"GAUGING UNIQUENESS": ASSESSMENT IN SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

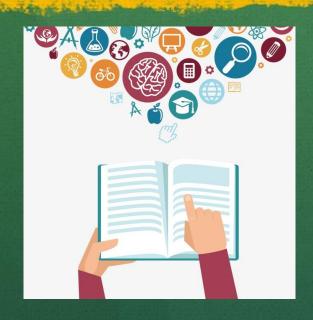
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- Total area: 300,000 sq km
- Religion: Catholic 81%; Christian 11%;
 Muslim 5.6%
- Population: 107,822,195 (2019); growth
 rate 1.72%
- Government type: presidential republic
- Administrative divisions: 80 provinces and 39 chartered cities





Objectives



 to profile the book holdings of the Special Collection

 to identify the strength and weakness of the collection



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to examine the utilization of the collection

 to determine the uniqueness and rarity of the book collection by comparing the Special Collection book titles to the online catalog of University of the Philippines.



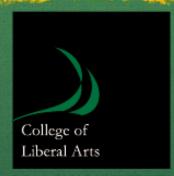
Significance

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.



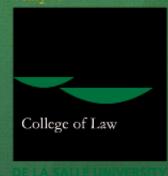
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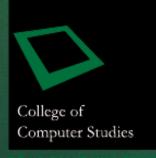


















Overview





Population

Undergraduate 11,527 Graduate

5,177

As of February 2019, Academic Year 2018-2019

Overview of the Institution

University Goal

 Becoming a leading learner-centered and research university.

How...

providing "organized and relevant information sources, in support of the institution's instructional, curricular, research, and extension programs.

De La Salle University Libraries

The Main library also known as "The Learning Commons" has six (6) satellites libraries.

- 1. Br. Benedict Learning Resource Center (BBLRC) Manila
- 2. Rufino Campus Law Library Taguig City
- 3. Makati Extension Campus Business Library Makati City
- 4. Science and Technology Complex (STC) College Library Laguna
- 5. Science and Technology Complex (STC) Integrated School Library Laguna
- 6. Science and Technology Complex (STC) Pre-School Library Laguna

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DLSU Libraries Total Collection (as of 2019)

Books eBooks Journals e-Journals discipline)

44,938 Online databases 125



(72)

De La Salle University Libraries

Fresnido (2012) defined Special Collections (SC) as:

- materials that are built around a single idea or subject
- rare, valuable and truly unique materials
- scholarly outputs of the University.





Special Collections

Five categories of Special Collections in DLSU Libraries:





- 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

Special Collections

Sixty-three (63) special collections are strategically housed in various locations in The Learning Commons:

- 7th Floor,
- 9th Floor Mezzanine
- 10th Floor Mezzanine and
- 14th Floor Henry Sy Sr. Hall.

Methodology

- Quantitative
- Data collection
- Manipulation of pre-existing statistical data
- Counting of usage
- Percentage and frequency
- Comparison (Using the Sierra Integrated Library System)
- Google Curling





Scope & Limitations

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.



Results & Discussions

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)

Name of Collection

Total Holdings (Vols)

- 1. Agustin "Hammy" Sotto 12,007
- 2. Alfredo Efren Litiatco 114
- 3. American Studies & Research Center

4. Ambassador Delia D. Albert 918

5. Antiquarian

1,310

- 6. Araneta-Zaragoza-Roxas-Rebullida
- 7. Aurelio B. Calderon 3,976

8 RAMCREE

2,016

1,558

Name of Collection

Total Holdings (Vols)

14. Br. Armin Luistro FSC

474

15. Br. Rafael Donato FSC

434

16. Center for English for Specific Purposes (CESP)

1,576

17. Carlos P. Quirino

153

18. Chinese Corner

266

19. Cirilo F. Bautista

1,153

20. Don Francisco F. Ortigas

2,313

21. Doreen Gamboa Fernandez

Name of Collection	Total Holdings (Vols
27. European Documentation Centre	4,151
28. Felipe Liao	
149	
29. Gender, Sexuality And Reproductive	1,451
Health Data Bank (GSRH)	
27. Isagani R. Cruz Collections	
4,238	
28. Jose F. Sionil	
1,031	
29. Japan Foundation	
369	
30. Josefina C. Baui	
611	

31. Jose Diokno

Name of Collection

Holdings (Vols)

40. Lorenzo M. Tañada

867

41.M.L. Cordero-Krainz

1,366

42. Marcelino A. Foronda

4,766

43. Nipa Hut

1,593

44. Remigio E. Agpalo

1,949

45. Robert C. Salazar

Total

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

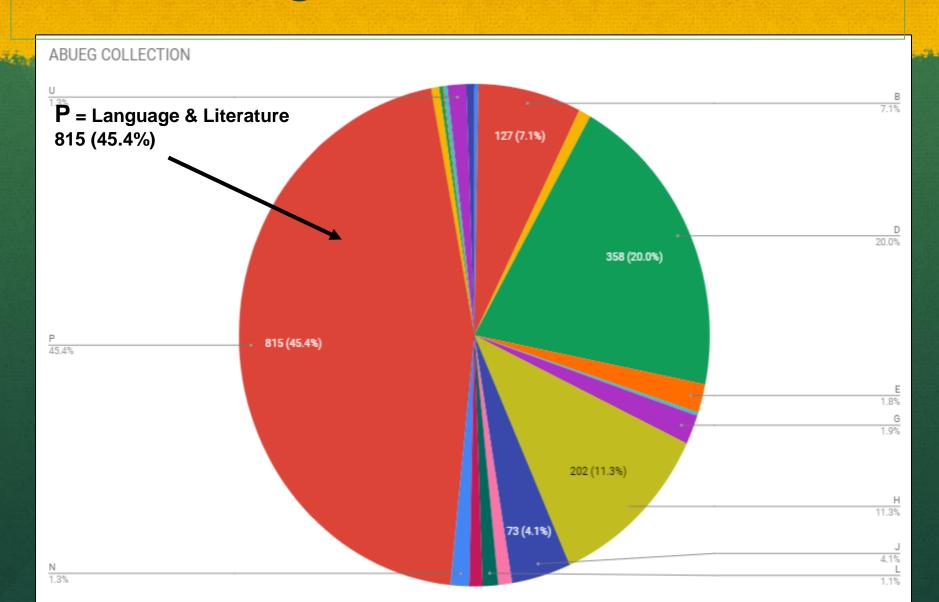
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DEL MUNDO	scdel	698	234	33.52	15
BAUTISTA	scbau	1,153	381	33.04	16
BIENVENIDO SANTOS	scbns	1,043	301	28.86	17
CHINESE CORNER	scchn	266	73	27.44	18
SIBAYAN, BONIFACIO	scsib	661	178	26.93	19
SOTTO	scsot	12,007	3,093	25.76	20
ANDREW GONZALEZ	scbag	4,105	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

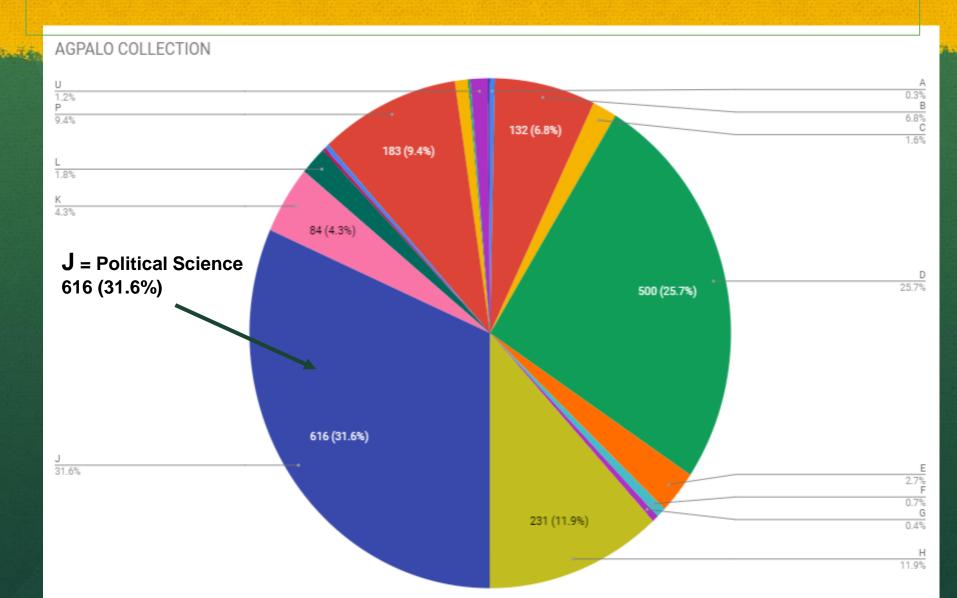
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ARMIN LUISTRO	scbal	474	72	15.19	28
GSRH	gsrh	1,451	213	14.68	29
LOPEZ-BANTUG	sclop	1,308	185	14.14	30
CORDERO-KRAINZ	sclck	1,366	188	13.76	31
BAUI	scjcb	644	88	13.66	32
KDC	sckdc	710	97	13.66	33
DONATO	scbrd	434	50	11.52	34
PADILLA	scteo	852	94	11.03	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

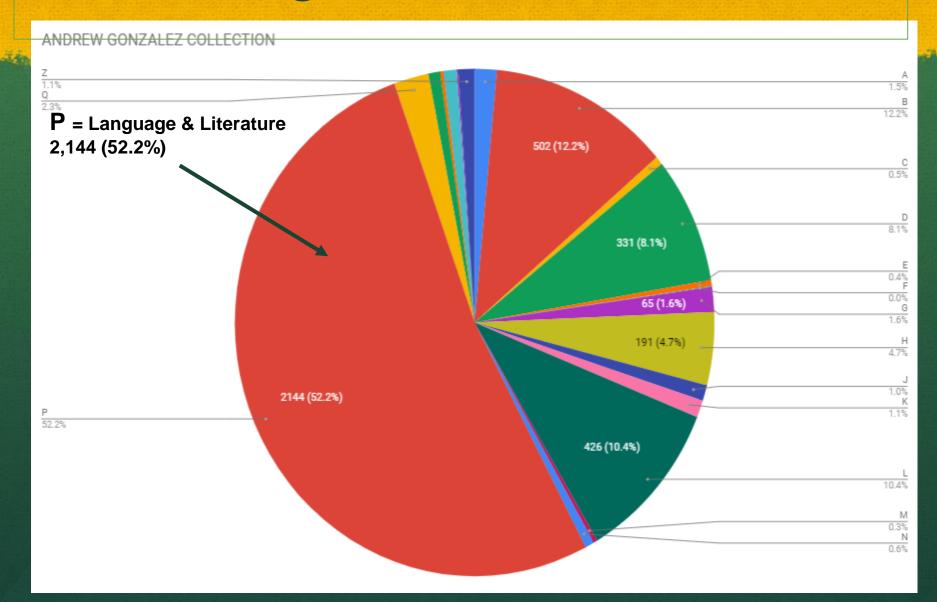
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VILLACORTA	SCWVV	468	17	3.63	42
BAMCREF	BAMCREF	725	23	3.17	43
NIPA HUT	scnip	1,593	43	2.70	44
ANTIQUARIAN	antiq	1,310	22	1.68	45
ARANETA-					
ZARAGOZA	scara	1,558	24	1.54	46
DIOKNO	scjwd	4,999	68	1.36	47
F. LIAO	scfyl	149	1	0.67	48
BELINO	scmcb	52	0	0.00	49

