Gauging Uniqueness: Assessment in Special Collections

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Abstract

Purpose

This paper examines the Special Collections (SC) book holdings of De La Salle University Libraries, which aims the following: 1) to profile the book holdings of the SC; 2) to identify the strength and weakness of the collection; 3) to examine the utilization of the collection, and; 4) to determine the uniqueness and rarity of the book collection by comparing the SC book titles to the online catalog of University of the Philippines. The results of this study will provide statistical data that may be used in crafting guidelines for acquisitions, weeding and budget allocations for special collections.

Methodology

This study uses collection assessment through collection-centered techniques by counting the holdings of the SC book collections. Google curling was used to gauge the uniqueness of the book collection.

Findings

Collection assessment provides statistical data that is useful for libraries. A total of 79,735 volumes of special collection books were analyzed in the study. By reviewing the profile of the collection, circulation and usage statistics through collection centered quantitative collection analysis, the libraries measure the worth its resources. This assessment allows to promote, measure and demonstrate the impact of its holdings, become visible to its users and to craft guidelines for acquisitions, weeding and budget allocations for special collections.

Originality/value

This paper is the first attempt to assess the book holdings of the DLSU Special Collections.

Keywords: Collection assessment, Special collections, Collection analysis, Counting holdings

Introduction

Founded in 1911, De La Salle University (DLSU) is an internationally recognized university and one of the leading higher education institutions in the Philippines. DLSU has seven colleges and a school namely: 1) Br. Andrew Gonzalez College of Education; 2) College of Computer Studies; 3) College of Law; 4) College of Liberal Arts; 5) College of Science; 6) Gokongwei College of Engineering; 7) Ramon V. del Rosario College of Business; 8) School of Economics. As of February 2019, there are 11,527 undergraduate and 5,177 graduates students enrolled this Academic Year 2018-2019 ("About - De La Salle University", 2019).

With its goal of becoming a leading learner-centered and research university, the DLSU Libraries is committed providing "organized and relevant information sources, in support of the institution's instructional, curricular, research, and extension programs." At present, the DLSU Libraries has a total of 434,720 volumes of books, 10,812 eBooks and 125 online databases (DLSUITS, 2019). It comprises of the main library, called The Learning Commons, and six satellites libraries. Satellite libraries cater specialized users in Taft Campus (1) Br. Benedict Learning Resource Center (BBLRC), Taguig (2) Rufino Campus Law Library, Makati City (3) Makati Extension Campus Business Library, and three in Biñan, Laguna, (4) Science and Technology Complex (STC) College Library, (5) STC Integrated School Library, and (6) STC Pre-School Library. As the University continues to grow, DLSU Libraries needs to regularly assess its collection to determine whether the resources support the research and instructional needs of its stakeholders (Eclevia, 2013, p.2)

In DLSU setting, Fresnido (2012) defined Special Collections (SC) as (1) materials that are built around a single idea or subject; (2) rare, valuable and truly unique materials; (3) scholarly outputs of the University. Consisting a total of sixty-three (63) collections, strategically housed in four locations of The Learning Commons at 7th Floor, 9th Floor Mezzanine, 10th Floor Mezzanine and 14th Floor Henry Sy Sr. Hall. Special Collections located at the 7th Floor are Asian Development Bank (ADB), BAMCREF, International Labor Organization (ILO), and UNESCO, while James and Maria Beebe Filipiniana Collection and Teresa Bitanga Valeros are located at the 9F Mezzanine. At the 10F Mezzanine, Henry Sy Sr. Hall is Carlos Quirino and Jose W. Diokno. Lastly, SC located at 14F of the DLSU Learning Commons are: 1) Agustin "Hammy" Sotto; 2) Alfredo Efren Litiatco; 3)Alicia Sandoval Laya Collection of Pre-historic Philippine Pottery; 4) American Corner, 5) Ambassador Delia D. Albert; 6) Antiquarian, 7) Araneta-Zaragoza-Roxas-Rebullida; 8) Asian Corner; 9) Aurelio B. Calderon; 10) Bienvenido N. Santos Museum and Collection; 11) Bonifacio P. Sibayan; 12) Br. Andrew Gonzalez FSC; 13) Br. Armin Luistro FSC; 14) Br. Narciso Erquiza FSC; 15) Br. Rafael Donato FSC; 16) Br. Ricardo Laguda FSC; 17) Center For English For Specific Purposes (CESP); 18) Chinese Corner; 19) Cirilo F. Bautista; 20) Daniel W. Tantoco, Jr.; 21) Collection of Museum Artifacts; 22) Don Francisco F. Ortigas; 23)

Doreen Gamboa Fernandez; 24) Dr. Clodualdo Del Mundo, Jr.; 25) Dr. Leoncio Lopez-Rizal; 26) Dr. Luis Camara Dery; 27) Dr. Tereso S. Tullao, Jr.; 28) Dr. Wilfrido V. Villacorta; 29) Emerita S. Quito; 30) European Documentation Centre; 31) Francisco Ortigas, Jr., Memorabilia; 32) Gender, Sexuality And Reproductive Health Data Bank (GSRH); 33) International Corpus of English-Philippine Component (ICEPH); 34) Isagani R. Cruz Collections; 35) Josefina C. Baui; 36) Jose Javier Reyes; 37) Judy Freya Q. Sibayan; 38) Julio C. Teehankee; 39) Justice Teodoro R. Padilla; 40) Knowledge Development Community (KDC); 41) Lorenzo M. Tañada; 42) M.L. Krainz; 43) Marcelino A. Foronda; 44) Nipa Hut; 45) Oral History; 46) Peque Gallaga; 47) Philippine Numismatic Collection; 48) Remigio E. Agpalo; 49) Renato Agustin Q. Sibayan; 50) Robert C. Salazar; 51) Tereso S. Tullao; 52) The Private Library Collection of Efren R. Abueg; 53) Victor M. Ordoñez; 54) War Years; 55) Zeus A. Salazar. As described by Fresnido (2012) Special Collections housed in DLSU Libraries has five categories. These are: 1) Donated collections; 2) Deposited/loaned collections; 3) DLSU as a Depository Library; 4) Collections acquired through grants/linkages; 5) Collections established by the Library

Collection assessment is a continuous process and significant activities in libraries. Libraries, at some point in their history, shall analyze their entire collection or a particular area within the collection. Libraries assess their collections for various reasons such as to identify collection strengths and weakness (Agee, 2005); examine how library budget is being spent or allocated; analyze how resources are being used (Tucker, 2009), collect statistical data that are extremely valuable to librarians, both collection development and financial expenditure decisions (Brown & Stowers, 2013; Hughes, 2012; Johnson, 2016;), and a lot more other reasons.

Just like any other libraries, the DLSU Libraries regularly conducts collection assessment primarily to ensure that the collection is kept balanced and adequate to support the needs of the community it serves. Furthermore, it aims to respond to Philippine Accrediting Association Of Schools, Colleges And Universities' (PAASCU) recommendation "to come up with collection development plans for segments of the collection." DLSU Libraries, with its continuous effort to monitor its collection, provides an ongoing process of assessing the entire collection or a particular subject area within the collection, in this case, the Special Collections. Although the DLSU Libraries regularly conduct collection assessment, this is the first attempt to assess the Special Collections of the DLSU Libraries.

This study uses collection assessment through collection-centered techniques by counting the holdings of the SC book collections. This study aims the following: 1) to profile the book holdings of the SC; 2) to identify the strength and weakness of the collection; 3) to examine the utilization of the collection, and; 4) to determine the uniqueness and rarity of the book collection by comparing the SC book titles to the online catalog of University of the Philippines. The results of this study will provide statistical data that may be used in crafting guidelines for acquisitions, weeding and budget allocations for special collections.

Methodology

Quantitative data were generated from Sierra Integrated Library System (ILS) and analyzed using Google Sheets. Only the SC book holdings were included in the study. Manuscripts, personal mementos, memorabilia, periodicals, and documents are excluded from the study. A total of 49 Special Collections and 79,736 volumes of books were analyzed in the study. The total number of volumes of books were gathered to measure the collection density. Percentage and frequency counting were used to get the statistical data of the following: a) Profile of the collection; b) Utilization of collection; c) Strength and weakness of the collection is presented via pie charts. To gauge the uniqueness of the collection titles, the researchers compared the Special Collections book holding to the leading university in the Philippines, the University of the Philippines (UP). By using Google Curling, the extracted data from Sierra was converted to HTML. Results with less than 8kb yield uniqueness and rarity of the book title, while results providing more than 8kb yield hits of the same or duplicate book title.

Results and Discussions

I.   Profile of Special Collections

"The Special Collections which by virtue of the uniqueness or rarity of the items contained within them, their physical form, content, depth of subject coverage or other special significance, are distinguished from the general stock of the Library and receives special treatment in terms of housing and security, management, cataloging, handling, consultation, preservation and conservation." (http://www.ucl.ac.uk/library/special_preserve.shtml)

A total of 79,735 volumes of SC books were analyzed in the study as shown in Table 1.

