

Country Report

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PHILIPPINES

I. National Library of the Philippines (NLP)

A. Recent Major Developments in 2012

1. National Conferences, Seminars, and Workshops

1. First Salon on Philippine Registry of Cultural Properties (PRECUP)	6. First Salon on Resource Description and Access (RDA)
2. Round-Table discussions on the National Development Plan for Public Libraries	7. First Salon on Numbering System in the Philippines (ISBN/ISSN/ISMN)
3. Summer Kid's Workshop	8. First National Conference of Children's Librarians
4. Salon on Public Access to Information in the Philippines	9. National Conference of Public Librarians
5. Round-Table Discussion on American Shelf Program and Social Media	

2. Exhibitions

3. Staff attendance to Regional and International Conferences

4. Institutional Project

5. Building/Managing/Proving Access to Collections

- Memorandum of Agreements have been renewed and newly entered in between NLP and other countries like China, Iran, Korea and USA.
- Deployment of computers and provide continuous training on KOHA Open Source Integrated Library System for librarians.
- NLP has drafted proposed bills for legislations in the aim of revisiting and updating library legislations affecting the NLP.

NLP Proposed Bills

- ❖ Amendment of Republic Act No. 7160
- ❖ An Act Modernizing the National Library of the Philippines, Strengthening Its Powers and Functions, and for Other Purposes
- ❖ Revision on the Law on Legal and Cultural and Deposit Law
- ❖ Revision or Repeal of the Law Establishing Public Libraries
- ❖ Revision of the Copyright law *vis-à-vis* NLP
- ❖ Book Accountability Legislations
- ❖ Legislation of Numbering System

B. Collaborations with other Institutions (Libraries, Archives, and Museums)

- 1) Affiliating Regional, Provincial, Congressional, Cities, Municipal Public Libraries and Barangay Reading Centers through a MOA with LGU allocating materials to the same.
- 2) Collaborating with other cultural agencies in the implementation of Republic Act No. 10066 otherwise known as the National Heritage Protection Act of 2009.
- 3) Coordinating with the NCLIS the Annual Search for Outstanding Libraries in the Philippines.

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4. Coordinating with PLAI in the celebration of the National Library Day, National Book Week and the LIS Month each year.
5. Assisting in the implementation of Republic Act No. 9246.
6. Deputizing the Intellectual Property Office (IPO) in the registration of copyright registration and receiving deposits to augment the NLP collection.
7. Serves as the National Center for ISBN, ISSN, and ISMN Numbering System.

II. Library Profession

A. Library Association

PLAI is the national association of professional librarians and has sixteen chapters throughout the country called Regional Librarians Council.

B. Librarians Licensure Examination and Legislation

Republic Act No. 9246 or the Philippine Librarianship Act of 2003 created the Professional Regulatory Board (PRB) for librarians under the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) of the Philippines