**Philippine Literary Works Index Database at DLSU Library: an Assessment**

by Annabelle F. Aliwalas

The **LINDEX** or **Philippine Literary Works Index** database is intended to be used as a guide to Philippine literary works. It covers literary works in all genres such as poetry, short stories, novels, dramas, etc. and biographies of Filipino writers taken from Filpiniana books. It was planned and compiled in 1990 by Ms. Lilia Abad-Simon-ton, the then Head of the Readers’ Service Unit. The database initially ran using the CDS/ISIS software but a hard copy of the index came out in March 1993. In 2005, the LINDEX database was uploaded to the Millennium Integrated Library System and as of 1st term of SY 2007-2008, it contains 28,424 entries taken from 918 titles of Filipiniana literary books.

With the turn-over of librarians and staff at the Filipiniana Section, the section responsible for the indexing of Philippine literary works, monitoring of the quality of indexing output produced was set aside causing indexing errors to multiply. In an effort to produce a clean, accurate, and reliable database, an assessment of the Philippine Literary Works Index Database was undertaken. The study aimed to seek answers to the following questions:

1. What is the quality of LINDEX database in terms of data elements, i.e., author and title entries, source, citation, genre, language, capitalization, punctuation, spelling, MARC tags, and MARC indicators?
2. What are the problems encountered by the indexer in indexing literary works?
3. What solutions may be proposed to have a clean, accurate, and reliable database?

**Methodology**

This study used the systematic sampling whereby every 70th record of the total 28,424 records had been included in the sample.

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The Philippine Librarians Association, Inc.-National Capital Region Librarians Council (PLAI-NCR LC) together with the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and Committee on Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE) sponsored a conference on Information Access: Internet and Libraries held on July 23-25, 2008 at City Garden Suites, A. Mabini St., Manila.

The objectives of the seminar were: a) to update participants on IFLA activities and plans; b) to discuss the provisions of the Internet Manifesto and the strategies on how to implement it; c) to identify barriers to the flow of information and ways of overcoming; and d) to underscore the role of libraries in promoting free access to information and freedom of expression through the Internet.

Dr. Florangel Rosario-Braid, Chair, Communications Committee of the UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines delivered the keynote address during the first day of the seminar. The next two sessions were presented by Dr. Stuart Hamilton, IFLA Senior Policy Advisor, and Professor Paul Sturges, Chair of IFLA-FAIFE, who discussed the strategies on how to implement it; d) to underscore the role of libraries in promoting free access to information and freedom of expression through the Internet.

Cordova, W. Frias and other participants with Hon. Adel Tamano

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is 400, the researcher used the Sloven’s formula.

To assess the Lindex database the following procedures were followed:

a. Books/sources of entries were matched against their corresponding bibliographic records in the book database.
b. Entries such as author, title, source citation (including physical description/pagination), genre, and language were checked against actual books/sources to determine accuracy/quality in terms of capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and use of MARC tags and MARC indicators.
c. Title entries

Only 36 (9%) titles out of 400 were incorrect; majority of the errors were shortened titles meaning subtitles were not indicated on the record. There were also 81 title entries that were not supposed to be indexed and included in the database because these were only titles of chapters of a book.
d. Citation

For the call numbers, 12 (3%) out of 400 had been edited/corrected because titles of the sources were inconsistent with the corresponding title entries in the book database. There were even 37 titles in the Lindex database wherein the source and author were incorrect. When these titles were double checked against the source or the book, it was found out that the particular titles do not exist at all. When these titles were again checked under the authors’ names, the title entries also did not appear on the list of works of the particular author.

Results of the Study

Extent of errors edited and corrected on the following entries were as follows (refer to table 1 on page 3):

a. Author entries

Out of 400 entries, 151 (38%) were edited due to wrong author entries. Common mistakes were the following: authors’ names not inverted; middle initials not indicated although found on the source; birth/death dates not indicated; variant forms of author’s names which do not match with the established entry/form in the book database.
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c. Source

For the source, 94 (24%) out of 400 records had been edited/corrected because titles of the sources were inconsistent with the corresponding title entries in the book database. There were even 37 titles in the Lindex database wherein the source and author were incorrect. When these titles were double checked against the source or the book, it was found out that the particular titles do not exist at all. When these titles were again checked under the authors’ names, the title entries also did not appear on the list of works of the particular author.