NAME OF COLLECTION	COLLECTION CODE	TOTAL HOLDINGS
EFREN R. ABUEG	scabu	1,794
REMIGIO E. AGPALO	scrag	1,949
BR. ANDREW GONZALEZ, FSC	scbag	4,105
ANTIQUARIAN	antiq	1,310
ARANETA-ZARAGOZA	scara	1,558
BR. ARMIN LUISTRO, FSC	scbal	474
AMERICAN STUDIES & RESEARCH CENTER	asrc	2,016
BAMCREF	BAMCREF	725
JOSEFINA C. BAUI	scjcb	644
CIRILO BAUTISTA	scbau	1,153
BELINO	scmcb	52
BITANGA-VALEROS	scbit	1,956

BIENVENIDO N. SANTOS	scbns	1,043
CESP (CENTER FOR ENGLISH FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES)	scces	1,576
CHINESE CORNER	scchn	266
AURELIO B. CALDERON	sccal	3,976
CORDERO-KRAINZ	sclck	1,366
CLODUALDO DEL MUNDO, JR	scdel	698
DELIA D. ALBERT	scdda	918
JOSE W. DIOKNO	scjwd	4,999
BR. RAFAEL DONATO	scbrd	434
DOREEN FERNANDEZ	scdfc	2,672
EUROPEAN DOCUMENTATION RESEARCH CENTER	edrc	4,151
FELIPE LIAO	scfyl	149
FRANCISCO SIONIL JOSE	scfsj	1,031
MARCELINO A. FORONDA	scfor	4,766
GENDER SEXUALITY & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH	gsrh	1,451
ISAGANI R. CRUZ	scirc	4,238
JAPAN	scacc	369
KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY	sckdc	710
ALFREDO EFREN LITIATCO	sclit	144
LOPEZ-BANTUG	sclop	1,308
LUIS C. DERY	sclcd	1,083
NIPA HUT	scnip	1,593
VICTOR M. ORDOñEZ	scvmo	147
TEODORO R. PADILLA	scteo	852
FRANCISCO F. ORTIGAS	scort	2,313
CARLOS QUIRINO	scclq	153
EMERITA S. QUITO	scqui	1,409
JOSE JAVIER REYES	scjjr	1,114R
ROBERT C. SALAZAR	scsal	488
ZEUS SALAZAR	sczas	993
BONIFACIO P. SIBAYAN	scsib	661
JUDY FREYA Q. SIBAYAN	scsij	683
AGUSTIN SOTTO	scsot	12,007
LORENZO M. TAñADA	sctan	867
JULIO C. TEEHANKEE	scjct	815
WILFRIDO V. VILLACORTA	scwvv	468
WAR YEARS	scwar	88

TOTAL COLLECTION	**49**	**79,735**

Table 1. Profile of Book Collection

II. Utilization of Collection

Special Collections housed at the 14F of The Learning Commons are securely kept in individual rooms. Generally, the Special Collections books are for room use only (except for AC, EDC, CESP and Calderon collections). Library users may access the SC book collection by requesting the book to an SC staff. There are numerous studies that analyze how resources are being used (Tucker, 2009). Table 2 shows a detailed ranking of Special Collections book holdings that are being utilized by the DLSU Libraries users. Of the total of 49 collections, book holdings from the European and Documentation Research Center (EDRC) garnering a 380.13% utilization and American Studies and Research Centre (ASRC) with 340.97%. These two collections have the most circulation frequencies in terms of collection usage in Special Collections of the DLSU Libraries.

NAME OF COLLECTION	Collection Code	TOTAL HOLDINGS	TOTAL USAGE	PERCENTAGE	RANK
EDRC	edrc	4,151	15,779	380.13	1
ASRC	asrc	2,016	6,874	340.97	2
CALDERON	sccal	3,976	2,711	68.18	3
CESP	scces	1,576	902	57.23	4
F. SIONIL	scfsj	1,031	589	57.13	5
SALAZAR, ROBERT	scsal	488	244	50.00	6
FORONDA	scfor	4,766	2,223	46.64	7
ABUEG	scabu	1,794	818	45.60	8
I.R. CRUZ	scirc	4,238	1,719	40.56	9
ORDOñEZ	scvmo	147	58	39.46	10
TAñADA	sctan	867	342	39.45	11
TEEHANKEE	scjct	815	310	38.04	12
BITANGA-VALEROS	scbit	1,956	727	37.17	13
QUITO	scqui	1,409	477	33.85	14
DEL MUNDO	scdel	698	234	33.52	15
BAUTISTA	scbau	1,153	381	33.04	16
BIENVENIDO SANTOS	scbns	1,043	301	28.86	17
CHINESE CORNER	scchn	266	73	27.44	18
SIBAYAN, BONIFACIO	scsib	661	178	26.93	19

SOTTO	scsot	12,007	3,093	25.76	20
ANDREW GONZALEZ	scbag	4,105	1,040	25.33	21
DOREEN FERNANDEZ	scdfc	2,672	641	23.99	22
SALAZAR, ZEUS	sczas	993	229	23.06	23
JAPAN	scacc	369	82	22.22	24
AGPALO	scrag	1,949	403	20.68	25
LUIS DERY	sclcd	1,083	195	18.01	26
REYES	scjjr	1,114	179	16.07	27
ARMIN LUISTRO	scbal	474	72	15.19	28
GSRH	gsrh	1,451	213	14.68	29
LOPEZ-BANTUG	sclop	1,308	185	14.14	30
CORDERO-KRAINZ	sclck	1,366	188	13.76	31
BAUI	scjcb	644	88	13.66	32
KDC	sckdc	710	97	13.66	33
DONATO	scbrd	434	50	11.52	34
PADILLA	scteo	852	94	11.03	35
ORTIGAS	scort	2,313	222	9.60	36
DELIA ALBERT	scdda	918	68	7.41	37
WAR YEARS	scwar	88	6	6.82	38
LITIATCO	sclit	144	9	6.25	39
QUIRINO	scclq	153	9	5.88	40
SIBAYAN, JUDY	scsij	683	26	3.81	41
VILLACORTA	scwvv	468	17	3.63	42
BAMCREF	BAMCREF	725	23	3.17	43
NIPA HUT	scnip	1,593	43	2.70	44
ANTIQUARIAN	antiq	1,310	22	1.68	45
ARANETA-ZARAGOZA	scara	1,558	24	1.54	46
DIOKNO	scjwd	4,999	68	1.36	47
F. LIAO	scfyl	149	1	0.67	48
BELINO	scmcb	52	0	0.00	49
TOTAL USAGE	**49**	**79,735**	**42,327**	**53.08**	

Table 2. Collection Utilization

III. Strength and Weakness of the Collection

One of the purposes of collection assessment is to know the strength and weakness of the collections (Agee, 2005). To demonstrate the impact of its holdings, the researchers presented the strength and weakness of the collection through pie charts to make them visible to its users.

Figure 1 shows that out of 1,794 book collection, 815 (45.4%) under LC Classes P, it is evident that Abueg collection is rich in Language and Literature.
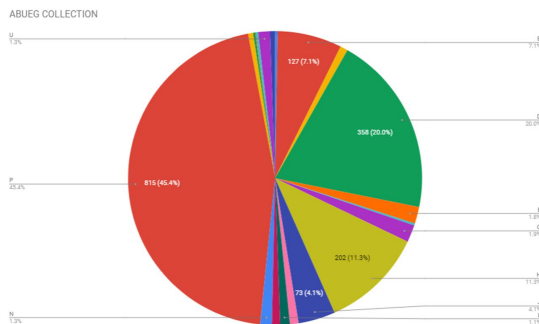
Figure 1.   Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Abueg Collection)

Remigio Agpalo a known political analyst and a book author about politics in the Philippines his book collection presented his interest. As shown in Figure 2, the strengths of Agpalo Collection are Political Science (31.6%) and World History 25.7% .
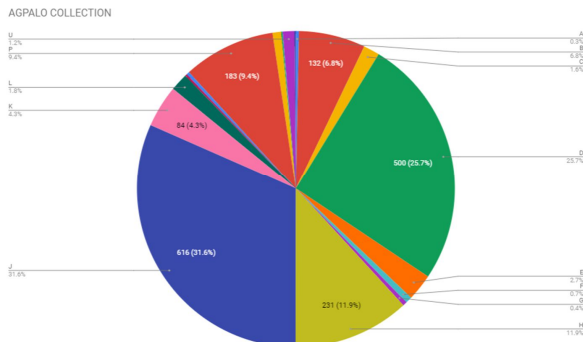
Figure 2. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Agpalo Collection)

Brother Andrew Gonzalez, FSC is a linguist, writer, educator, and De La Salle Brother. His interest is presented in his book collection. It is no surprise that his collection is rich in Language and Literature as illustrated in Figure 3.
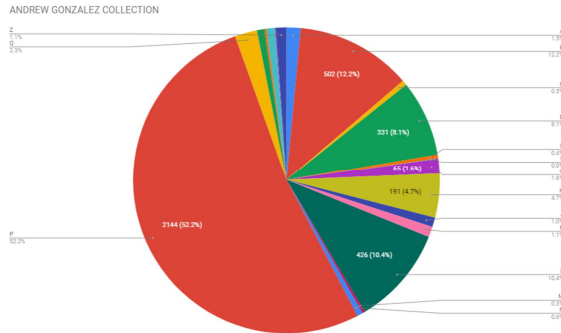
Figure 3. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Gonzalez Collection)

