



## Up north for the 2006 Summer Conference



Participants to the conference held at St. Paul in La Trinidad, Benguet

The Conference was geared towards redefining our library agenda for the future, taking into consideration the challenges of innovation and technology, creating a training environment focused on innovative approaches in library services, strengthening current awareness in information access, library security and safety, and other immediate concerns.

The topics and resource speakers of the Conference were: Bibliotherapy by Fr. Teodulo P. Gonzales, S.J.; Innovative Services and Future Challenges for Libraries by Ms. Perla T. Garcia; Information Brokering by Ms. Marian S. Ramos; Weblogs by Mr. Vernon R. Totanes; Marketing Approaches in the Library Context by Ms. Salvacion M. Arlante; Digital Discovery: Access to Information Across the World by Ms. Shizuko Miyahara, and: Library Security and Safety: Current Trends and Development by Ms. Fe Angela Verzosa. La Trinidad Mayor Nestor Fongwan graced the first day of the Conference as a Keynote Speaker. He also clarified that La Trinidad is not a part of Baguio City, which is a common misconception by many.

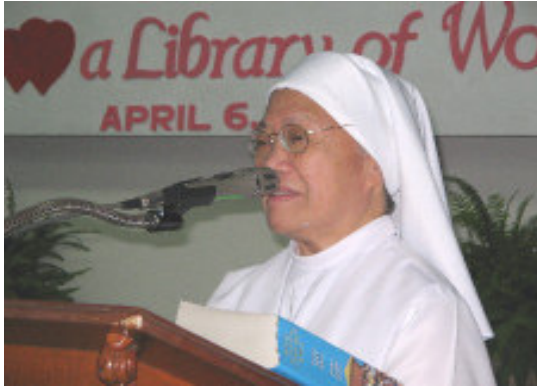
In the afternoon of the 2nd day, the Conference was wrapped up and a fellowship night was held. On the last day, the participants were treated to a sightseeing tour of La Trinidad's strawberry and flower gardens, through the courtesy and generosity of Mayor Fongwan. After the tour, their pockets lighter and with arms full of *pasalubongs* of just about everything  
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Participants trooped up north to attend this year's PAARL Summer Conference entitled "Library and Information Services: New Paradigms for the Digital Age," held from May 17-19, 2006. The Three-day conference took place in Mt. St. Paul Retreat House in Pico, La Trinidad, Benguet, where the organizers, speakers, live-in participants, along with book exhibitors and sponsors were accommodated and were accorded a warm and distinct St. Paul Sisters' brand of hospitality.

***Hearts: Secret Spaces for a Library of Wonders :  
A Public Forum  
April 6, 2006 St. Paul University-Manila***



Resource Speaker Sr. Vianney Ramirez, SPC



Registration for the forum



Participants in full concentration



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April 6, 2006 was a red letter day to more than 100 librarians who attended the public forum on “Hearts: Secret Spaces for a Library of Wonders” at St. Paul University, Manila.

Sister Mary Vianney Ramirez, SPC, led the attendees to a journey of the past, present and future sceneries of the best of the books, the holiness of the libraries and the wisdom of readers as they remember the true, the good and the beautiful and inspiring stories they read from and among the best books they kept in their hearts and memories as revealed to them by the Holy Spirit.

Since the forum was held during the Lenten season, the topic was colored with Love, the greatest love of Jesus for mankind - the greatest love a person can have for his friends as cited in (John 15:13-14).

The seminar was concluded and ended with a heart to heart talk with the Lord as each participant recorded their insights as revealed to them by the Holy Spirit through the speaker, the hand outs and the exchanges of ideas in the forum.

The participants went home with their bigger hearts full of love for their best collection in their own particular libraries, services to clients and most of all to God.

