



STEP UP

2025 Capacity Building takes library management to the next level

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School librarians participated in the **2025 Capacity Building on School Management and Improvement**, a comprehensive training program designed to equip them with the knowledge and skills necessary to efficiently organize and manage library resources on July 10, 2025

The training commenced with the preliminaries. To inject some excitement into the session for the checking of attendance, participants were divided into groups and tasked with acting out scenes, leaving the rest of the attendees in splits as they tried to guess the scenes being portrayed.

Dr. Aurelia G. Vivas delivered her opening remarks, emphasizing the office's dedication to enhancing support for school libraries. By launching strategic programs with the support of the top management, Dr. Vivas underscored the importance of collaborative efforts in promoting educational excellence.

Moreover, Mrs. Michelle P. Villena provided a clear and concise statement of purpose, outlining the initiative's goals and vision.

Mr. Alexander T. Lunar shared his insights on emerging trends and best practices in school library management. On the other hand, Ms. Justeen Faye M. Fallurin shared her knowledge on mechanical processing and books accessioning, providing practical tips and strategies for optimizing library operations.

Mrs. Michelle P. Villena provided a comprehensive update on key initiatives, highlighting the allocation of Wikahon & KEEP resources, effective utilization of reading remediation programs and supplementary reading materials, notable LR and library accomplishments, and recent procurement of learning resources. She also encouraged active participation in the Gawad Teodora initiative and introduced the Learning Resource Management Information System, a valuable tool for optimizing resource management and supporting educational excellence.

Additionally, Mrs. Jane Bajado-Ilao delivered an informative lecture on basic cataloging and classification of learning materials, providing valuable insights into the organization and management of library resources.

Dr. Aurelia G. Vivas's closing remarks emphasized the importance of librarians' roles and the office's commitment to supporting school libraries.

Participants gained valuable insights and practical skills to enhance their library practices, supporting educational excellence and student success.



Lunar illuminates the path: latest trends and best practices in school library management revealed

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Alexander T. Lunar, a renowned expert in library management, shared valuable insights on emerging trends and best practices in school library management.

During his presentation, he gave a quick preview of the Standards for Philippine Libraries: School Library and Media Centers, emphasizing the importance of adhering to these standards to ensure effective library management. Mr. Lunar also highlighted best practices in library management, including developing a clear library policy, creating a welcoming environment, and building a diverse and relevant collection.

Best Practices for Effective Library Management

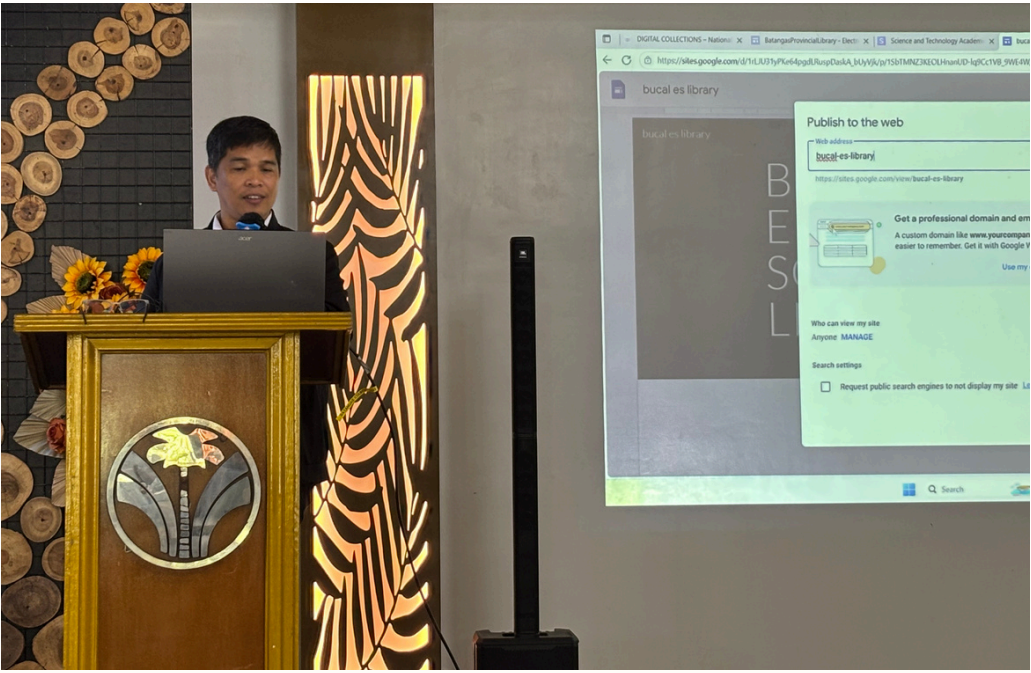
Mr. Lunar stressed the importance of promoting information literacy, engaging students through programs, and empowering library staff. He also emphasized the need for schools to use data analytics for decision-making and foster community and collaboration. "We need to create links," he said, encouraging school librarians to build strong collaborations among community members. He also urged librarians to think outside the box and maximize the use of library materials by introducing them to teachers and learners.