Antiquarian Collection or Rare Books Collection of De La Salle University focus more on Language and Literature, Philosophy, Psychology, Religion, and History of the Americas, as presented in Figure 4.
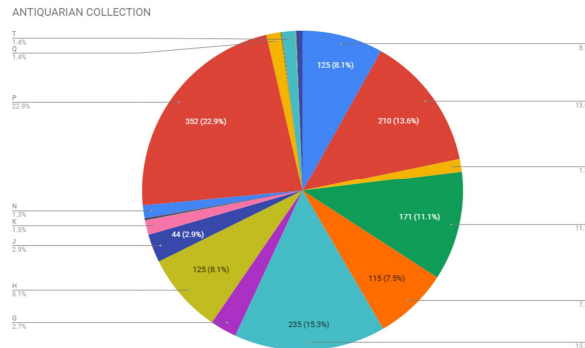
Figure 4. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Antiquarian Collection)

The collection of Araneta-Zaragoza-Roxas-Rebullida was donated by a prominent family in the Philippines they are known for having Spanish descent. Their interests focus more on Language and Literature, as shown in Figure 5. From 1,558 book holdings of Araneta-Zaragoza-Roxas Rebullida Collection, 45.8% under LC Class P.
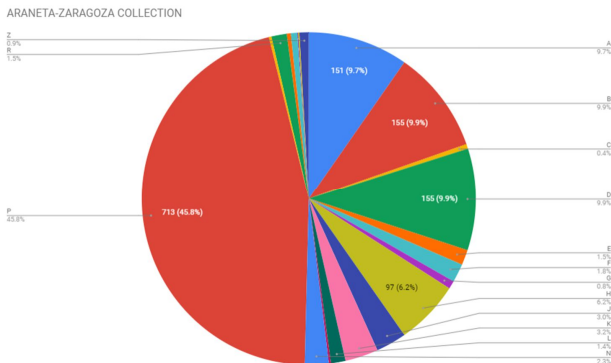
Figure 5. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Araneta-Zaragoza Collection)

Brother Armin Luistro, FSC is a De La Salle Brother and former Department of Education secretary. His interest and the strength of his book collection is presented in Figure 6. Out of 474 volumes, 92 or 19.3% are Social Sciences (LC Class H), 90 (18.9%) Philosophy, Psychology and Religion (LC Class B), 83 (17.4%) are Education (LC Class L) and 78 (16.4%) is World History (LC Class D).
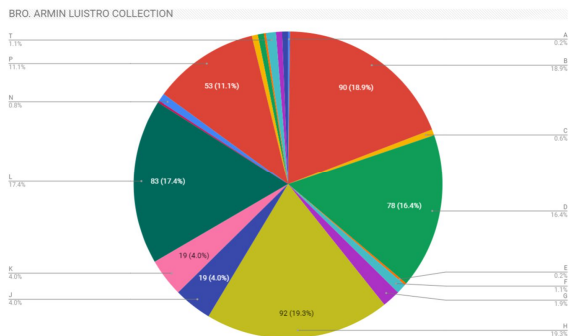
Figure 6. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Armin Luistro Collection)

American Studies Research Center (ASRC) collection was donated books from Thomas Jefferson Library. The strength of this collection is presented in Figure 7. Of the 2,016 ASRC book holdings, 600 (29.8%) are Language and Literature (LC Class P), 466 (23.1%) is about History of the Americas (LC Class E) and 257 or 12.7% under LC Class H or focus in social sciences.
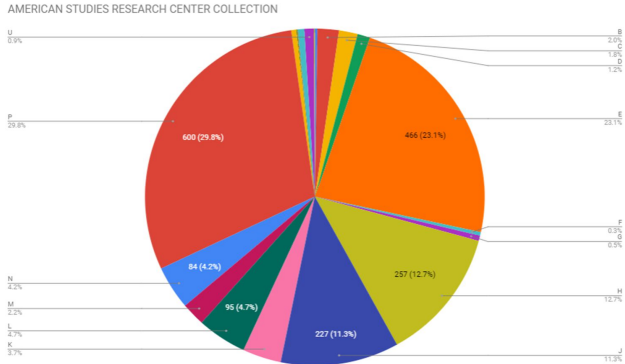
Figure 7. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (ASRC Collection)

BAMCREF or Brother Andelino Manuel Castillo, FSC Religious Educational Foundation, Inc. is a collection of books and other materials from DLSU Catechetical Center. Clearly, the strength of this collection focuses on Philosophy, Psychology, and Religion as shown in Figure 8.
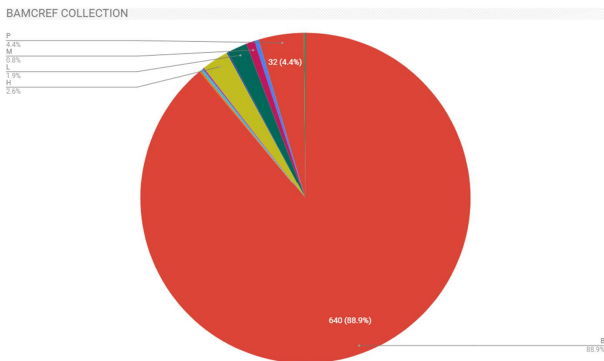
Figure 8. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (BAMCREF Collection)

Josefina Baui is a faculty of College of Liberal Arts in De La Salle University. Her interest is clearly presented in Figure 9. Evidently, out of her 644 total book collection 381 (59.2%) are rich

in Language and Literature (LC Class P) and 25.5% of her collection is more on Philosophy, Psychology, and Religion (LC Class B).
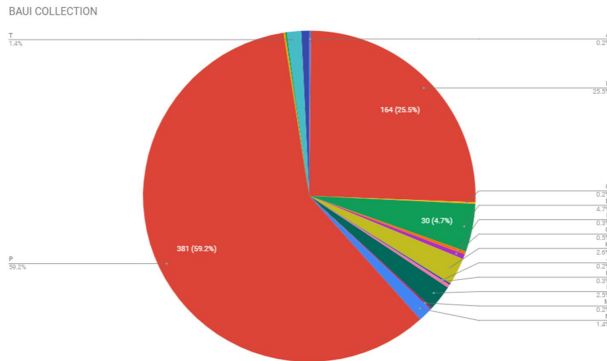
Figure 9. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Baui Collection)

Bautista Collection is a donation by Cirilo F. Bautista, a Filipino poet, critic, writer of nonfiction and a Philippine National Artist. His interest is clearly presented in Figure 10. Of 1,153 his total book collection 661 (57.3%) in Language and Literature (LC Class P), 13.4% is Philosophy, Psychology, and Religion (LC Class B), and 7.4% is World History (LC Class D).
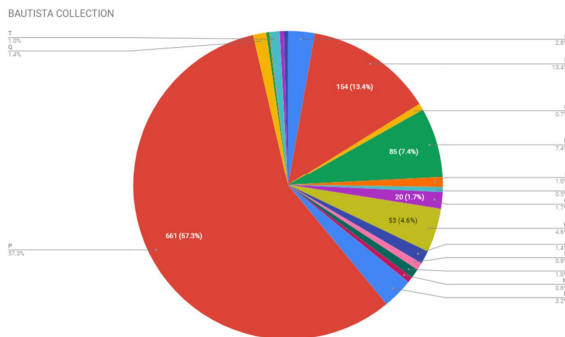
Figure 10. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Bautista Collection)

Belino Collection is donated by Manuel Belino a former faculty of De La Salle University College of Engineering. Interestingly, out of his 52 book collection, 34 (65.4%)   are Philosophy, Psychology, and Religion (LC Class B) books.
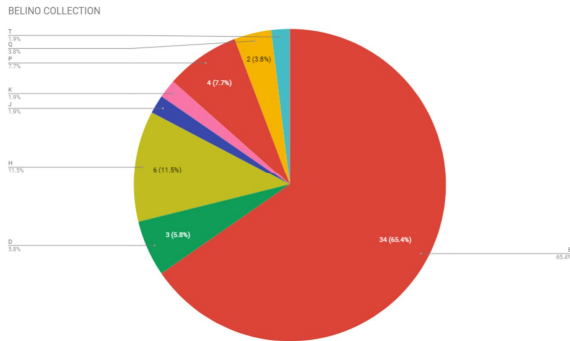
Figure 11. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Belino Collection)