d. Citation

For the call numbers, 12 (3%) out of 400 had been edited/corrected. Difficulty in searching for 2 books was encountered because the call numbers
Table 1
Frequency of Errors Edited/Corrected

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<td>Title</td>
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<td>Source</td>
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<td>18</td>
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<td>MARC Tags</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>2%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MARC Indicators</td>
<td>391</td>
<td>98%</td>
</tr>
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</table>

ii. Pagination

For the pages, 219 or 55% of the 400 records or entries had been edited/corrected.

e. Genre

Only 13 (3%) out of the 400 records had been edited due to wrong genre.

f. Language

308 or 77% of the records had been edited/corrected because the languages in the fixed field areas have not been filled-up/provided.

g. Capitalization, Punctuation, Spelling and Spacing

Out of 400 records, there were 253 (63%) errors in terms of capitalization. For punctuation, 106 (27%) had been edited/corrected while only 16 (4%) records had been edited/corrected due to wrong spelling. For spacing, only 18 (5%) records had been edited.

h. MARC Tags and Indicators

Only 8 (2%) out of 400 entries were edited due to wrong MARC tags. However, for the indicators, 391 (98%) records had been edited, corrected and provided.

In general, results of the study revealed that the indexers needed training/familiarization with MARC standard and AACR2 to aid them in determining and establishing correct entries of data elements. Extra care in identifying and encoding the data should also be observed.

Conclusion

Based on the errors edited and corrected it appears that the main problem of the indexers is lack of knowledge/unfamiliarity with the MARC21 and AACR2 standards.

The results of the study also revealed that the quality of the Lindex database is poor since most of the entries do not meet the MARC21 and AACR2 standards.

Recommendations

Based on the conclusion, it is recommended that the entire database be edited making sure that the entries conform to both the MARC21 and AACR2 standards.

To have a clean, reliable, and accurate LINDEX database, the following are proposed:

a. Re-train the indexers on the use and application of MARC21 and AACR2 standards

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(BFL) of the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), which are as follows: Program 1: Organization, management and development and maintenance of multi-media based library or information service, laws, trends and practices affecting the profession; Program 2: Reference, Bibliography and Information Services; Program 3: selection and Acquisition of Multi-media Sources of Information; Program 4: Cataloging and Classification; Program 5: Indexing and Abstracting; and Program 6: Information Technology. The featured questions are current and emphasize the significance and application of IT systems that permeate the areas of library and information science. Added feature are thought-provoking questions on archival management and library functions and resources.

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**Librarians Attend PAARL Forum**

DLSU faculty librarians composed of Annabelle Aliwallas, Jocelyn Balangue, Purisima Fernando, Willian Frias and Vivian Soriente, attended the forum entitled *Reviewing Standards of Library Resources Management* sponsored by the Philippine Association of Academic and Research Librarians (PAARL) in cooperation with the Association of Booksellers for the Academe and the Professions (ABAP) on July 8, 2008, held at Mega Trade Hall 1, Megamall, Mandaluyong City.

Mrs. Elnora L. Conti, of the Board for Librarians was the resource speaker. Her talk discussed on the current issues and concerns of library and information managers specifically on developing and managing library resources following standards set by CHED and other accrediting agencies.

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-Faculty members of Burapha University: Dr. Siam Timsiri, Dr. Taweechai Sumranwanich, Dr. Tvsamsoon Rasmeemasmuang, Dr. Anake Chomvony

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1. **Books**

   **B – Philosophy**


   **BF – Psychology**

   The complete illustrated encyclopedia of symbols, signs & dream interpretation: identification and analysis of the visual vocabulary and secret language that shapes our thoughts and dreams and dictates our reactions to the world. Mark O’Connell, Raje Airey and Richard Craze. BF1091 . O36 2007. 2nd floor, Information-Reference.


   **BT – Doctrinal theology**


   **BX – Christian denominations**


   **DS – History. Asia**


E – History. America (General)


G – Atlases


GV – Dancing


HB – Economic theory

Foundations of economics. Robin Bade, Michael Parkin. HB171.5 B34 2007. 3rd floor, Circulation.


