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*An evaluative study of the National Bureau of Investigation Library\**

The real essence of the academe lies not only in the creation and proliferation of new theories but in the application of knowledge in real-life situations. This study aimed to evaluate a library that supports an institution engaged in law enforcement. The researcher has chosen the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) as its base of study. The NBI started as a Division of Investigation under the Department of Justice with the enactment of Commonwealth Act No. 181 on 13 November 1936. Its operation was suspended on the outbreak of World War II. After the surrender of Japan in 1945, the office was reactivated and the original members were called back to service. In 1976, the NBI was further reorganized to strengthen the administrative capacity for regional operations of all bureaus, commissions and offices. The NBI Library is under the Training Division of the Bureau and was managed by a Training Specialist IV and two assistants from the late 1960's up to 2000. It was then that the Bureau hired two licensed librarians to reorganize the library. Descriptive research was utilized in this study. Various research instruments were used for data gathering namely, personal visits, ocular inspection and interview sessions with the two librarians who were in charge of the library. A survey questionnaire was distributed to 24 respondents who frequented the library or made some queries with the librarian. Results from the interview detailed the library's current physical set-up, collection, services offered and staffing. The NBI Library possesses all the characteristics of a special library and being a library of a government institution, the acquisition and de-selection of materials is a very long process. Respondents believe that the library's collection is too focused on subjects like law and criminal

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investigation. Some areas that need to be developed are medico-legal investigation, pathology and polygraph. The library's strongest point resides in the fact that it is being managed by two licensed librarians. After thorough evaluation of the NBI Library, the researcher strongly recommended: that the NBI Library should be an independent unit within the bureau and be provided a budget of its own, that the library be relocated to a larger area that special attention should be given to materials used by the staff from technical services, that the library should acquire reproduction facilities, and that it should practice resource sharing with other government libraries.