Bitanga-Valeros Collection is donated by the relatives of Dr. Jose Rizal, the National Hero of the Philippines. As shown in Figure 12 from the 1,956 book collection, 33.7% of the books are Medicine (LC Class R), and 607 (31.1%) books under LC Class B or philosophy, psychology, and religion.
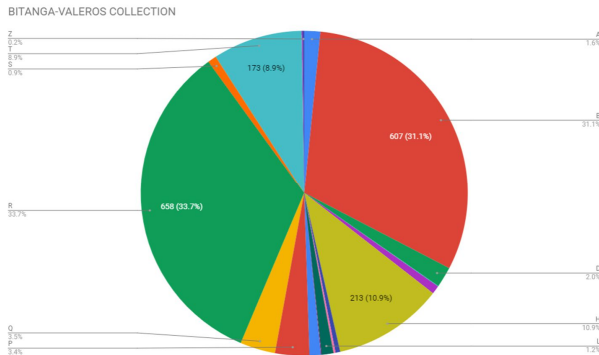
Figure 12. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Bitanga-Valeros Collection)

Bienvenido Santos was a Filipino-American fiction, poetry and nonfiction writer. His interest was clearly presented in his book collection, out of the 1,043 book collection 850 (80.6%) books are Language and Literature (LC Class P).
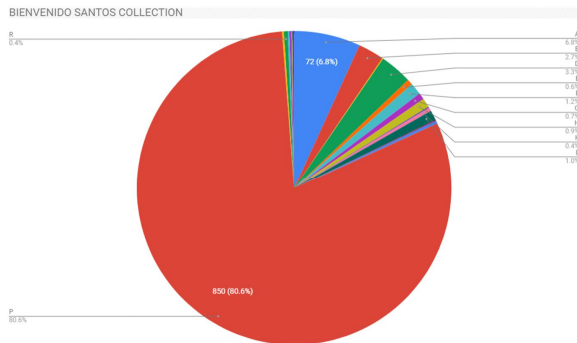
Figure 13. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Bienvenido Collection)

CESP or Center for English for Specific Purposes collection are books from the CESP Center. From the name of the center itself, the strength of this collection was clearly presented the Figure 14, of the 1,576 book collection 1,058 (67.1%) are books in Language and Literature (LC Class P).
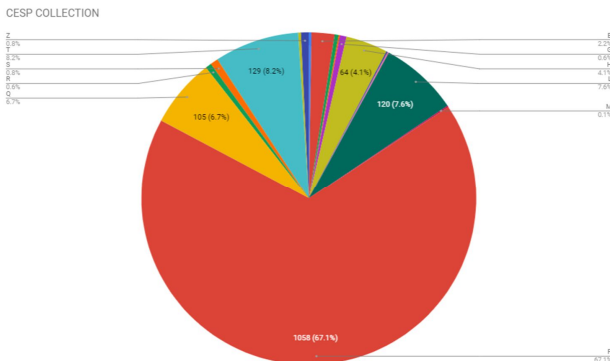
Figure 14. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (CESP Collection)

Chinese Corner Collection is donated by the Hanban. From the name of the collection itself, the strength of this collection was clearly presented in Figure 15. From 266 book collection 157 (59%) books in Language and Literature (LC Class P).
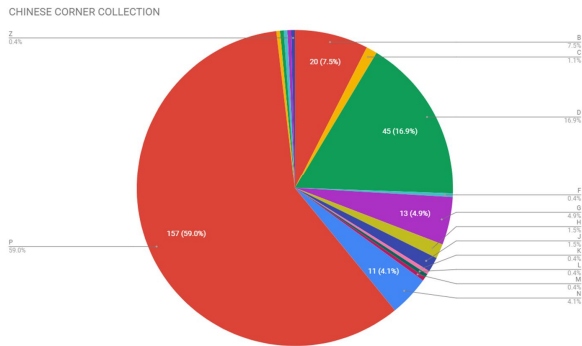
Figure 15. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Chinese Corner Collection)

Calderon collection is donated by Aurelio Calderon, an alumnus of De La Salle University. A diverse collection focuses mostly in the field of world history, social sciences, language and literature, and political science. Breakdown of this collection was presented in Figure 16 wherein, of the 3,976 book collection 882 (22.2%) are books under the LC Class D, 770 (19.4%) under LC Class H, 663 (16.7%) in LC Class P and 464 or 11.7% under the LC Class of J.
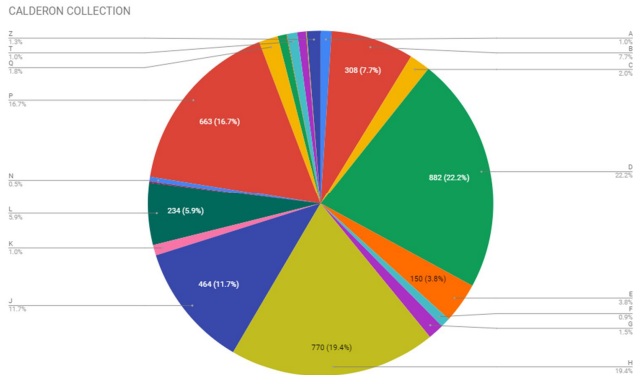
Figure 16. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Calderon Collection)

Cordero Krainz collection strength is presented in Figure 17. Out of the 1,366 book collection, 760 (55.6%) books in the field of Philosophy, Psychology, and Religion (LC Class B) and 193 (14.1%) are Language and Literature (LC Class P).
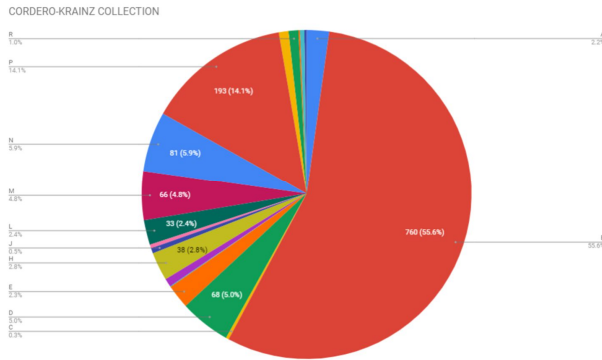
Figure 17. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Cordero-Krainz Collection)

Del Mundo collection is donated by Clodualdo del Mundo, a Filipino screenwriter, director, and author. His readings and interest were clearly presented in Figure 18, of the 698 book collection, 560 (80.2%) are books focus on Language and Literature (LC Class P).
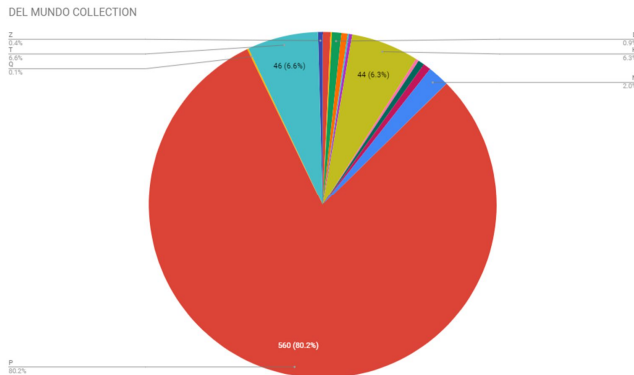

Figure 18. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Del Mundo Collection)

Delia Albert is a Filipino career diplomat and a former secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines. Her interest was clearly present in her donation of 918 books, 370 (40.3%) are books in the field of World History (LC Class D) and 201 or 21.9% are books in the field of Social Sciences (LC Class H).
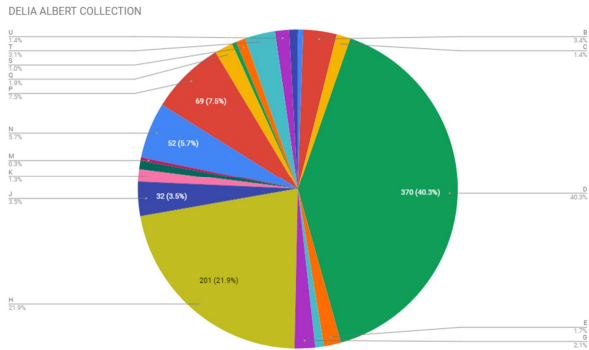
Figure 19. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Delia Albert Collection)

Diokno collection is donation from the family of Jose Diokno, a Filipino nationalist, former Senator and Secretary of Justice in the Philippines. The strength of this collection was clearly presented in Figure 20. Of the 4,999 book collection 4,534 (90.7%) of his donations are in the field of Law (LC Class K).
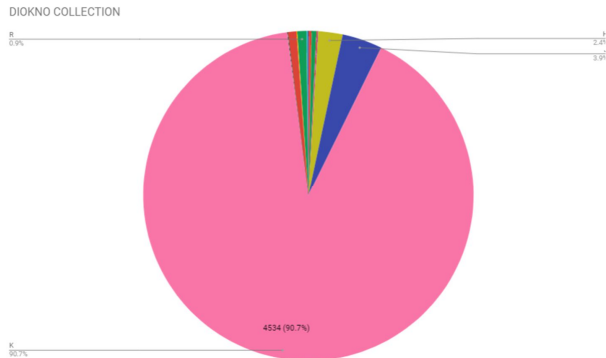

Figure 20. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Diokno Collection)

Donato Collection are books from Brother Rafael Donato, FSC a Filipino De La Salle brother and president. His interests were clearly presented in his book donation. Of the 434 book collection 106 (24.4%) are books related to Philosophy, Psychology, and Religion (LC Class B), 103 (23.7%) Social Sciences, 76 (17.5%) are books in Language and Literature (LC Class P), 46