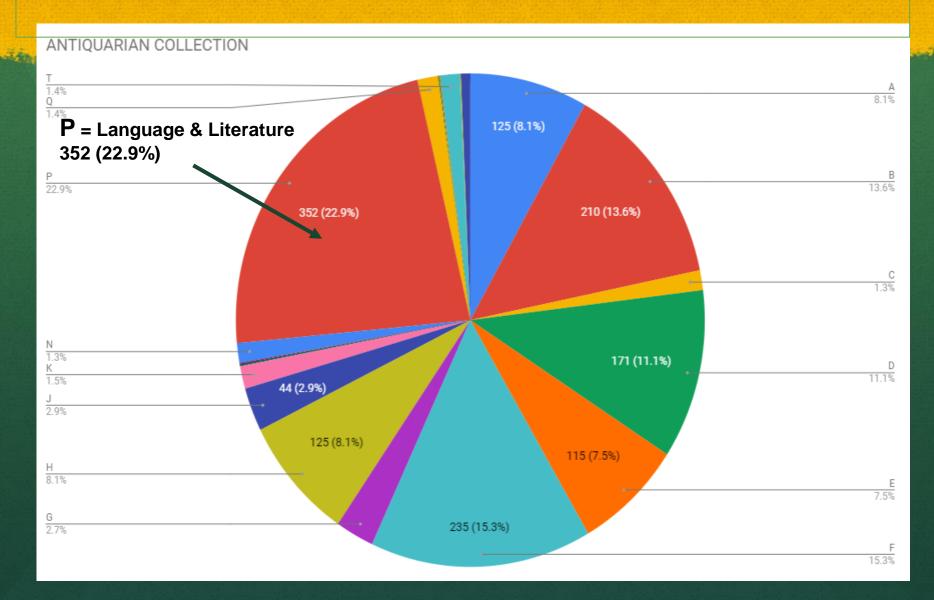
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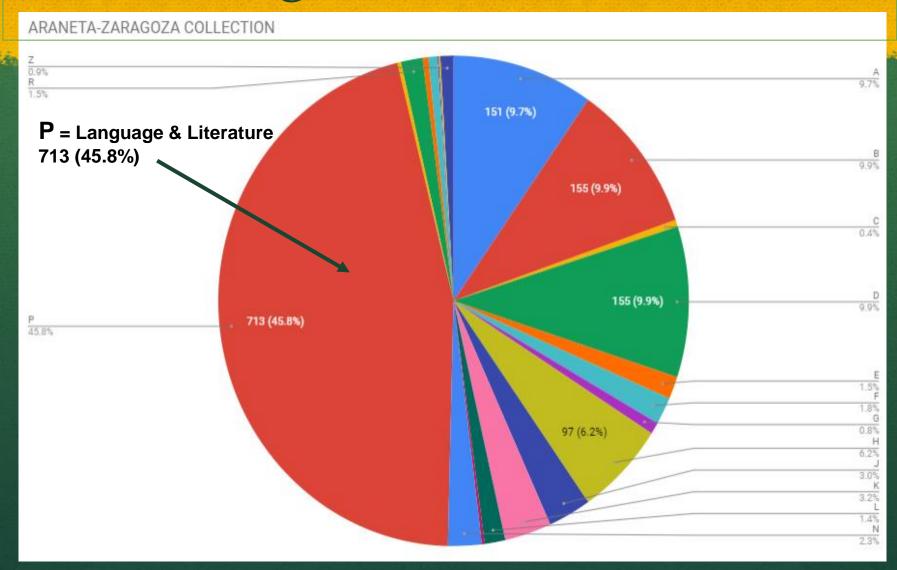


