow up assessment of the collection using other standard lists for Filipiniana collections or benchmark the Filipiniana collection with other big libraries to find out the comprehensiveness of the collection.

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man. HB73 .W57 2006.3rd floor, Circulation.


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The economics of organizations and strategy. Sean Rickard. HD70.G7 R54 2006.3rd floor, Circulation.


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The international trading system, globalization, and history. Edited by Kevin O’Rourke. HF1379 .I595 2005.3rd floor, Circulation.


Six sigma pricing : improving pricing operations to increase profits. ManMohan S. Sodhi and Navdeep Sodhi. HF5416.5 .S64 2008.3rd floor, Circulation.


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  - The view from Taft. Integrity is a choice

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  - Breaking signs. Incurably romantic
  - Breaking signs. The journeying years
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  - Breaking signs. The way we live

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  - Framework. Management gurus
  - Framework. Management, civilization

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  - Book review. Chen and Manahan
  - Book review. Kapoor and Villa
  - Book review. Sanchez & Mojares
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  - A project feasibility study of franchising Orange

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  - Woodcock-Johnson psycho-educational battery--III test

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