(10.6%) are books in Education (LC Class L) and 34 (7.8%) books in the field of World History (LC Class D).
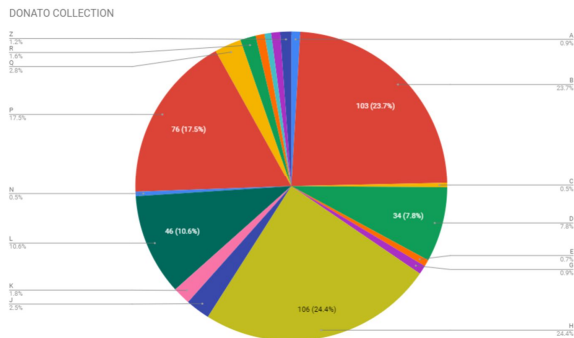

Figure 21. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Donato Collection)

Doreen Fernandez was a noted Filipino teacher, writer, cultural historian, and scholar. Her interests are presented in her book collection, of the 2,672 book collection, 56.5% books in Language and Literature (LC Class P), and 526 (19.7%) books in World History (LC Class D).
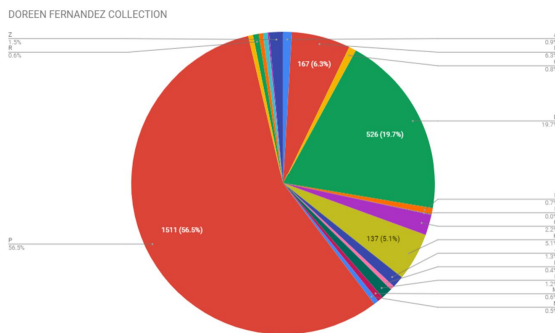

Figure 22. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Doreen Fernandez Collection)

European Documentation Research Centre collection strength is presented in the pie chart (Figure 23) below. Of the 4,151 total collection 1,337 (32.2%) books are World History (LC Classes D), 1,265 (30.5%) under LC Classes H or books related to social sciences and 615 or 14.8% are books in political science or subjects under LC Classes J.
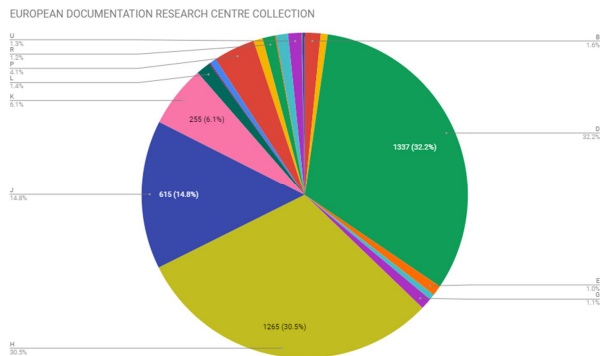
Figure 23. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (EDRC Collection)

F. Liao collection strength was presented in the pie chart (Figure 24) below. Of the 149 total collection 108 or 50.0% are books in the field of auxiliary sciences of history or subjects under LC Classes C and 65 or 30.1% are books under LC Classes B or related to philosophy, psychology and religion.
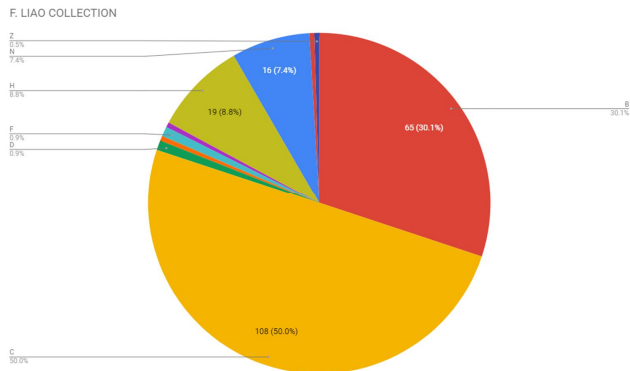

Figure 24. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Liao Collection)

F. Sionil collection is donated by F. Sionil Jose, a Filipino writer in English language. His expertise and interest were present in his book collection of 1,031 wherein 628 (60.9%) books are Language and Literature (LC Class P) and 202 (19.6%) books in World History (LC Class D).
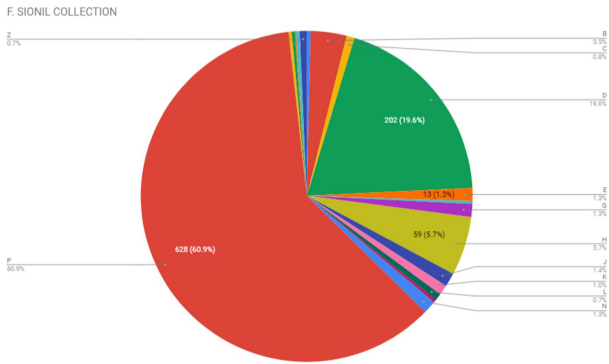
Figure 25. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (F. Sionil Collection)

Foronda collection is donated by Marcelino Foronda Jr, a well-known historian, writer, and professor. His expertise was clearly present in his readings, of the 4,766 total collection 1,373 or 28.8% are in the field of language and literature or subjects under LC Classes P, 1,071 or 22.5% are books related to world history or subjects under LC Classes D and 817 or 17.1% are books related to philosophy, psychology and religion or LC Classes B.
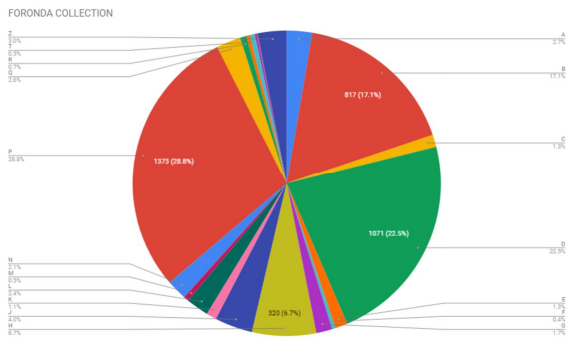

Figure 26. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Foronda Collection)

Gender Sexuality and Reproductive Health (GSRH) collection are books donated from Behavioral Science Department of College of Liberal Arts. From the name of the collection, its strength was presented in Figure 27 below. Of the 1,451 book collection, 569 or 64.7% are readings about social

sciences or subjects under LC Classes H and 123 or 14.0% are books related to medicine or subjects under LC Classes R.
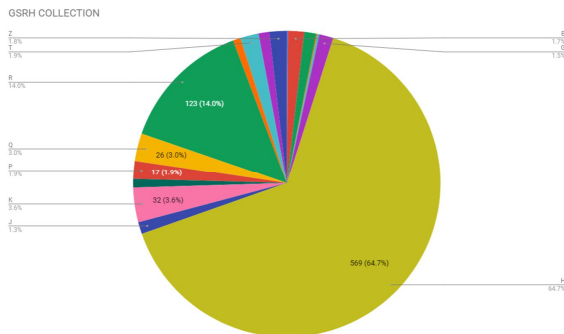

Figure 27. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (GSRH Collection)

I.R. Cruz collection is donated by Isagani R. Cruz, a Filipino writer, and educator. His expertise clearly present in his readings, of the 4,238 book collection 2,2668 or 61.4% tackles the field of language and literature or subjects under LC Classes P.
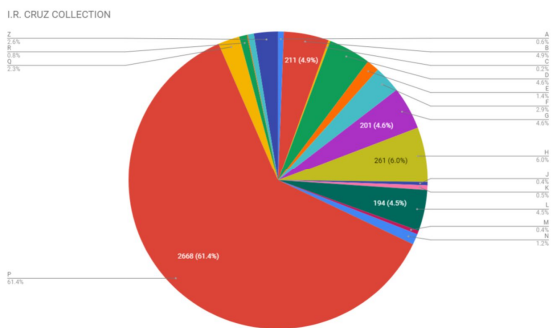

Figure 28. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (I.R. Cruz Collection)

Japan collection are books deposited by Japan Foundation. The strength of this collection ranges to language and literature, social sciences and world history. In Figure 29 presented below, of the 369 book collection 104 or 27.2% books under the LC Classes P which is language and literature,

87 or 22.7% are books under LC Classes H or social sciences and 66 or 17.2% are books under the LC Classes D or world history.
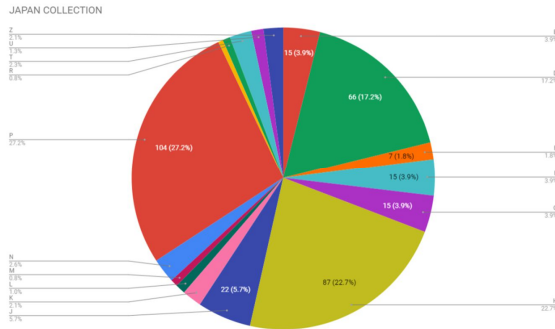

Figure 29. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Japan Collection)