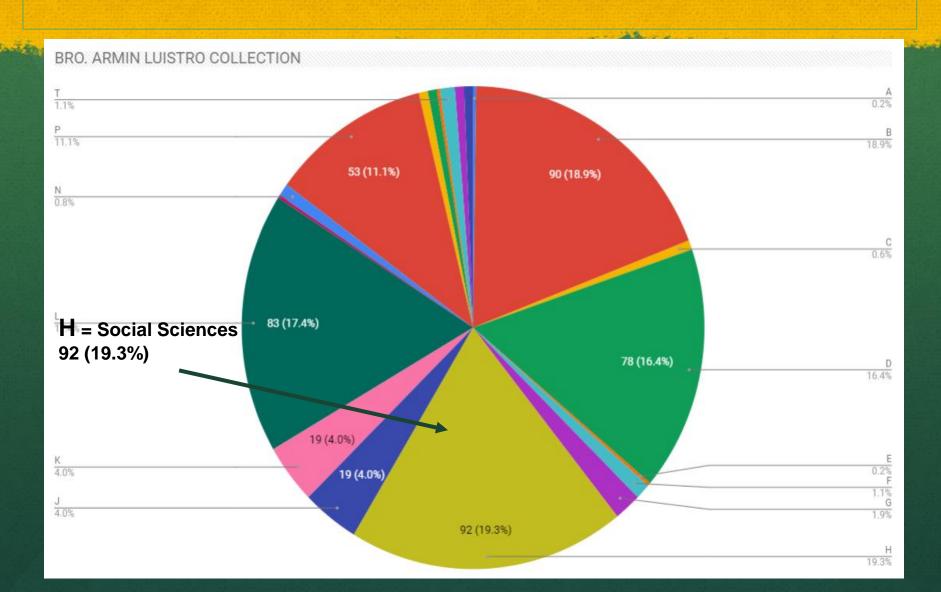


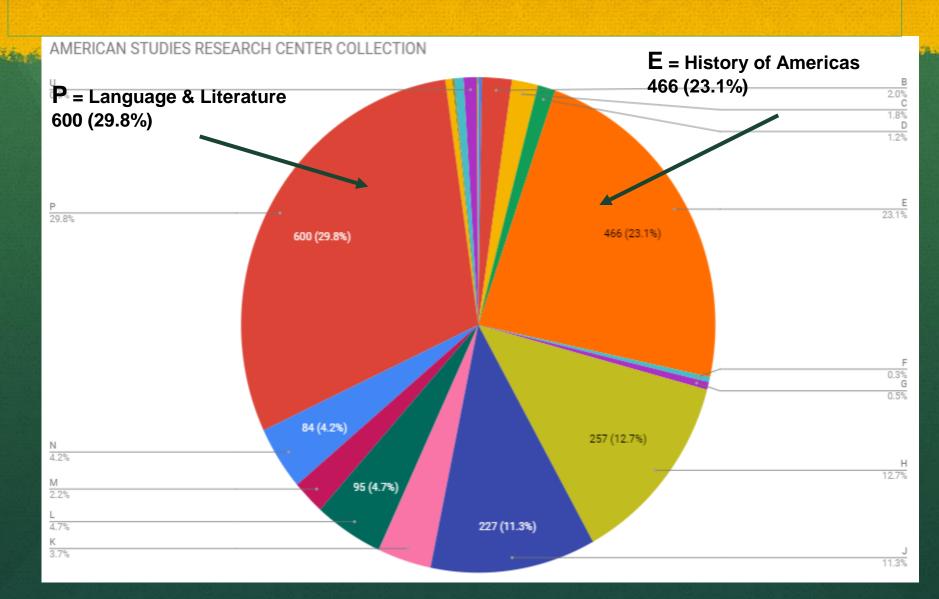




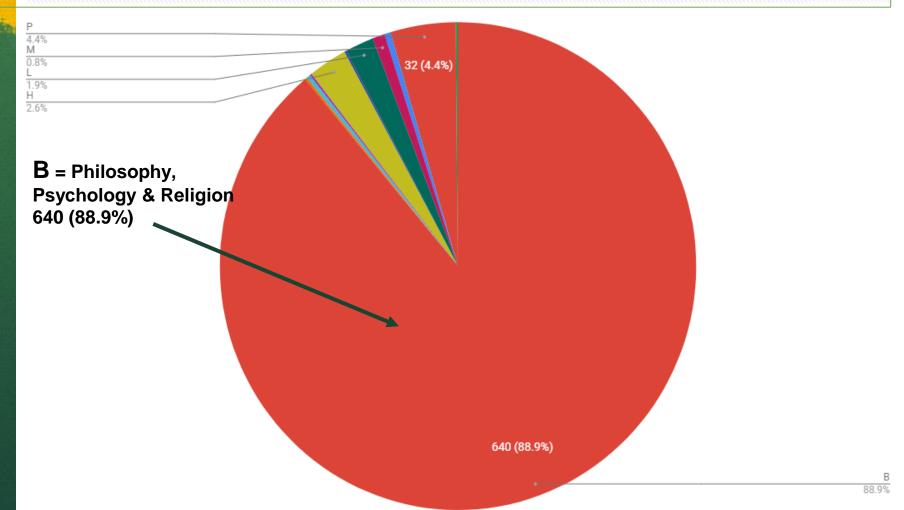


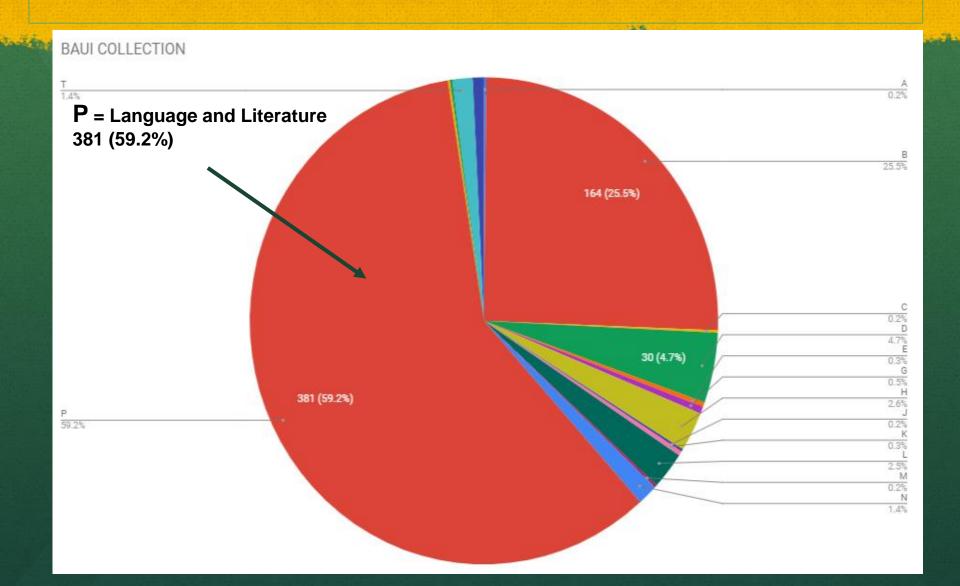


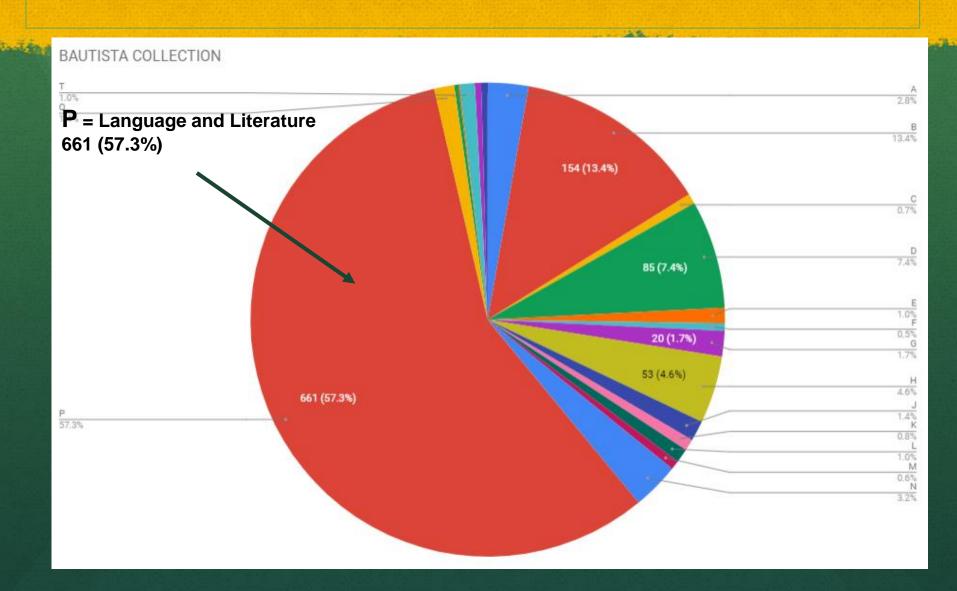


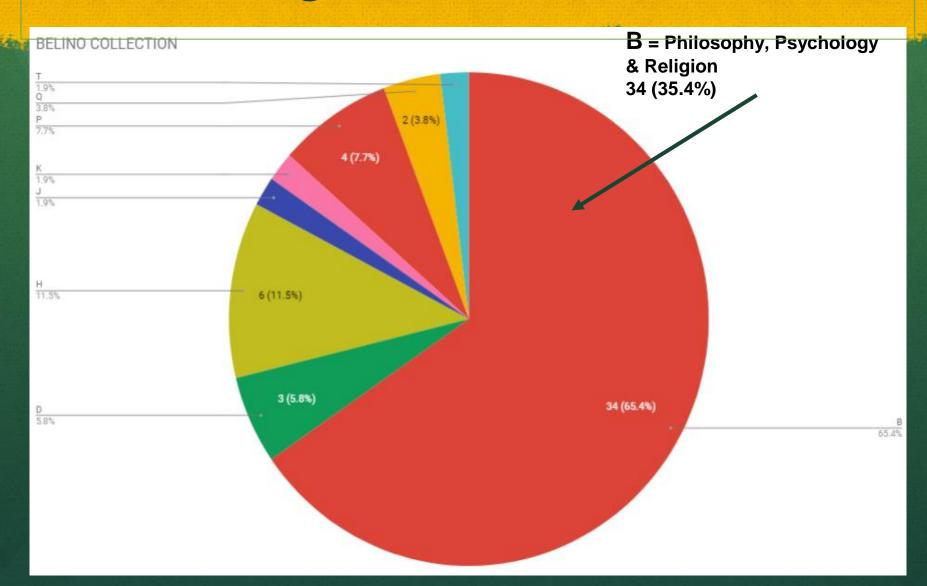


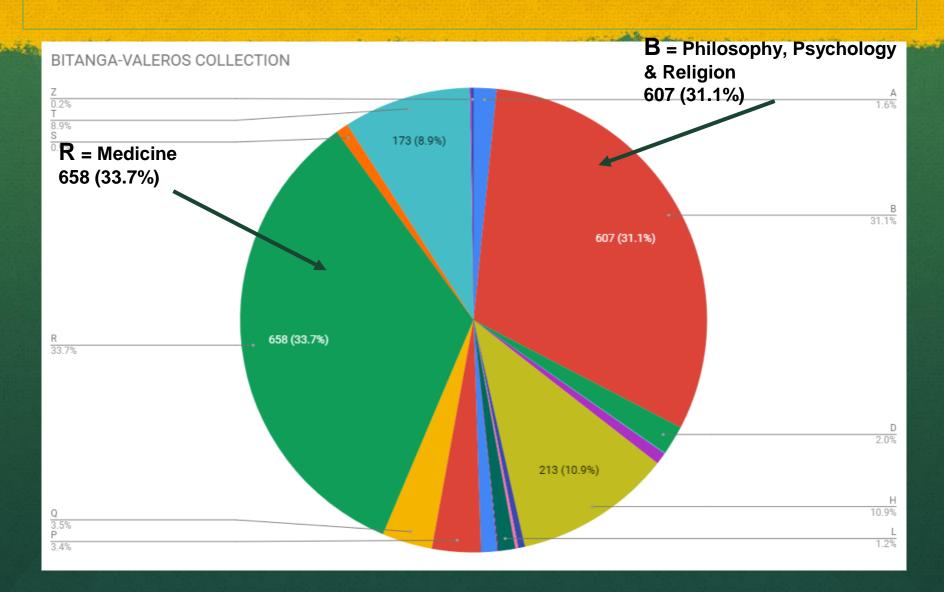
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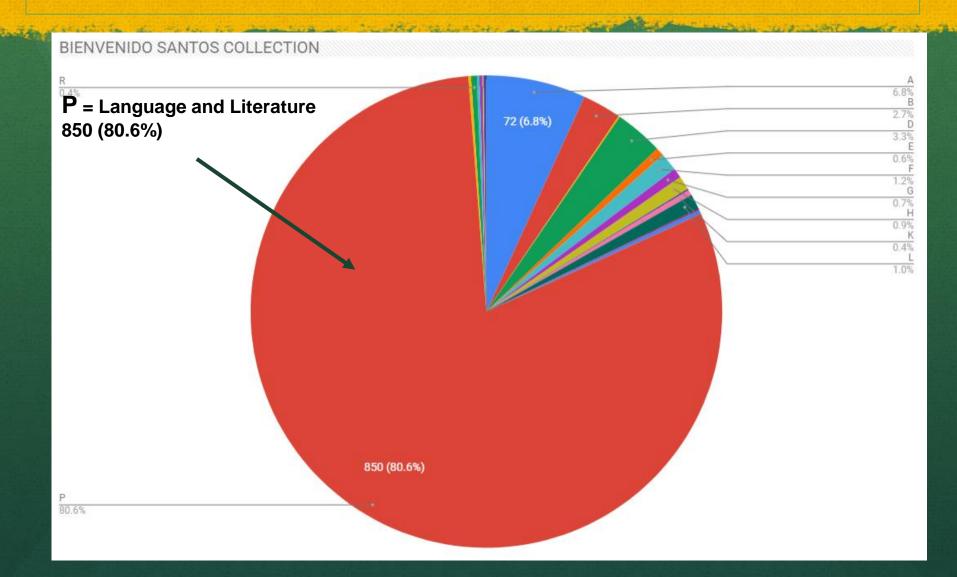