HC – Economic history and conditions


HD – Economic history and conditions. Industrial management. Production

Breakthrough business development : a 90-day plan to build your client base and take your business to the next level. Duncan MacPherson and David Miller. HD30.28 .M3546 2007. 2nd floor, Information-Reference.


Communicating as professionals. Terry Mohan ... [et al.]. HD30.3 .C64 2008. 3rd floor, Circulation.


The game plan : your guide to mental toughness at work. Steve Bull. HD38.2 .B84 2006. 2nd floor, Information-Reference.


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Organizational behavior and management. John M. Ivancevich, Robert Konopaske, Michael T. Matteson. HD58.7 I8 2008. 3rd floor, Circulation.

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HE – Transportation and communication


HF – Commerce


Managerial accounting : a focus on ethical decision making. Steve Jackson, Roby Sawyers ; contributing author, Greg Jenkins. HF5657.4 J33 2008. 3rd floor, Circulation.


Up your business! : 7 steps to fix, build, or stretch your organization. Dave Anderson ; foreword by John C. Maxwell. HF5549 .A45 2007. 2nd floor, Information-Reference.

HG – Finance


HQ – The family. Marriage. Woman


The girls' book : how to be the best at everything. written by Julianna Foster ; illustrated by Amanda Enright ; edited by Philippa Wingate ; designed by Zoe Quayle. HQ777 .F67 2007. Andrew Gonzalez Hall Library.


HT – Urban sociology


HV – Crimes and offenses


JF – Political science. Philippines


KD – Law of the United Kingdom


LB – Theory and practice of education


ND – Painting


P – Philology and linguistics


PE – English


PL – Philippine literature

PN – Literature
Reader's digest treasury of wit & wisdom : 4,000 of the funniest, cleverest, most insightful things ever said. compiled by Jeff Bredenberg. PN6081 .R4 2006. 2nd floor, Information-Reference.

PS – American literature

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Q – Science

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Big Java. Cay Horstmann. QA76.73. J38 H668 2006. 3rd floor, Circulation.

Concise prelude to programming : concepts & design. Stewart Venit, Elizabeth Drake. QA76.6 V46 2007. 3rd floor, Circulation.


EJB 3 in action. Debu Panda, Reza Rahman, Derek Lane. QA76.73. J38 P36 2007. 3rd floor, Circulation.

QA – Mathematics

QC – Physics


QD – Chemistry


R – Medicine (General)


RC – Internal medicine. Practice of medicine


RM – Pharmacology


SH – Aquaculture. Fisheries


T – Technology (General)


TA – Engineering (General). Civil engineering (General)


TD – Environmental technology


TH – Building construction

Building services handbook : [incorporating current building & construction regulations]. Fred Hall and Roger Greeno. TH151
Minimum design loads for buildings and other structures. [prepared by the Structural Engineering Institute of the American Society of Civil Engineers]. TH851 .M56 2006. 2nd floor, Information-Reference.


**TJ – Mechanical engineering and machinery**


**TK – Electrical engineering. Electronics**

Agile web development with rails. Dave Thomas, David Heinemeier Hansson ; with Leon Breedt ... [et al.]. TK5105.888 .T56 2007. 2nd floor, Information-Reference.

The competitive Internet service provider : network architecture, interconnection, traffic engineering and network design. Oliver Heckmann. TK5105.5 .H398 2006. 3rd floor, Circulation.


**TP – Chemical technology**


**TR – Photography**


**TS – Manufactures**


**TX – Hotels, clubs, restaurants, etc.**


**Z – Library science**


2. **Archives Resources**

A. **Faculty Papers**

- **Alba, Michael M.**

- The implications of remittances to Filipino house
holds' labor participation, welfare, and inequality

- **Ara, Satoshi**
  - Food supply problem in Leyte, Philippines during the Japanese Occupation (English and Japanese)
  - General Artemio Ricarte in the Philippines [in Japanese]
  - General Artemio Ricarte's political asylum in Japan (1915)
  - Moro National Liberation Front and Islamic Conference Organization [in Japanese]
  - The political thought of General Ricarte in the Philippines [in Japanese]
  - A recent movement for re-consideration of Philippine historiography [in Japanese]
  - Some language difficulties in court interpretation in Tagalog language in Japan [in Japanese]