The strength of Knowledge Development Community (KDC) focuses primarily in the field of social sciences. As shown in Figure 30, of the 710 book collection 646 or 64.4% books under the LC Classes of H.
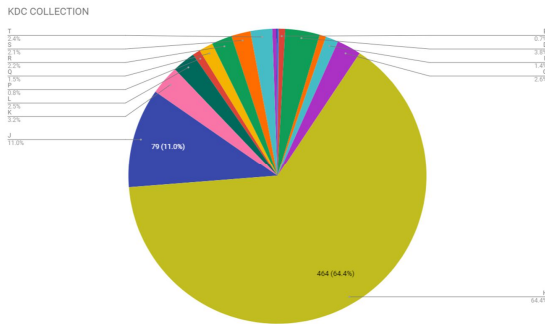

Figure 30. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (KDC Collection)

Litiatco collection strength centered mostly in the field of language and literature. As presented in Figure 31, of the 144 book collection 130 or 90.3% books under the LC Classes of P.
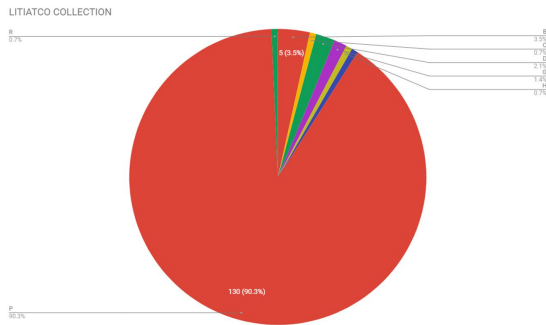
Figure 31. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Litiatco Collection)

Strength of the diverse collection of Lopez-Bantug mostly in the field of world history, philosophy, psychology and religion, and language and literature. As Figure 32 presented below wherein the 1,308 total collection 499 or 38.1% of it tackles the subjects under LC Classes D (world history), 219 or 16.7% are books under LC Classes B (philosophy, psychology and religion), and 159 or 12.2% are books under LC Classes P (language and literature).
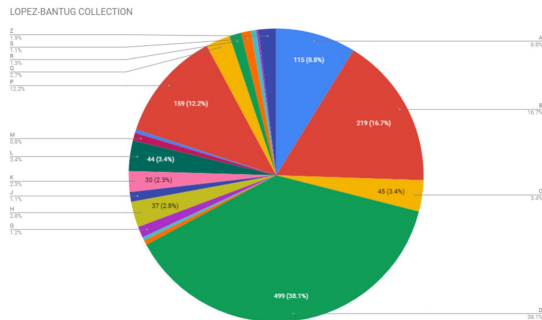

Figure 32. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Lopez-Bantug Collection)

Luis Dery, an educator and history faculty of De La Salle University. His interest and expertise are present in his collection, in Figure 33 presented below, of the 1,083 book collection 536 or 49.5% books under LC Classes of D, 100 or 9.2% are books under LC Classes P, and 129 or 11.9% under LC Classes H. Dery's collection strength mostly focus in the field of world history, language and literature, and social science.
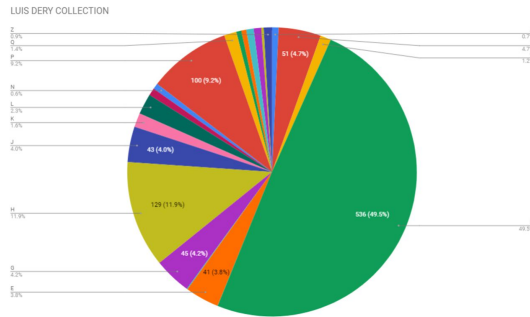
Figure 33. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Luis Dery Collection)

Nipa Hut collection strength centered primarily in the field of language and literature. In Figure 34 presented below, of the 1,593 book collection, 1,370 or 84.9% are books under LC Classes P.
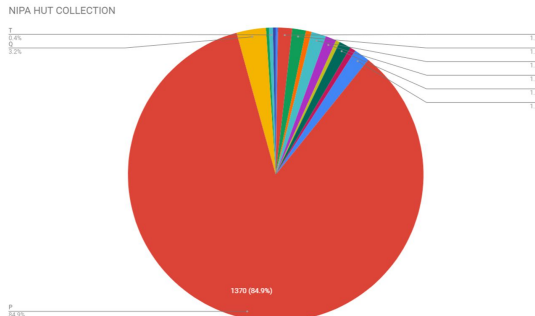
Figure 34. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Nepa Hut Collection)

Ordoñez collection strength mostly focused on education, social sciences, philosophy, psychology and religion, and language and literature. In the Figure 35 presented below, of the 147 total collection 38 or 25.9% fall under the LC Classes of L (Education), 37 or 25.2% are books under LC Classes H (social sciences), 18 or 12.2% under LC Classes B (philosophy, psychology, and religion), and 14 or 9.5% under LC Classes P (language and literature).
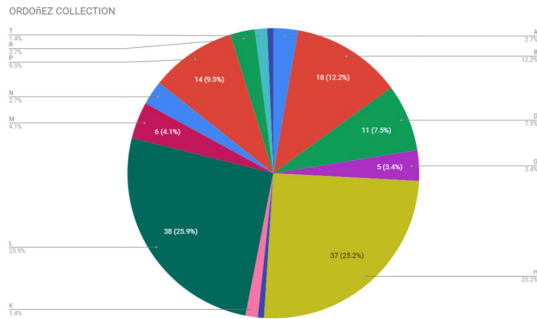
Figure 35. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Ordoñez Collection)

Ortigas collection is donated by Don Francisco Ortigas Jr., businessman, ambassador, an alumnus of De La Salle University. His readings are clearly presented in Figure 36, of the 2,313 book collection 527 or 22.8% are books tackle the field of philosophy, psychology, and religion or under LC Classes B, 485 or 21.0% are books under LC Classes H or the field of social sciences, 353 or 15.3% are book related to world history or LC Classes D, and 233 or 10.1% under LC Classes P or language and literature.
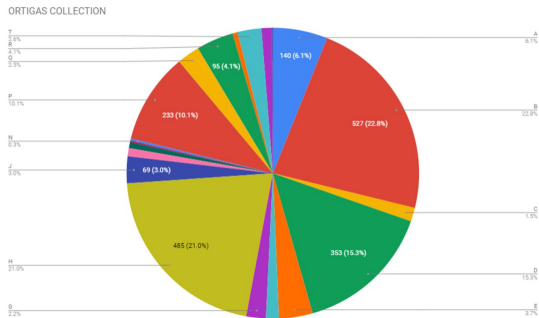
Figure 36. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Ortigas Collection)

Padilla collection is donated by Teodoro Padilla, former associate justice of Supreme Court. His expertise clearly displayed in his readings in Figure 37. out of 852 book collection 819 or 96.1% books are in the field of law or subjects under LC Classes K.
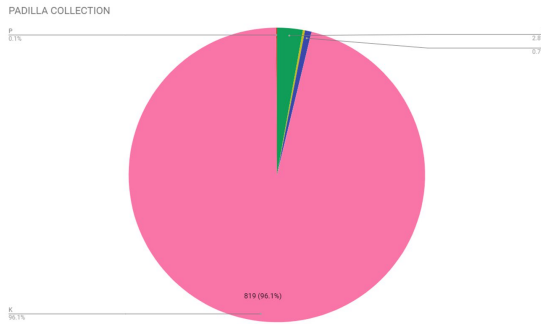
PADILLA COLLECTION

819 (96.1%)

Figure 37. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Padilla Collection)

Quirino collection strength is in the field of world history, language and literature, and social sciences. In Figure 38 presented below, of the 153 book collection 55 or 35.5% books under LC Classes D (world history), 49 or 31.6% are books under LC Classes P (language and literature), and 13 or 8.4% are books under LC Classes H (social sciences).

QUIRINO COLLECTION

49 (31.6%)   6 (3.9%)   55 (35.5%)   13 (8.4%)   8 (5.2%)

Figure 38. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Quirino Collection)

Quito collection is donated by Emerita Quito, educator, school administrator and former college dean of De La Salle University. The strength of her collection is presented in Figure 39 below, of the 1,409 total collection 727 or 51.2% of it are books in the field of philosophy, psychology and religion or subjects under LC Classes B, and 354 or 24.9% are subjects under LC Classes P or books in language and literature.
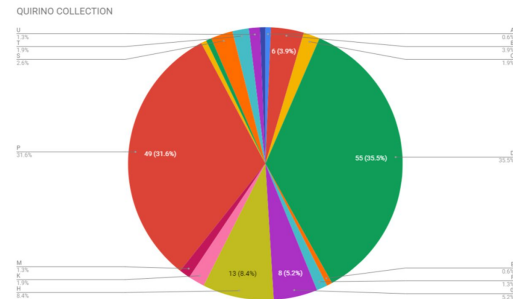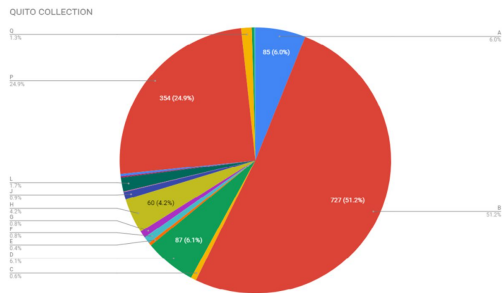
QUITO COLLECTION