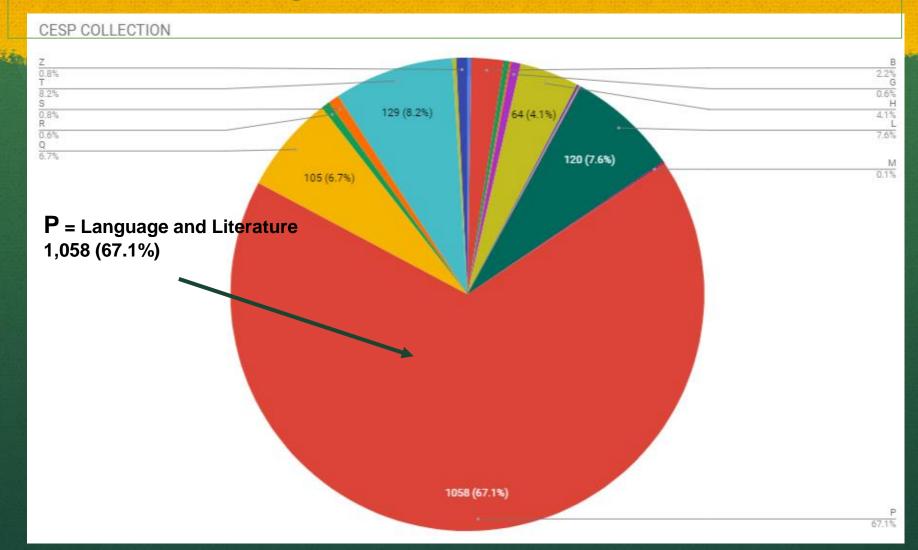


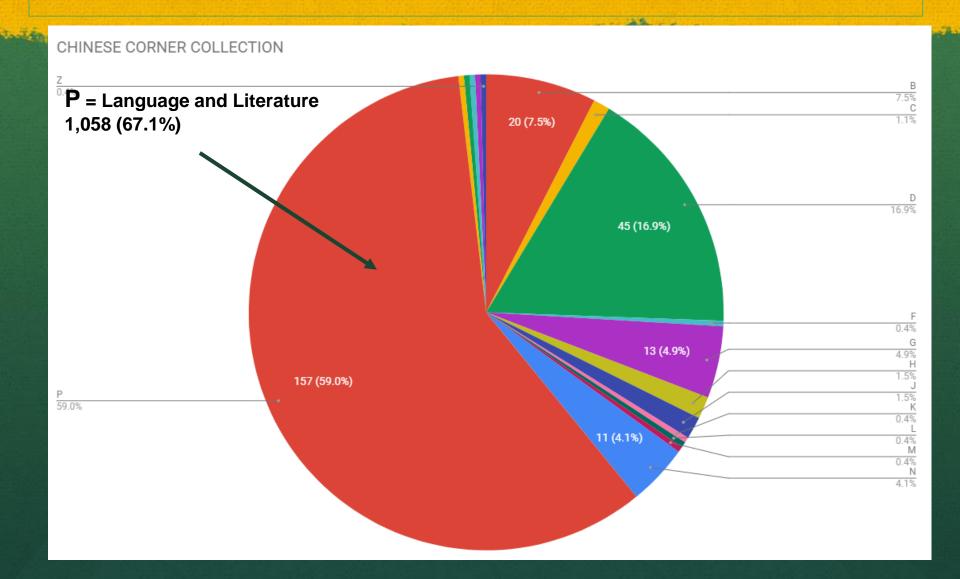


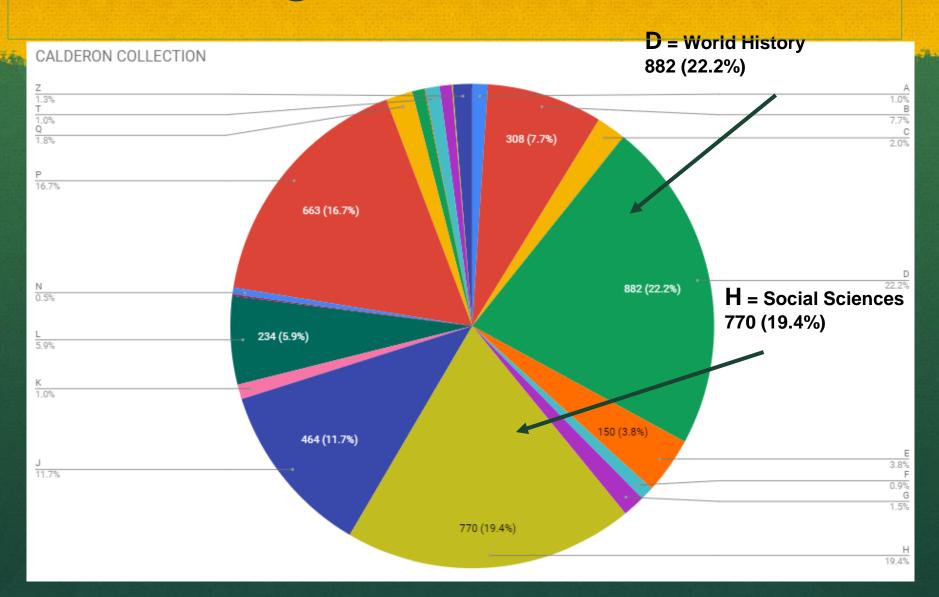


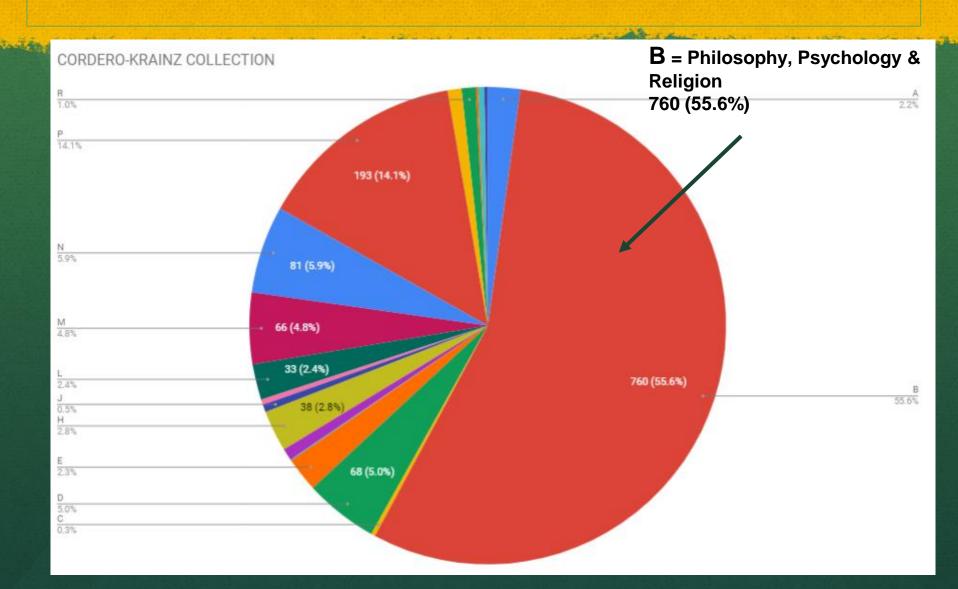


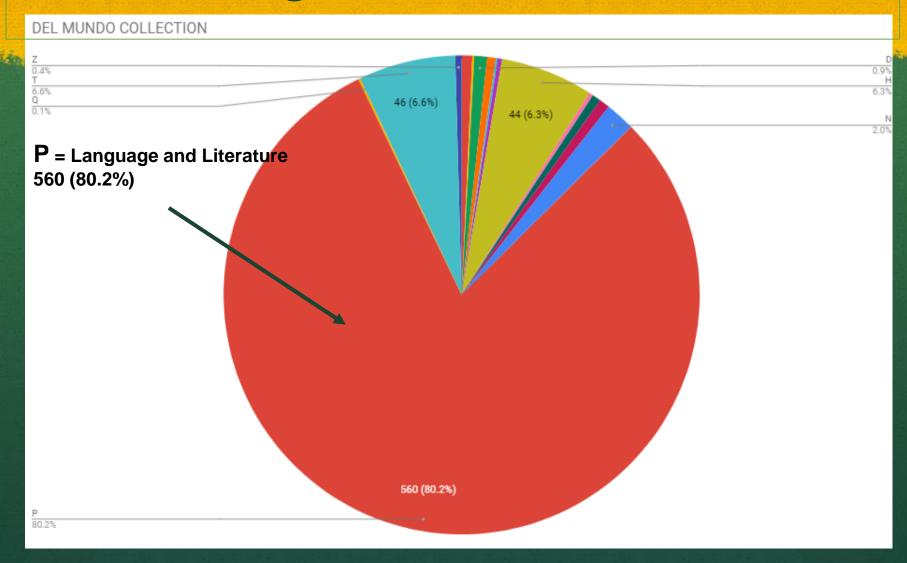


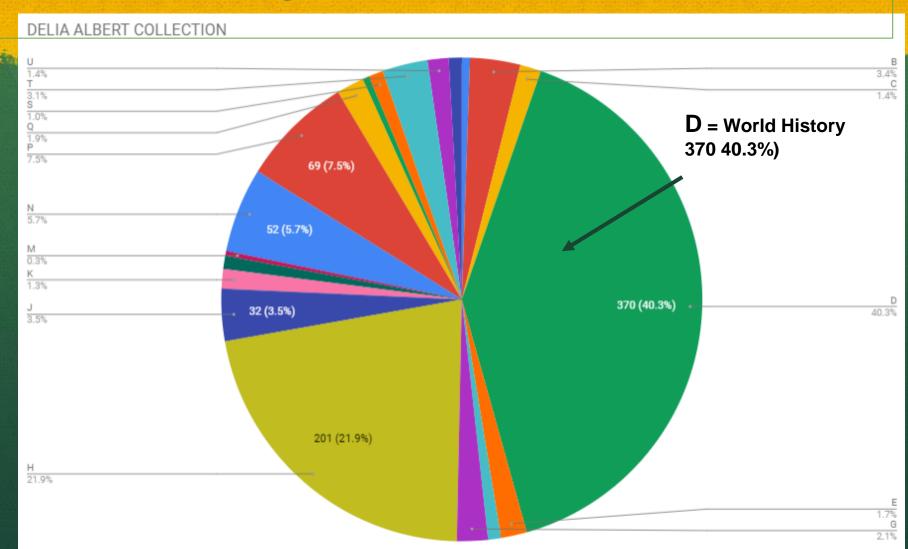


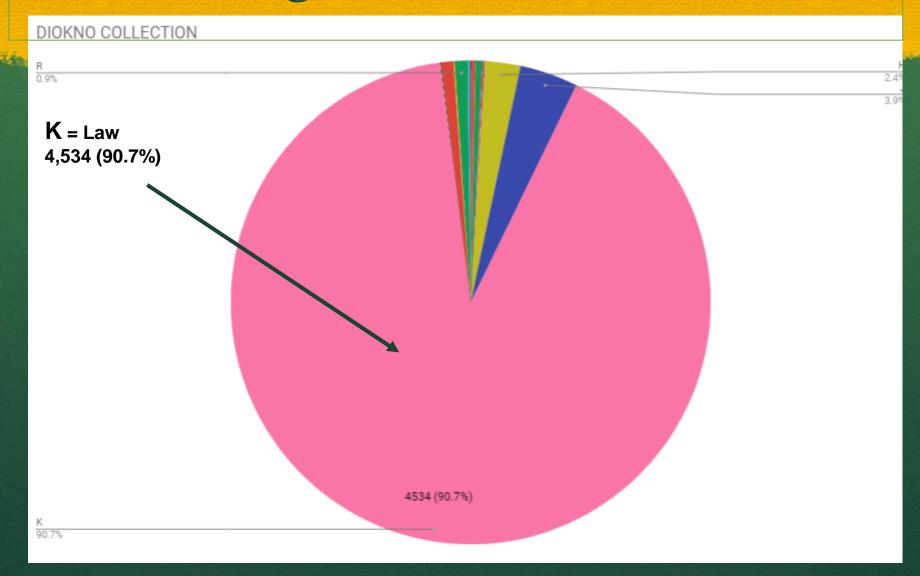


