

## INTRODUCTION

The Journal of Philippine Librarianship (JPL) is the first refereed journal in Philippine Librarianship in the country, which features scholarly articles in the field of Library and Information Science. Since its inception in 1968, JPL continues to uphold its mission to feature quality intellectual works of the members of the information profession. In this year's 36<sup>th</sup> volume, four articles feature novel approach to temperature and humidity control agents for archives, the status of RDA implementation in Philippine academic libraries, the current state of selected libraries in a province of the Philippines, and utilization of an innovative method for library staff evaluation.

Huet', in "*Experimenting with Refrigerated Margarine as Phase Change Material and Zeolite as Desiccant for Temperature and Humidity Control in Philippine Archives*" tested alternative methods for costly temperature and humidity control systems used in archives.

Santos' "*A Report on the Status of Resource Description and Access (RDA) Implementation in Philippine Academic Libraries*" discussed the current state of RDA implementation for descriptive cataloging in academic libraries.

Ortego's "*Status of Libraries in the First and Second Legislative Districts of Leyte*" assessed the condition of libraries in the province of Leyte, especially after the onslaught of Typhoon Haiyan a few years ago.

Finally, Perez, in "*Design of a Balance Scorecard for the University of the East Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Center Library*", designed an innovative performance assessment tool for comprehensive library staff evaluation.

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