Figure 39. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Quito Collection)

Quito collection is donated by Emerita Quito, educator, school administrator and former college dean of De La Salle University. The strength of her collection is presented in Figure 39 below, of the 1,409 total collection 727 or 51.2% of it are books in the field of philosophy, psychology and religion or subjects under LC Classes B, and 354 or 24.9% are subjects under LC Classes P or books in language and literature.
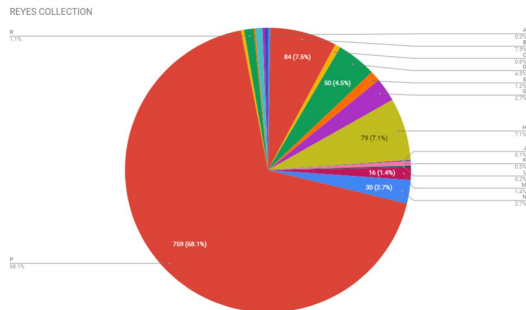
REYES COLLECTION

Figure 40. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Reyes Collection)

Robert Salazar collection strength mostly in the field of social sciences, world history and geography, anthropology and recreation. In the Figure 41 presented below, of the 488 total collection 155 or 31.3% of which are books under the LC Classes H (social sciences), 95 or 19.2% are books under the LC Classes of D (world history), and 93 or 18.8% are books under LC Classes of G (geography, anthropology, and recreation).
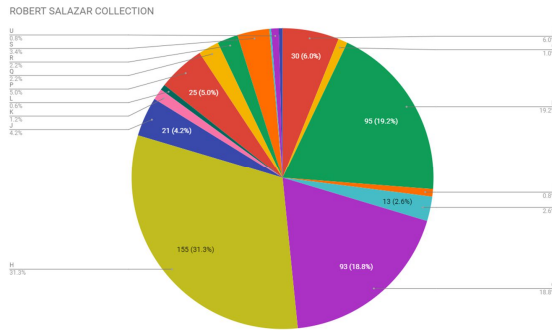
Figure 41. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Robert Salazar Collection)

Zeus Salazar collection are books donated by Zeus A. Salazar, a Filipino historian and anthropologist. The strength of this collection mostly in the field of language and literature, world history, philosophy, psychology and religion and social sciences. In the Figure 42 presented below, of the 993 total collection 428 or 43.1% of his books are books under the LC Classes P (language and literature), 232 or 23.4% are books under the LC Classes of D (world history), 93 or 9.48% are books under LC Classes of B (philosophy, psychology and religion), and 72 or 7.3% are books under LC Classes of H (social sciences).

Figure 42. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Zeus Salazar Collection)

Bonifacio Sibayan collection is donated by Bonifacio P. Sibayan, a Filipino educator, linguist, and a founding member of Linguistic Society of the Philippines. His books collection focus more on language and literature, medicine and education. In the Figure 43 presented below, of the 661 total collection 295 or 44.6% of it are books under the LC Classes P (language and literature), 140 or

21.2% are books under the LC Classes of R (medicine), and 98 or 14.8% are books under LC Classes of L (education).
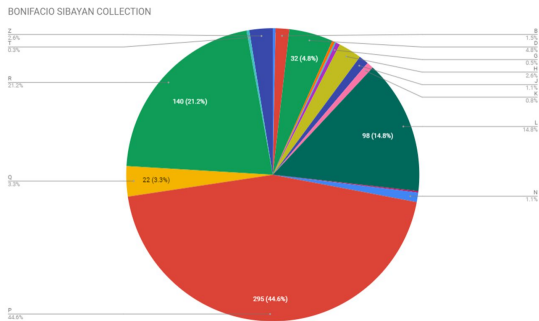
Figure 43. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Bonifacio Sibayan Collection)

Judy Sibayan collection is diverse but the collection's strength mostly focuses on language and literature, fine arts and philosophy, psychology and religion. Her collection viewpoint was clearly presented in Figure 44 below, wherein the 683 book collection, 278 or 44.6% books under the LC Classes P (language and literature), 114 or 16.7% are books under the LC Classes of N (fine arts), and 68 or 10.0% are books under LC Classes of B (philosophy, psychology, and religion).
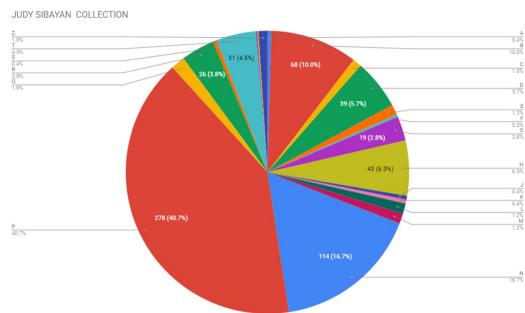
Figure 44. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Judy Sibayan Collection)

Sotto collection is the biggest special collection donated in the Learning Commons by Hammy Sotto, a film critic, and archivist. The collection's strength mostly focuses on language and literature, world history, philosophy, psychology and religion, and fine arts. The collection distribution was clearly presented in Figure 45, of the 12,007 book collection 7,171 or 58.3% of her books are under the LC Classes P (language and literature), 1,049 or 8.5% are books under

the LC Classes of D (world history), 839 or 6.8% are under LC Classes of B (philosophy, psychology, and religion), and 610 or 5.0% are books under LC Classes of N (fine arts).
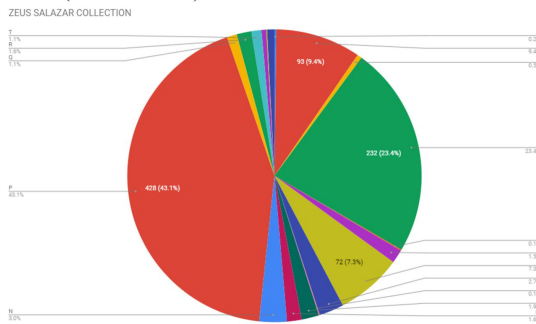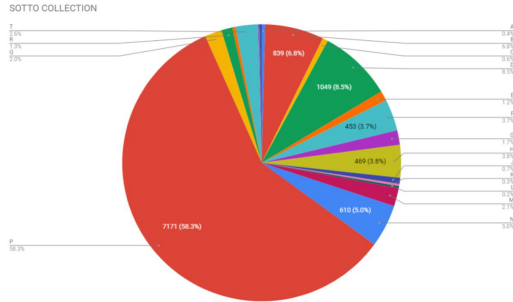

Figure 45. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Sotto Collection)

Tañada collection is donated by the family of the Lorenzo M. Tañada, a Filipino nationalist, lawyer, and human and civil rights activists. The collection's strength mostly focuses on world history, social sciences, and political science. The collection distribution was presented in Figure 46, of the 867 book collection, 255 or 26.7% books under the LC Classes D (world history), 157 or 16.4% under the LC Classes of H (social sciences), and 136 or 14.2% are books under LC Classes of J (political science).
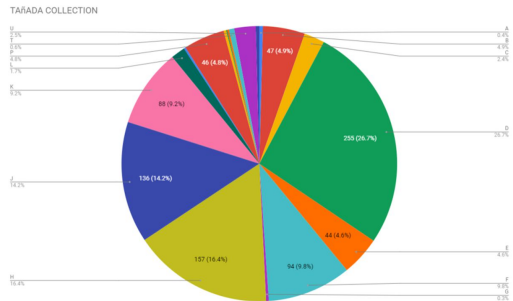
Figure 46. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Tañada Collection)

Teehankee collection mostly focuses on political science, social sciences, and world history. It is clearly presented in Figure 47, wherein of the 815 book collection 201 or 24.7% are books under the LC Classes J (political science), 195 or 23.9% under the LC Classes of H (social sciences), and 140 or 17.2% are books under LC Classes of D (world history).
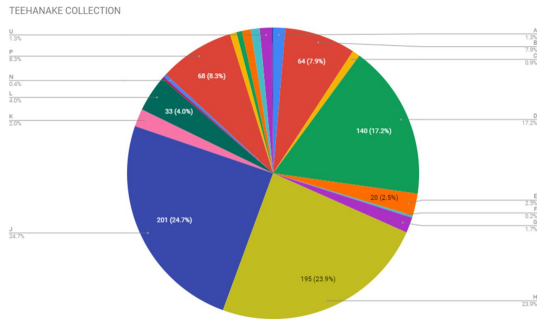
Figure 47. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Teehankee Collection)

Villacorta collection is donated by Wilfrido Villacorta, a Filipino ambassador, and educator. His books collection and readings were clearly diverse among other collection but the biggest chunk of 123 or 23.6% out of the 468 book collection tackled the subjects of social sciences (LC Classes of H).
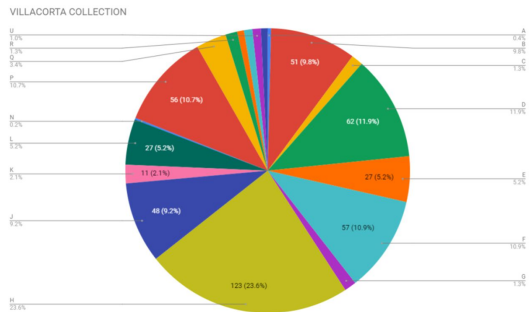
Figure 48. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (Villacorta Collection)