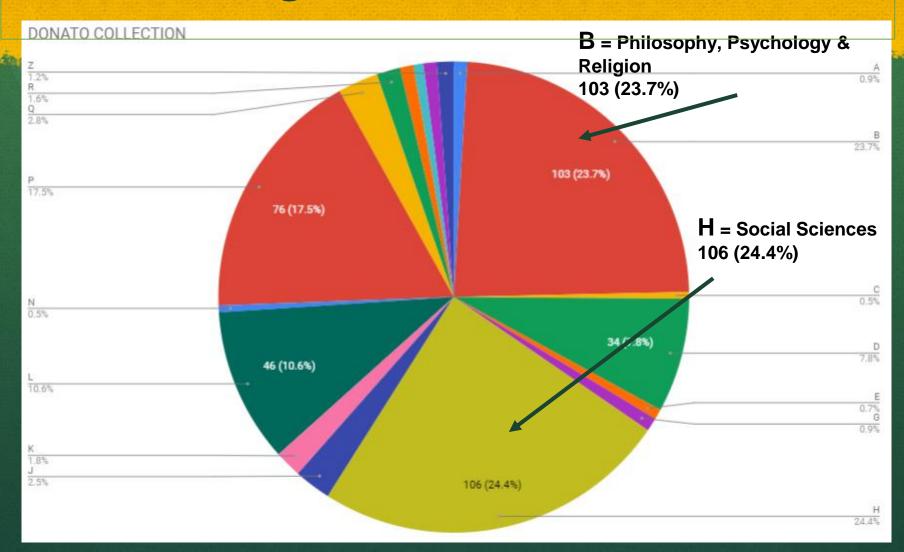


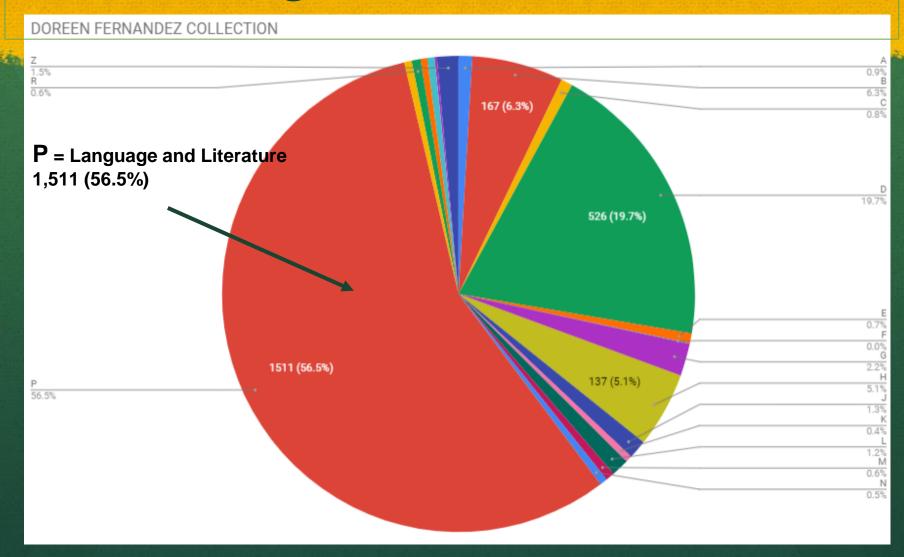


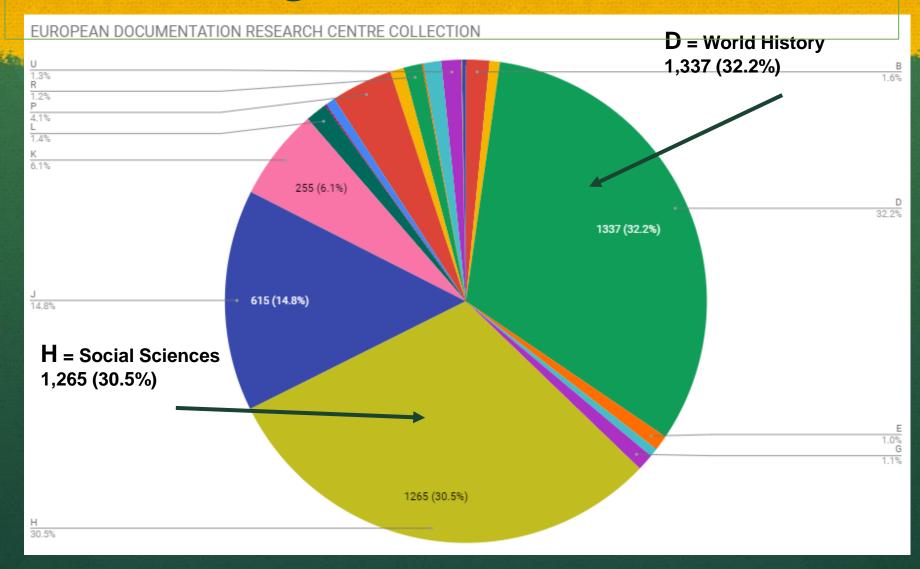


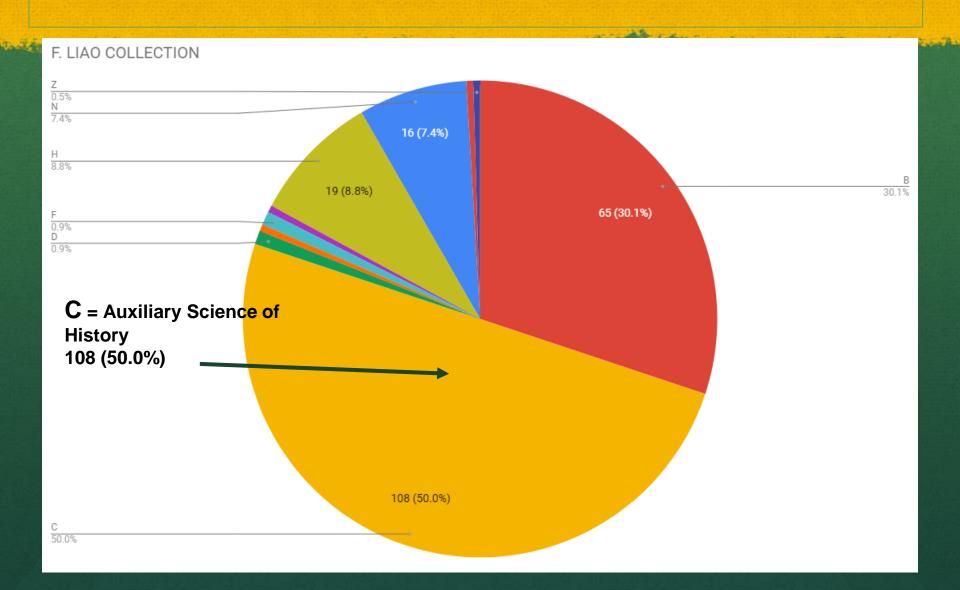


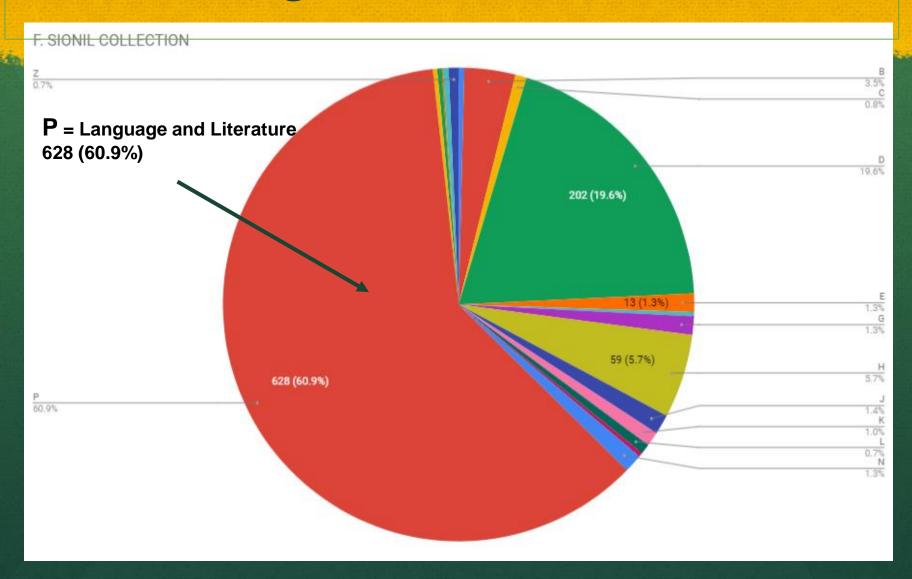


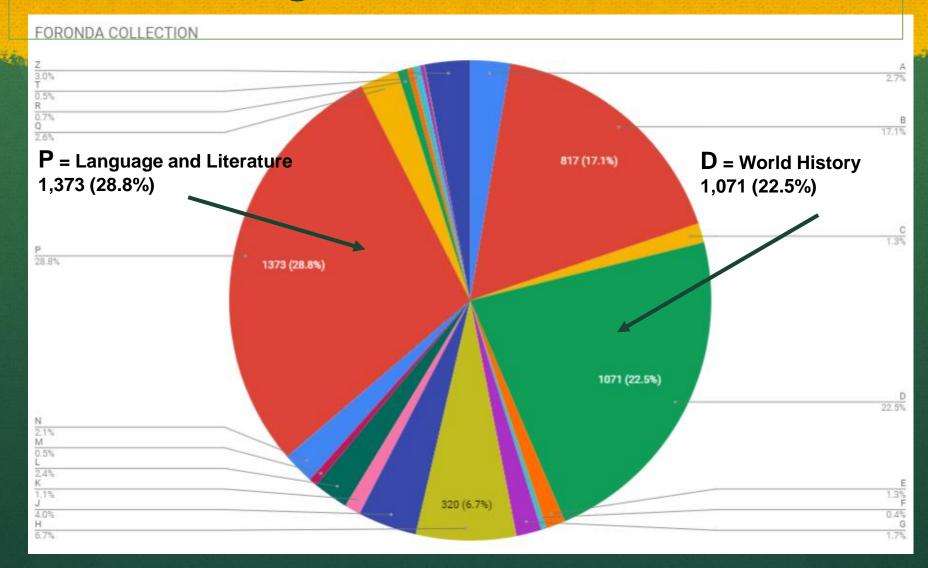