Emerging Trends in School Library Management

Several emerging trends in school library management were also given emphasis, including the use of web technologies, smart categories, and artificial intelligence. He also discussed the potential of interactive exhibits and digital storytelling, augmented and virtual reality, and real-time resource tracking using the internet of things. Additionally, he mentioned the importance of remote access to catalogs and resources through cloud-based library management systems and mobile integration.

Harnessing Technology for Efficient Library Management

During the lecture, Mr. Lunar emphasized the need for school libraries to be automated and computerized, with an online public access catalog (OPAC) system in place. He also highlighted the importance of creating a platform for digital resources, digitizing/scanning library materials, and linking with educational portals such as DOST, NLP, and DepEd to access free digital collections.



Harnessing Technology for Efficient Library Management

By embracing emerging trends and best practices in school library management, schools can create vibrant learning hubs that support student success and academic excellence. As Mr. Lunar emphasized, school librarians play a critical role in promoting literacy, creativity, and innovation, and it is essential that they are empowered with the right tools, technologies, and support to excel in their roles.

As the education landscape continues to evolve, school libraries must stay ahead of the curve by embracing innovation and best practices. With experts like Alexander T. Lunar sharing their insights and expertise, school librarians and educators can work together to create dynamic learning environments that inspire students to succeed. By prioritizing library management, leveraging technology, and fostering collaboration, schools can unlock the full potential of their libraries and empower students to thrive in an ever-changing world.



Streamlining Library Operations: Experts share insights on efficient resource management

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To enhance the skills of library coordinators and school librarians, two comprehensive sessions were also conducted, focusing on mechanical processing and cataloging. These sessions aimed to equip school librarians and library coordinators with the knowledge and skills needed to excel in resource management.

Ms. Justeen Faye M. Fallurin, a registered librarian, delivered a presentation on mechanical processing and books accessioning, highlighting key steps in processing library resources, including collating, stamping, accessioning, and assigning call numbers. Her expertise emphasized the importance of organized approaches to cataloging and processing library materials.

By adopting systematic methods, school librarians can ensure that resources are accurately processed, easily accessible, and efficiently managed. This, in turn, supports the overall effectiveness of library operations and enhances the user experience.

In addition to mechanical processing, Mrs. Jane Bajado-Ilaos provided an informative lecture on basic cataloging and classification. She highlighted the importance of cataloging, including facilitating access and discovery, promoting logical structure and efficient use of materials, and supporting management and long-term access. The lecture was followed by a hands-on workshop where participants gained practical experience with accessioning and cataloging.

Through this interactive session, participants developed a deeper understanding of cataloging and classification fundamentals, empowering them to efficiently manage library resources. The workshop provided a valuable opportunity for library professionals to apply theoretical knowledge in a practical setting, reinforcing their skills and confidence in resource management.

By equipping library professionals with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in resource management, these sessions ultimately enhanced the efficiency and effectiveness of library operations. With their newfound expertise, school librarians and library coordinators are better positioned to support the information needs of their users, promoting academic success and lifelong learning.