- **Austria, Myrna S.**
  - Regional economic cooperation in East Asia

- **Bañas, Ramon, Jr.**
  - The view from Taft. The power of irrationality

- **Berino, Dennis L.**
  - Managing for society. Sports and personal wellness
  - Mirror image. Of jeepneys, fare increases and fuel prices
  - Mirror image. Summertime is cycling time

- **Brucelas, Dino Manuel**
  - Klima. Climate change center
  - La Tondeña Distillers, Inc., 2001 annual report [design of annual report & photo art direction]

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  - Escape from the curse
  - Pinoy postings : how young Filipino professionals in Singapore use performances of patriotic pride and cosmopolitanism as strategies to represent their cultural identity in blogs
  - Re-viewing viewers : reconceptualizing media audiences

- **Canceran, Fr. Delfo C.**
  - The Angara diary : a documentary analysis
  - Beyond bipolarity : doing theology of difference
  - A feminist epistemology of science
  - Foucault's concern for the care of the self
  - Foucault's critique of the confession

- **Castell, Marvin Raymond, Chua, Marian T., Conchada, Mitzie Irene, Galang, Elizabeth, Garde, Maricar Paz M., Intal, Ponciano Jr., Tamangan, Ronald**
  - Toward greater financial stability in the Asia region : exploring steps to create Regional Monetary Units (RMU)

- **Chua, George S.**
  - Business options. Back to school

- **Chua, Marian T.**
  - Technology and livelihood education III

- **Corong, Erwin L.**
  - Agricultural sector policies and poverty in the Philippines : a CGE analysis
  - Growth, trade liberalization, and poverty in the Philippines : an integrated sequential dynamic CGE microsimulation analysis

- **Cruz, Elfren S.**
  - Framework. Decisions that changed our country
  - Framework. Filipino business goes global
  - Framework. Management powertools
  - Framework. Quoting quotations

- **Cruz, Isagani R.**
  - Mini critique. My bucket list 6
  - My bucket list 8

- **De Vera, Luis Emmanuel**
  - 2401
  - Abut-Tanaw
  - Animo boards, July 2007
  - Br. Andrew Hall Memorabilia display
  - DLSP panel
  - DLSU-Manila journal covers
  - Graduation program cover
  - The Museum tarpaulin
  - URCO report cover and template

- **Durban, Joel Maravilla**
  - Life centered career education competencies
  - Parenting programs for the school special education center

- **Espiritu, Benjamin A.I.**
  - The view from Taft. Independence Day

- **Fontanilla, Aniceto B.**
  - Green light. Shaping our destiny

- **Garde, Maricar Paz M.**
  - The implications of remittances to Filipino households labor participation, welfare, and inequality
  - The problem with institutions

- **Gonzalez, Emmanuel A.**
  - An autonomous mobile olfactory robot for the localization of a chemical leak
  - A cellular automaton approach for simulating forest fires
  - A conjectured algorithm for determining the modulus
of the dominant eigenvalue of an arbitrary square matrix
- Forest fire modeling and simulation using nonlinear cellular automata
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- Optimal retuning of quarter-wave ziegler-nichols PID controllers using sequential ant colony optimization
- Posicast control in power electronics
- Simulation of signal separation using MIMO model over fading channels

- Halili, Allan Jay
  - Bridging the gap Payatas
  - Company AVPs demo reel
  - Music videos demo reel (Let your spirit; Kayod kabayo, kayod barya; All shall be well)
  - University chapel video, Ateneo way

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  - DIGMA : a role playing game with agent plan reformulation and situational reassessment

- Jimenez, Jose Victor
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  - Sports for all. La Salle honors sports achievers
  - Sports for all. A sports-filled weekend
  - Sports for all. The storied rivalry
  - Sports for all. Totally outclassed

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  - Mirror image. Service industry needs consumer orientation
  - To take a stand. Bawal umihi dito

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  - Shareholder activism and corporate governance

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  - Diksyunaryo sa ekonomiks (Ingles-Filipino) (2nd ed.) [book]

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  - 2007 Scholarum Awards
  - 2008 Scholarum Awards
  - 2401
  - Achievers Inc.
  - I am the future [mobile exhibit]
  - Publicity report (PR)
  - Solar car project