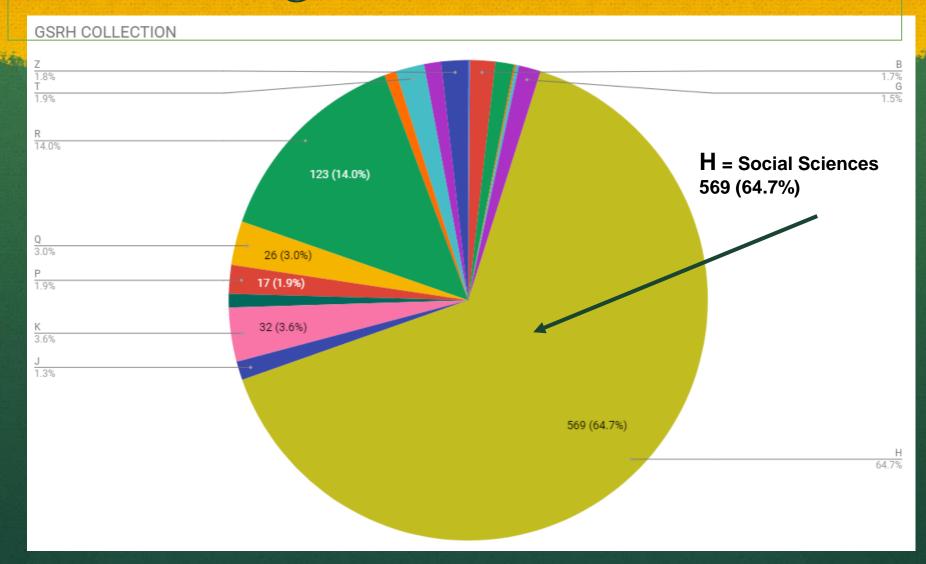




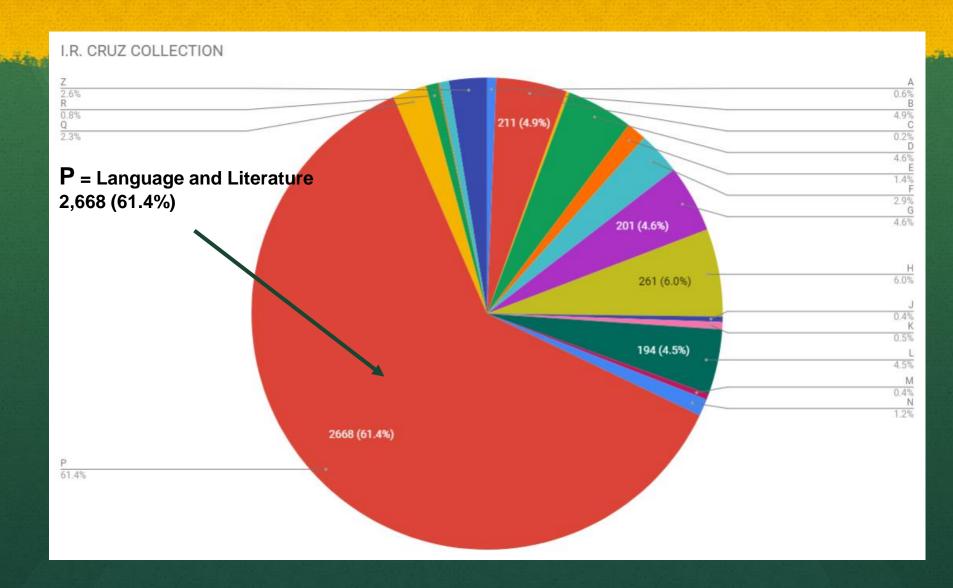


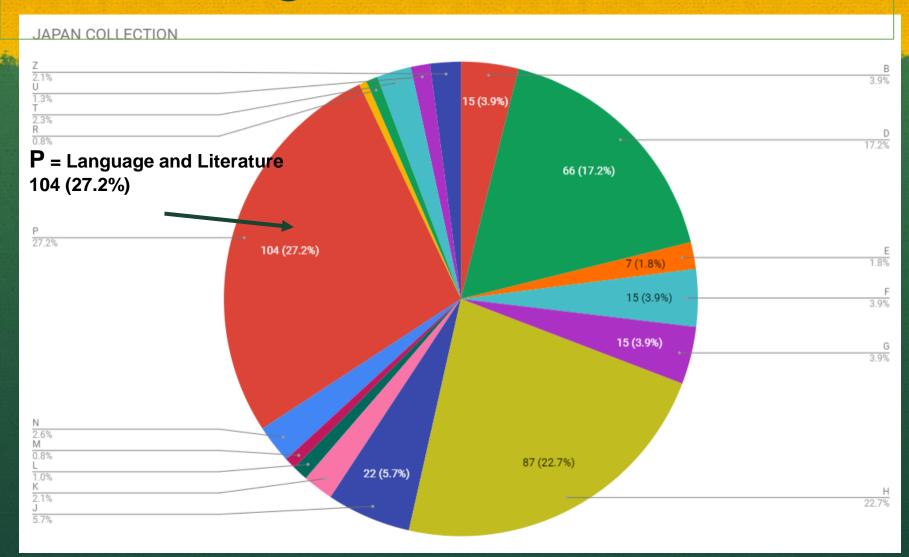


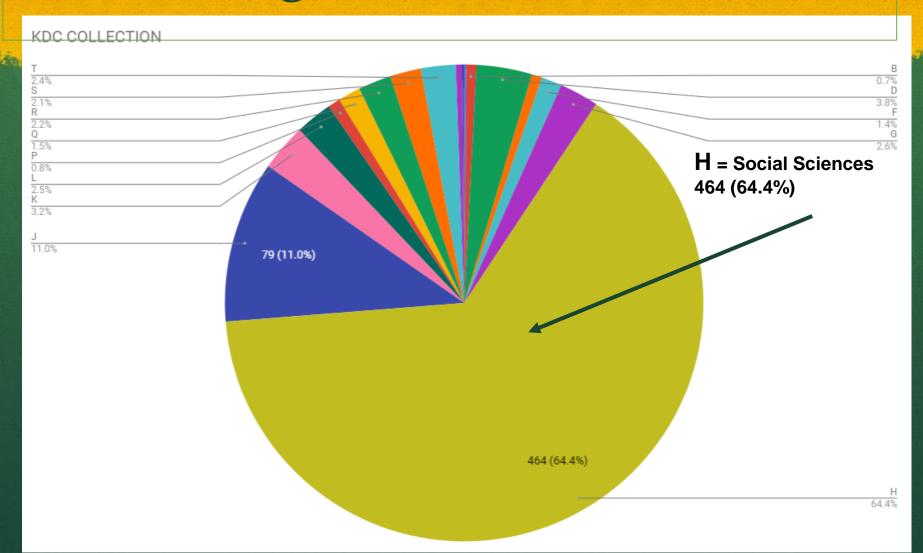


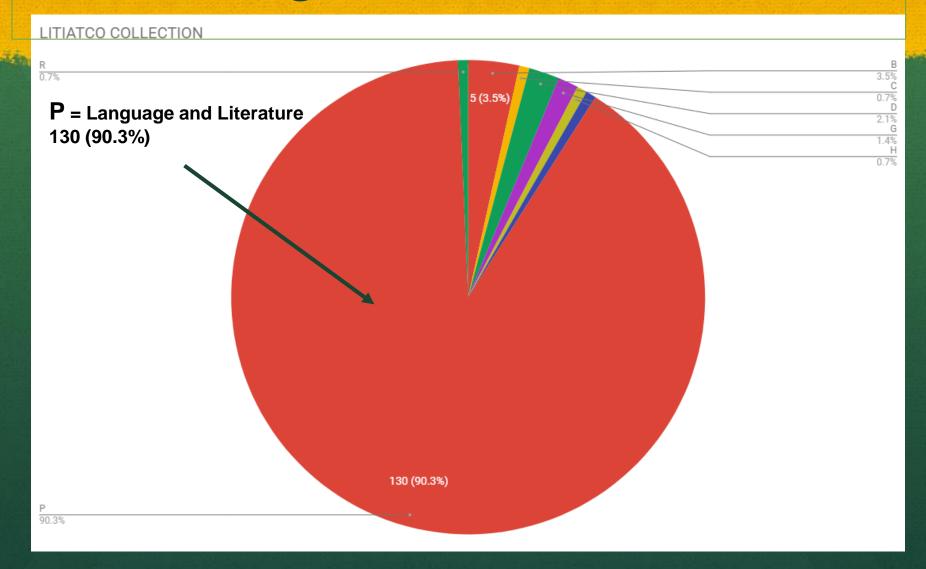


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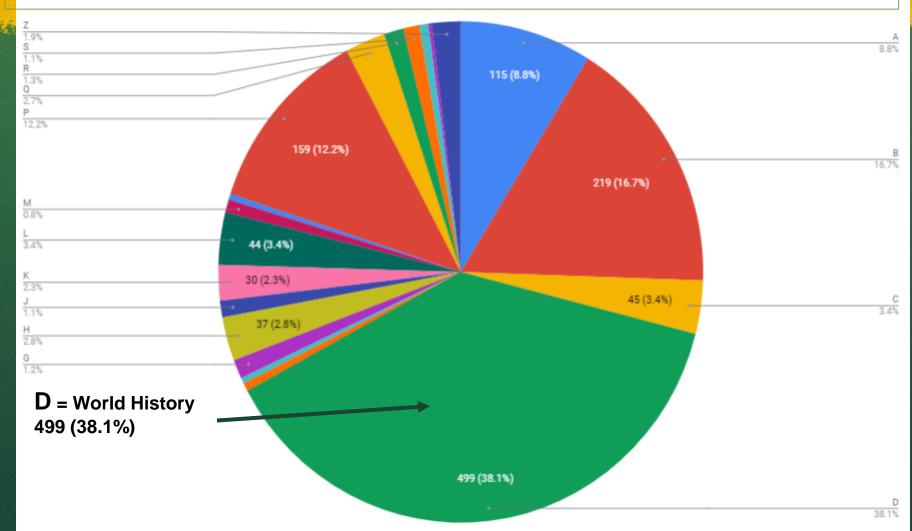