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*Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. -- John 15:13-14*  
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## **CONSAL XIII grantees**

Sixteen (16) librarians from the different provincial regions of the country attended the CONSAL XIII. They were chosen among hundreds of applicants for the PAARL grant. They are:

**Ma. Celestial M. Acha**, Librarian, College Librarian of Iloilo State College of Fisheries, Dumangas, Iloilo

**Elma M. Alibangbang**, Chief Librarian of Saint Theresa College, Tandag, Surigao del Sur

**Maria Teresa P. Baylon**, President CLLA, Librarian of PNU Agusan Campus, Prosperidad, Agusan del Sur

**Maxie Doreen L. Cabarron**, KDC Librarian, University of San Carlos, P. del Rosario, Cebu City

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**Marites K. Chavez** of Accademia di Maria Mediatrici, Salawag, Dasmariñas, Cavite

**Betsie Manaligod-dela Cruz**, College Librarian of Isabela State University, San Mateo Campus, Isabela

**Teresita O. Eco**, University Librarian of University of Southeastern Philippines, Davao City

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**Phoebe Jane V. Navarrete**, Periodicals Librarian of Asia Pacific Theological Seminary, Baguio City

**Lourdes Salvador**, Librarian, University Librarian of Palawan State University, Puerto Princesa City

**Jocelyn B. Tolo**, College Librarian of Northeastern Cebu Colleges, Danao City, Cebu

As conditions of the grant, nominees are expected to:

\* Update their membership with PAARL as institutional or individual member

\* Shoulder all transportation and accommodation expenses to attend CONSAL from March 25-30

\* Submit a copy of the certificate of participation evidencing attendance starting from March 25 (pre-Conference workshop) to CONSAL conference proper (March 27-29) to the Awards Committee Chair

Formal announcement of the awardees was made during the PAARL General Assembly on January 31, 2006, Tuesday, held at St. Paul University-Manila.

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### **Up north for the 2006 Summer Conference** *continued from page 1...*

La Trinidad is famous for, everyone went back to the Retreat House, enjoyed their last lunch together and finally checked out of the Retreat House. Some were just eager to go back to their respective homes. Others opted to stay to buy more *pasalubongs* and enjoy the rest of the weekend in Baguio City.

The organizers and participants alike shared a different kind of experience during their 2-nights, 3-days stay at the Retreat House. For a short time, we experienced how the clergy lived (and behaved). Mealtimes were strictly followed, as well as bedtime. Being a retreat house, absent were the usual comforts of home, like television or radio. It was a place for meditation, for relaxation and quietude - a refreshing change from the hectic surroundings that we have to live with everyday. It was a worthwhile experience. Indeed, the pleasant cool climate and ambience of La Trinidad, Benguet was the perfect setting for this year's summer conference.

**--Criselda Pabalan**

## *Fe Angela M. Verzosa is 2006 PRC OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL*



2006 PRC Awardee Fe Angela Verzosa

Former PAARL President Fe Angela M. Verzosa is this year's PRC Outstanding Professional. The award ceremony was held last June 22 at the Fiesta Pavillion of the Manila Hotel. In full support during the awarding was the whole PAARL Board. Family and friends of Ms. Verzosa also attended and was one in applauding when she received the award. The citation says:

*"For her unparalleled achievements shown by her vast experiences as organizer of heritage collections here and abroad, sharing her expertise in the twin areas of librarianship and archival science, effecting strategic changes, providing better access to library sources and preserving materials of enduring value for the sake of national heritage; for her competence and outstanding leadership, having served as President of the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI), in 2000, and as a recipient of numerous awards, such as the "Academic Librarian of the Year 1996," the Cirilo B. Perez Award, "Tagahabi ng Kasaysayan" Award, Severino Velasco Award, and the prestigious Gabriel Bernardo Award; for her unmatched contributions as a globally-recognized speaker and trainor, which earned her the ASEAN Training Award from Singapore's Foreign Ministry; and for her exemplary achievements in the advancement of her profession as an active member of the De La Salle University ranked faculty, the Faculty Association's Board of Directors and the Technical Panel, supporting the negotiation for a new Faculty Manual and its revision."*

Ms. Verzosa spent nearly forty years organizing special library collections and archival materials, such as the Presidential Papers in The National Library, the manuscript collections at the University of the Philippines Diliman Main Library and at the Ateneo

de Manila University, the Presidential library-archives-museum of the Jose P. Laurel Memorial Foundation and in 1988 until her retirement effective May of this year, the institutional archives of De la Salle University. She has no doubt, contributed to effecting changes in providing better access to these library resources.