War Years collection strength is clearly in the field of world history. The collection distribution was boldly presented in Figure 49, wherein of the 88 total collection 81 or 92.0% are books under World History (LC Class D).
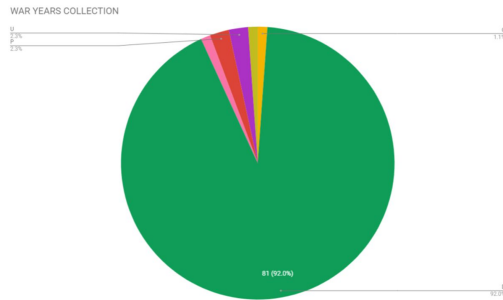
Figure 49. Distribution of Collection based on LC Classification (War Years Collection)

OVERALL COLLECTION STRENGTH AND WEAKNESSES

Overall analysis for the entire Special Collections book holdings of De La Salle University-The Learning Commons was clearly summarized in Figure 50. Of the 79,735 total collection more than one-third (27,689 or 34.7%) are books in the field of Language and Literature, 10,319 (12.9%) books in World History, 8,354 (10.5%) books in Philosophy, Psychology and Religion, 8,122 (10.2%) tackled the field of Social Sciences, and 6,411 (8%) books in the field of Law. Unfortunately, none of the collections presented support the Science and Technology curriculum of the university.
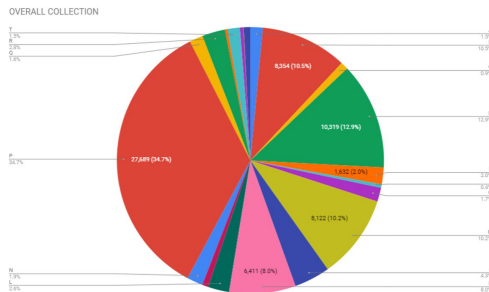
Figure 50.Distribution of Book Collection based on LC Classification

IV. Gauge Uniqueness
The researchers requested the Systems Services staff to generate unique, unduplicated titles from Sierra as shown in Table 3. A total of 38,869 book holdings (48.75%) are unique from the entire DLSU Libraries book collection. Results show that   51.25% of the book collection is same,

duplicate and multiple copies, which are also housed in other units of the DLSU Libraries. EDRC collection has the most unique titles garnering 83.73%. EDRC Collection is disseminated publication from the European Union in support for research and education. The EDRC Collection also holds the highest number of utilization as it supports the research and instructional needs of the students and faculty of the College of Liberal Arts specifically the International Studies Department.

| Collection	Number of Holdings	Unique Titles	Percentage	Duplicate copies in DLSU	Percentage
antiq	1310	431	32.90%	879	67.10%
asrc	2001	1430	71.46%	571	28.54%
asrcr	15	9	60.00%	6	40.00%
edrc	4150	3475	83.73%	675	16.27%
edrcr	1	1	100.00%	0	0.00%
gsrh	1451	741	51.07%	710	48.93%
scabu	1794	704	39.24%	1090	60.76%
scacc	369	177	47.97%	192	52.03%
scara	1558	804	51.60%	754	48.40%
scbag	4105	1252	30.50%	2853	69.50%
scbal	474	221	46.62%	253	53.38%
scbam	725	260	35.86%	465	64.14%
scbau	1153	607	52.65%	546	47.35%
scbit	1956	1180	60.33%	776	39.67%
scbns	1043	485	46.50%	558	53.50%
scbrd	434	220	50.69%	214	49.31%
sccal	3976	1870	47.03%	2106	52.97%
scces	1576	692	43.91%	884	56.09%
scchn	266	130	48.87%	136	51.13%
scclq	153	53	34.64%	100	65.36%
scdda	918	590	64.27%	328	35.73%
scdel	698	379	54.30%	319	45.70%
scdfc	2672	614	22.98%	2058	77.02%
scfor	4766	1289	27.05%	3477	72.95%
scfsj	1031	426	41.32%	605	58.68%
scfyl	149	83	55.70%	66	44.30%
scirc	4238	1847	43.58%	2391	56.42%
scjcb	644	345	53.57%	299	46.43%
scjct	815	334	40.98%	481	59.02%

scjjr	1114	634	56.91%	480	43.09%
scjwd	4999	974	19.48%	4025	80.52%
sckdc	710	303	42.68%	407	57.32%
sclcd	1083	246	22.71%	837	77.29%
sclck	1366	827	60.54%	539	39.46%
sclit	144	102	70.83%	42	29.17%
sclop	1308	397	30.35%	911	69.65%
scmcb	52	34	65.38%	18	34.62%
scnip	1593	1289	80.92%	304	19.08%
scort	2313	1276	55.17%	1037	44.83%
scqui	1409	563	39.96%	846	60.04%
scrag	1949	796	40.84%	1153	59.16%
scsal	488	163	33.40%	325	66.60%
scsib	661	249	37.67%	412	62.33%
scsij	683	379	55.49%	304	44.51%
scsot	12007	8607	71.68%	3400	28.32%
sctan	867	380	43.83%	487	56.17%
scteo	852	39	4.58%	813	95.42%
scvmo	147	74	50.34%	73	49.66%
scwar	88	37	42.05%	51	57.95%
scwvv	468	159	33.97%	309	66.03%
sczas	993	692	69.69%	301	30.31%
Total	**79735**	**38869**	**48.75%**	**40866**	**51.25%**

Table 3. Uniqueness of Special Collections Book Holdings from the DLSU Libraries

Also, to gauge the uniqueness and rarity of the collection, the researchers compared the Special Collections book titles to the online catalog of the University of the Philippines as shown in Table 4. Out of 79,735 Special Collections book holding, 14907 (18.70%) is unique in terms of book titles compared to UP.

Collection	Holdings	DLSU Unique Book Holdings from UP	%	With Hit Duplicates from UP
antiq	1310	156	11.91%	275
asrc	2001	0	0.00%	0
asrcr	15	3	20.00%	6
edrc	4150	1007	24.27%	2467
edrcr	1	0	0.00%	1

gsrh	1451	247	17.02%	493
scabu	1794	343	19.12%	361
scacc	369	63	17.07%	113
scara	1558	162	10.40%	642
scbag	4105	501	12.20%	751
scbal	474	64	13.50%	157
scbam	725	66	9.10%	194
scbau	1153	202	17.52%	405
scbit	1956	267	13.65%	912
scbns	1043	252	24.16%	233
scbrd	434	88	20.28%	132
sccal	3976	1129	28.40%	741
scces	1576	279	17.70%	413
scchn	266	58	21.80%	72
scclq	153	25	16.34%	28
scdda	918	145	15.80%	444
scdel	698	155	22.21%	224
scdfc	2672	345	12.91%	269
scfor	4766	593	12.44%	696
scfsj	1031	173	16.78%	253
scfyl	149	12	8.05%	71
scirc	4238	831	19.61%	1016
scjcb	644	133	20.65%	212
scjct	815	141	17.30%	193
scjjr	1114	274	24.60%	360
scjwd	4999	503	10.06%	471
sckdc	710	128	18.03%	174
sclcd	1083	122	11.27%	124
sclck	1366	193	14.13%	634
sclit	144	55	38.19%	47
sclop	1308	140	10.70%	257
scmcb	52	8	15.38%	26
scnip	1593	410	25.74%	879
scort	2313	462	19.97%	814
scqui	1409	217	15.40%	345
scrag	1949	525	26.94%	271
scsal	488	91	18.65%	72
scsib	661	66	9.98%	183

scsij	683	175	25.62%	204
scsot	12007	3594	29.93%	5012
sctan	867	187	21.57%	192
scteo	852	19	2.23%	20
scvmo	147	24	16.33%	50
scwar	88	13	14.77%	24
scwvv	468	77	16.45%	82
sczas	**993**	184	18.53%	508
Grand Total	**79735**	**14907**	**18.70%**	**22523**

Table 4. Uniqueness of DLSU Libraries Special Collections Book Holdings compared to University of the Philippines

Conclusions and Recommendations

The DLSU Libraries Special Collections holds a 48.75% unique book holdings, however, 53.08% of the SC book holdings are duplicated, multiple copies that are also available from any other units and satellite libraries of DLSU. Also, EDRC collection is the most utilized collections among the Special Collections, followed by ASRC with 340.97%. Is it imperative for libraries to practice periodic assessment of their collections. To optimize the utilization of the Special Collections, this study recommends promoting the Special Collections through print brochures, regular exhibitions, presence and up to date profile of the Special Collections in the library website. Also, this study reveals that DLSU Libraries must intensify their acquisition guidelines specifically in accepting duplicate copies from gifts and donations, loan and deposit collections. Further studies on collection age must be also considered, in terms of weeding or deselection.

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