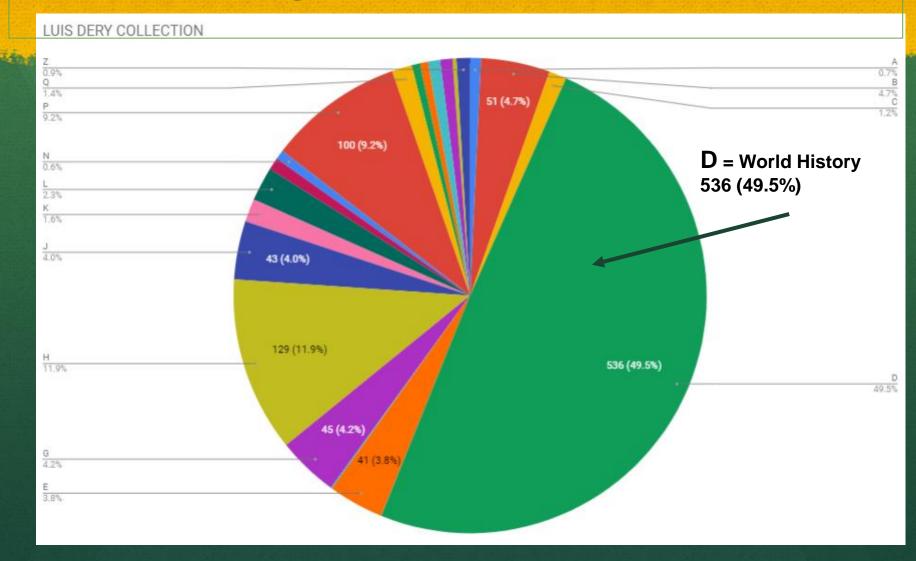


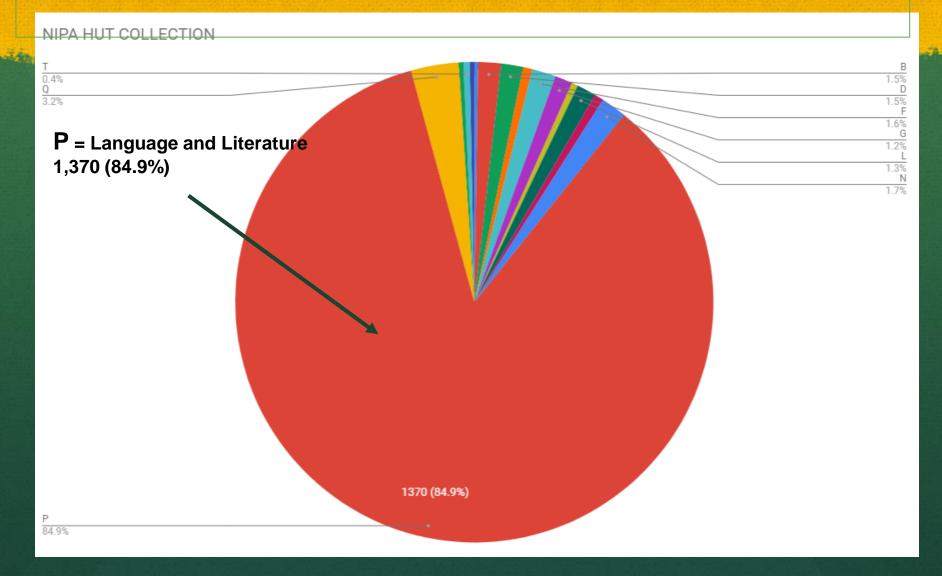


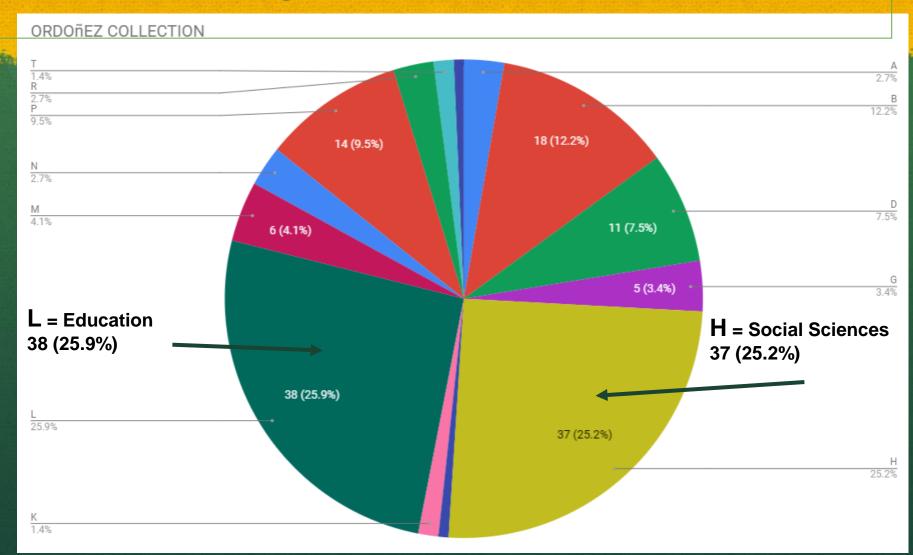


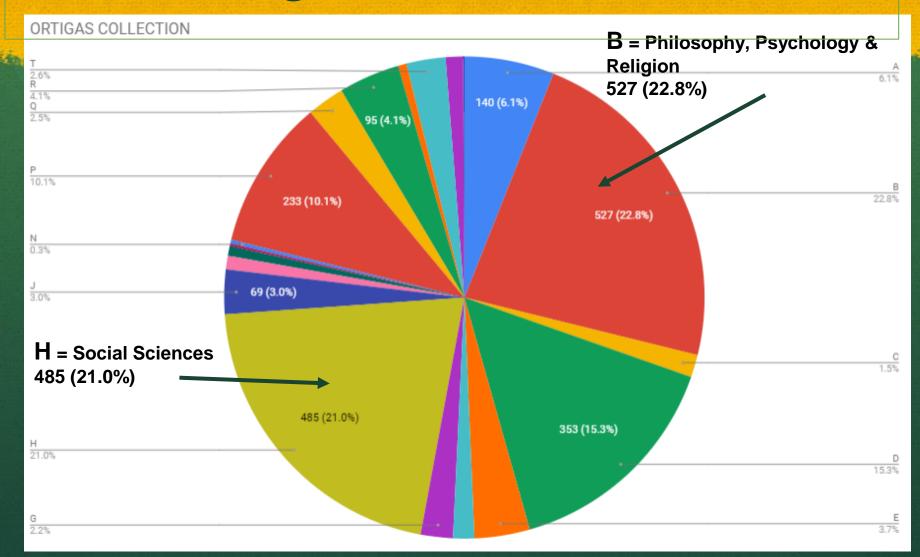
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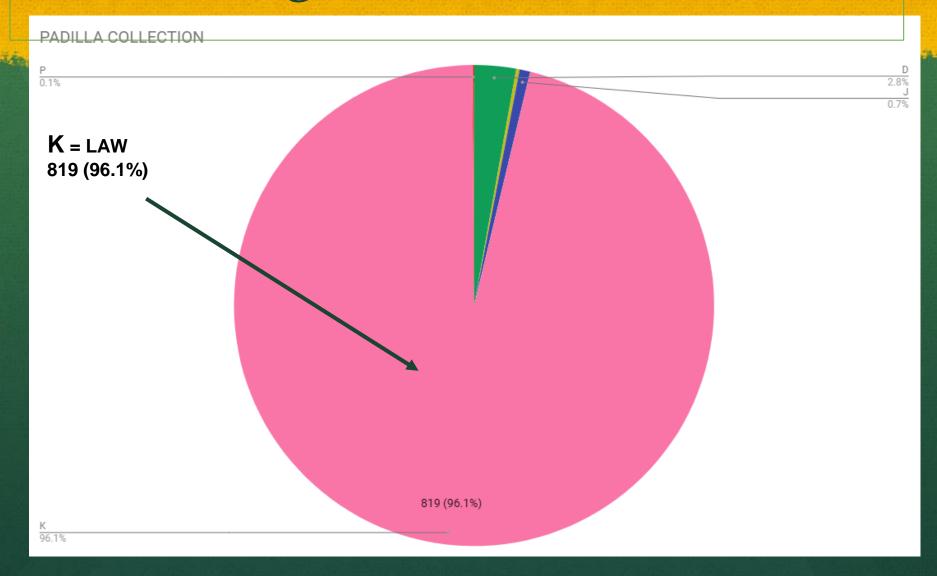