Ms. Verzosa is a graduate of the University of the Philippines with an A.B. major in history. Her career in library service began in 1967 when she became part of the joint project of the University of Michigan and the National Library, organizing and microfilming the Presidential Papers of Manuel L. Quezon. In 1969, she set up the Microfilm Section of the University of the Philippines Library and organized the Presidential Papers of UP President Carlos P. Romulo. She also organized and put on microfilm the Hukbalahap records including the court records of Amado V. Hernandez et al. In 1974, she joined the Ateneo de Manila University Library as part time microfilm librarian. It was a short lived stay with the Jesuit institution for in 1975, she took a full time job as chief archivist-librarian of the Jose P. Laurel Memorial Foundation.

In February 1988, she joined De la Salle University Library as its first University Archivist, setting up its archives in less than a year. In 1994, she was given a concurrent appointment as Library Director. During her term, she worked for the strengthening of the library's special collection with donations from various sources including papers from well known faculty members and alumni including Lorenzo M. Tañada, Francisco Ortigas, Jr., and Jose W. Diokno. It was during her term that the De la Salle University Library became the first academic library to go public. In 1995, DLSU Library was one of the major nodes of the DOST-ESEP Library Network. One foreign library consultant aptly described the efforts of Ms. Verzosa, saying that:

*"[Ms. Verzosa} possessed the aggressive leadership and is committed to electronic technology. She sees great value in promoting her library, its services, collections and human resources."*

In the same year, she was awarded a DOST fellowship grant that enabled her to pursue an overseas summer study-training course at the University of Wales in Aberystwyth on Library and Information Studies.

She has served in various capacities in two of the most important library associations. She was president of the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI) in 2000 and the Philippine Association of Academic and Research Libraries (PAARL) in 2000 and 2004. She was also elected Head of the Executive Committee of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts-National Committee on Libraries and Information Services (NCCA-NCLIS) until 2004. She was a member of the Executive Board of the Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL). In 2000 she represented the country together with a delegation of 30 librarians to the 11<sup>th</sup> CONSAL in Singapore. The following year, she received the ASEAN Training grant, sponsored by the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs, enabling her to attend the CONSAL sponsored E-TLAS Conference on the emerging trends in library and archival services. She was a speaker during the CONSAL 2003 held in Brunei. She presented a paper on copyright protection for Philippine publications. She was a participant to the International Council on Archives-Section on Universities and Research Institutions (ICA-SUV) conference in Poland. In August 2004, she presented a paper to the pre-Congress seminar held by ICA-SUV at Vienna, Austria. Her paper was on "Increasing Access to Archival Knowledge". In November of the same year, she delivered a plenary paper to the Asian Library Conference in Bangkok, Thailand on "The Future of Library Cooperation in Southeast Asia."

Ms. Verzosa is a recipient of various awards recognizing her efforts as an acknowledged leader in Philippine librarianship. She was awarded by the Philippine Association of Academic and Research Librarians as the "Academic Librarian of the Year for 1996". In 1998, she was the recipient of the Cirilo B. Perez Award given by the Philippine Librarians Association. On June 4, 1999, she received a Centennial Award given by the National Centennial Commission-Women Sector as "*Tagahabi ng Kasaysayan*" in recognition of her contribution in the writing of women herstories. In November 1999, she received the Severino Velasco Award from PLAI for her outstanding contribution as Conference organizer. On November 2001, she received the prestigious Gabriel A. Bernardo Award, in recognition of her exemplary leadership in steering the Association to a greater success. She is also a two-time PAARL Professional Service awardee receiving the award in 2001 and 2006.

