

PAARL @ Villa Escudero

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Librarians from different angles and corners of the Philippines met last October 25 – 27 to join our national Seminar on the theme “The E-ssential Library: Creating and Sustaining a Leading Edge” held at Villa Escudero, San Pablo City, Laguna.

The seminar-workshop aimed at stimulating the minds of librarians and information professionals into exploring the frontiers of information technology and discussing issues and concerns in the management of an e-library. The three-day activity was opened with words of welcome from the energetic President Mrs. Angela Verzosa. Highly qualified speakers in the field of librarianship shared with the 95 participants their knowledge and experiences relating to the following topics: Information Resources Integration, Internet Issues for Librarians and Information specialists, Developing an Outstanding Core Collection, Web-Harvesting: Concept, Issues and Prospects, Resources for the Wired Librarian, Cataloging Tools on the Internet, Understanding New Media: Implications in Library and Information Services.

Aside from honing the librarians' capability in the profession, the participants had experiences to share such as: the carabao ride accompanied by singers and guitarists who serenaded participants with native folks songs; buffet lunch at the Labasin Waterfalls Restaurant with an array of native dishes plus water running around their feet; the cultural presentation where they experienced local history through song and dance performed by Villa Escudero's very own Dance Troop and Rondalla; the bamboo raft ride at Lake Labasin, and the guided tour to the famous Escudero Museum.

The whole activity was a salute to the organizers for the wholesome and well-rounded approach for this third and final seminar for year 2004.