As a researcher and writer, Ms. Verzosa has contributed to the literature on Philippines librarianship with various publications on the presidential archives system, archival administration, library collection development and library automation. She took an active participation in organizing local, regional and national conference, seminars and training programs. She has always been a willing and knowledgeable resource speaker and lecturer, sharing her knowledge

and expertise in the field of library and archival management and information technology and its application to library and archival functions. She has written articles on Presidential Papers of Manuel L. Quezon, Carlos P. Garcia, Elpidio Quirino, and Jose P. Laurel. For the completion of the requirements for a Master's Degree in Library Science, she submitted a thesis on the status of Papers of Eight Philippine Presidents.

Among her published articles are: "The Japanese Reparation Papers on Microfilm," (in Southeast Asia Microfilms Newsletter 17:1-8, July 1979), "Archiving the Presidents' Papers," (in Philippine Panorama 22, no. 37:7, 26, September 12, 1993), "Developing an Archival Curriculum," (in Tanglaw 2, no.2:51-56, January 1994), and "Building environments for library and archival collections," (PAARL Bulletin 1, no.1:27-35, 1997). She also has authored/co-edited/compiled in-house publications and books. These include: *Filipiniana on Microfilms (1971)*, *Andrew B. Gonzalez, FSC: a bibliography of his writings, 1960-1990 (1990)*, *As Others Saw Us: A Chronicle of the Works of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (1990)*, *Faculty Publications and Other Writings (1991)*, and *DLSU Chronicle, 1993-1994 (1994)*. Most recently, her paper on "Library Automation and Its Impact on Strategic Planning for Academic Libraries" was published in *Asian Libraries*, a quarterly publication of MCB University Press. Some of her other writings appeared in the *Asia Library News* including "Occupational Safety and Health Concerns in Library Work Places" and "The State of the Filipiniana Collections at DLSU Library".

As a member of the DLSU faculty, she was active as a Board Director of the Faculty Association's Board. She was a member of the Technical Panel for the Revision representing the Academic Service (Non-Teaching) Faculty responsible for the development and negotiations for a new Faculty Manual (1993 and 2002).

Beyond her multiple tasks in the academe is her life as an active member of her community. She is a former Councilwoman in Molino, Bacoor, Cavite representing her subdivision, Bahayang Pag-asa, serving several terms as its Homeowners Association's presidents, and president of the League of Homeowners Associations in Molino 5.

Mrs. Verzosa is married to Candelario Lahoz Verzosa, former Executive Director of the Cooperative Development Authority. They have two sons, Atty. Carlos Voltaire Versoza and Dr. Mario Verzosa III.

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# UPCOMING PAARL ACTIVITIES

## Forum at the Book Fair

Everyone is invited to the PAARL Forum on "e-books, e-library, publishing... on Wednesday, August 30, 2006 at 1:00 to 3:00 pm. This will be held at Function Room B, World Trade Center, Financial Center Area, Roxas Blvd., Pasay City.

The forum will provide librarians, information professionals, students and school administrators an overview of the major developments in information technology particularly electronic resources. It will present tools and ideas that will get the participants in tune with their colleagues and prepare them in the demands of the profession. At the same time, it will discuss issues and concerns relating to the electronic library environment. Resource persons are composed of experts from the information industry, library profession and the publishing agency.

There will be a registration fee of P100.00 for members and P150.00 for non-members to cover certificates and snacks.

## Seminar-Workshop

National-Seminar Workshop on Empowering Information Professionals to Make a Difference October 23-25, 2006 Monday-Wednesday, Fernando Hall, Ateneo de Naga University, Naga City

## Public Forum

Resource Generation and Funding for Libraries. November 24, 2006, Friday, The National Library, T.M. Kalaw, Manila (Tentative)

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