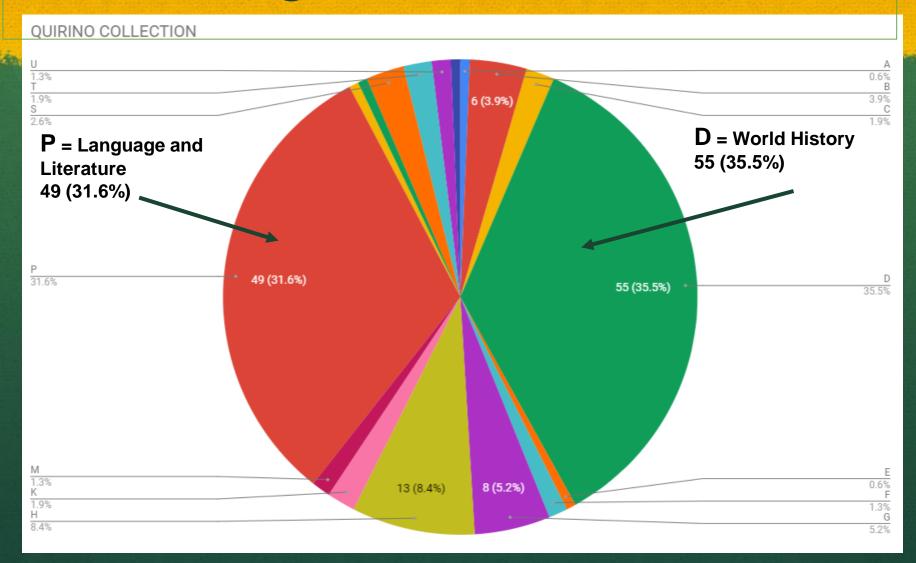


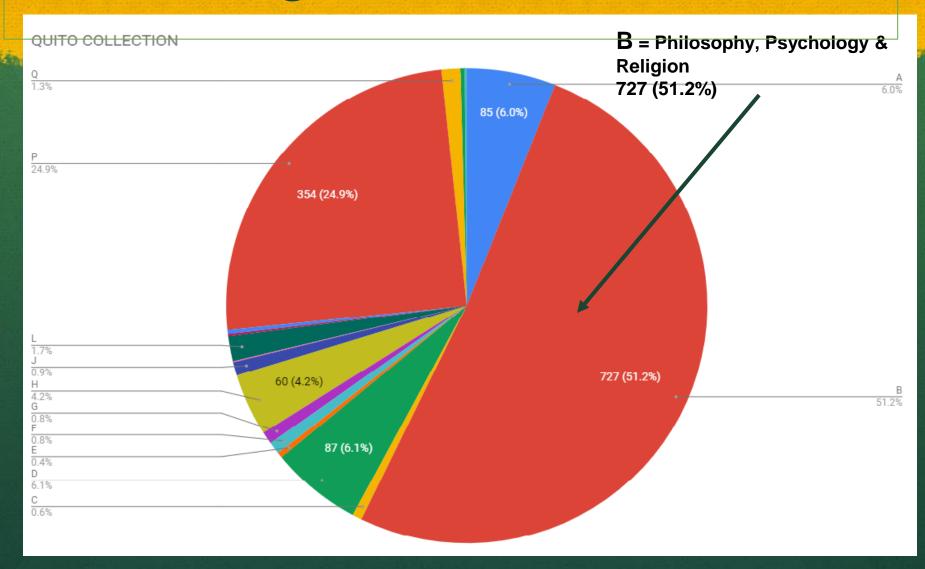


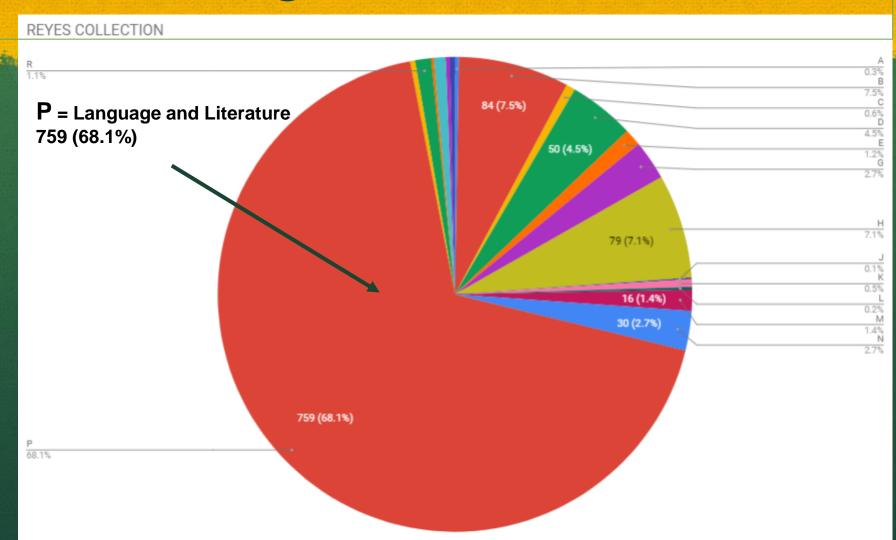


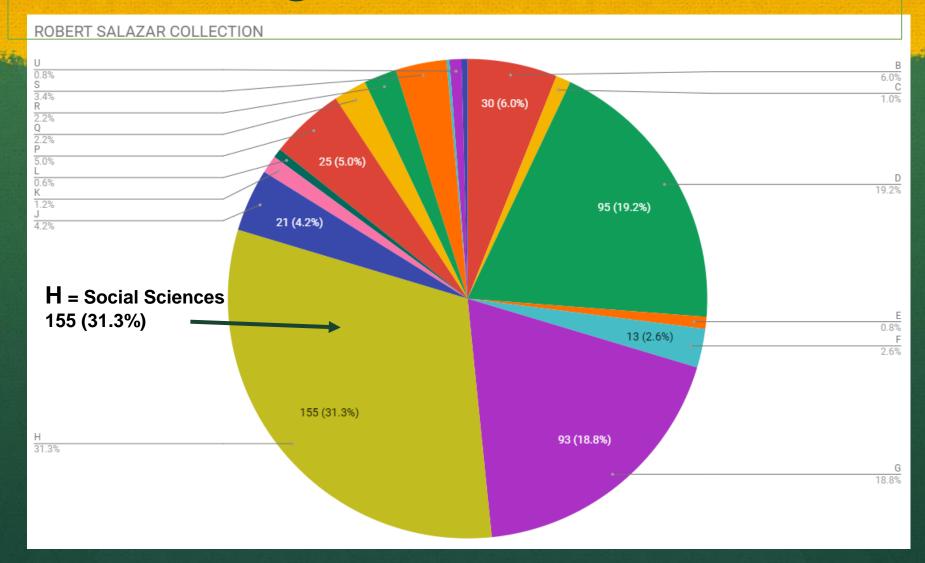


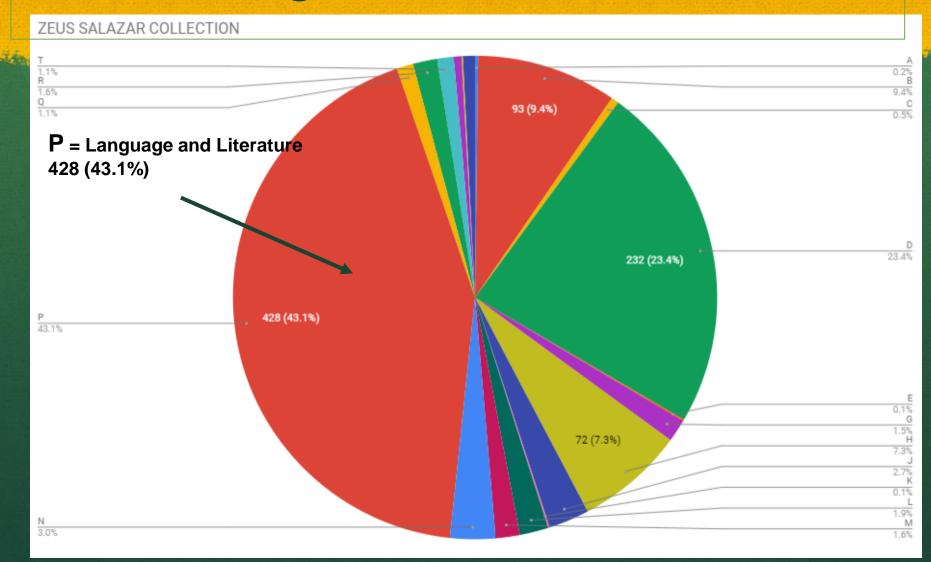


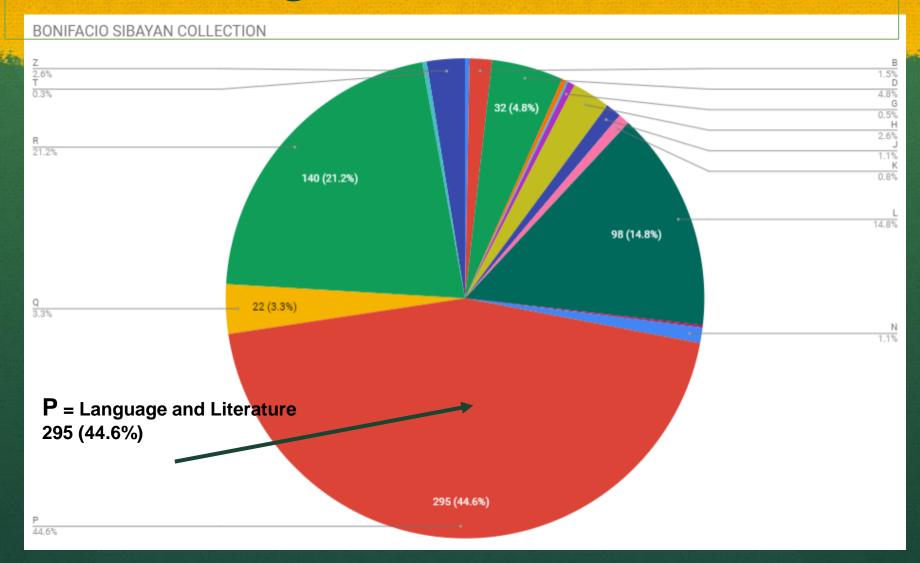


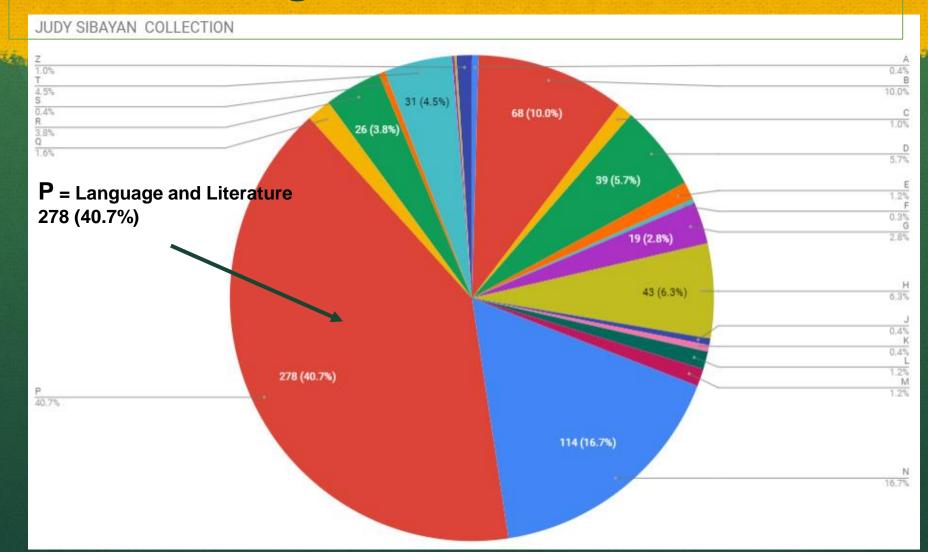


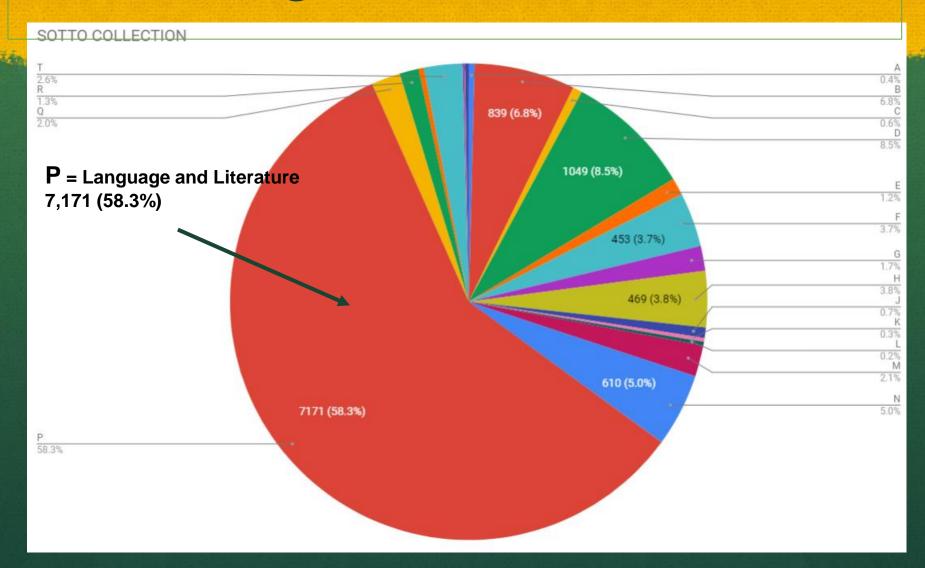




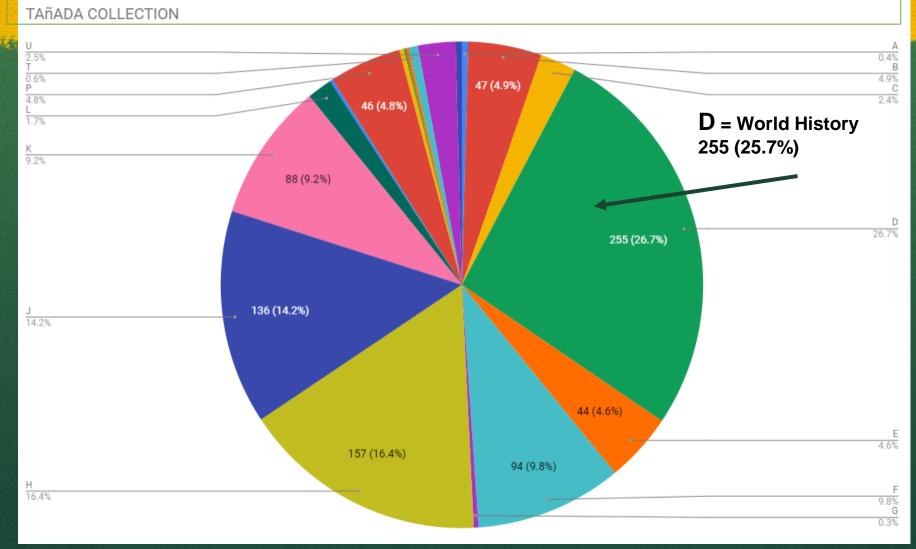


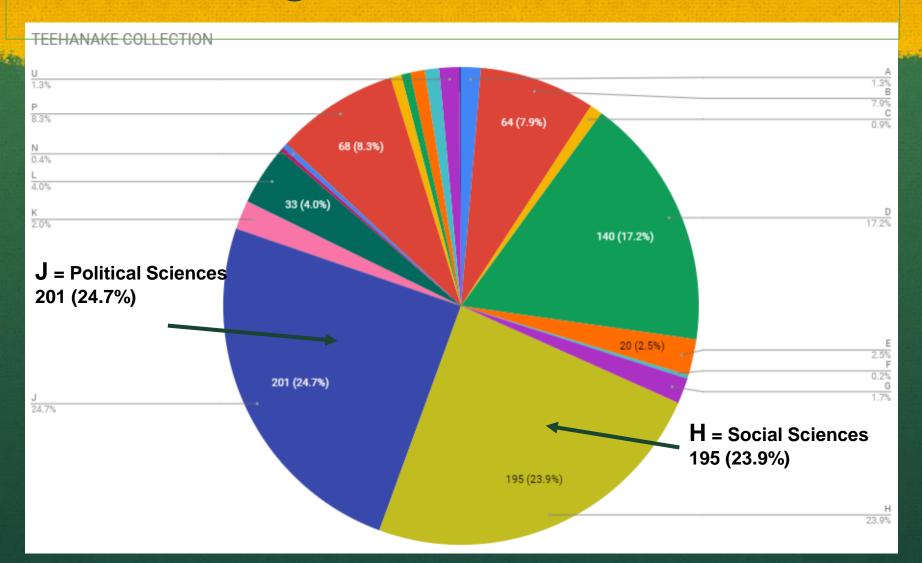


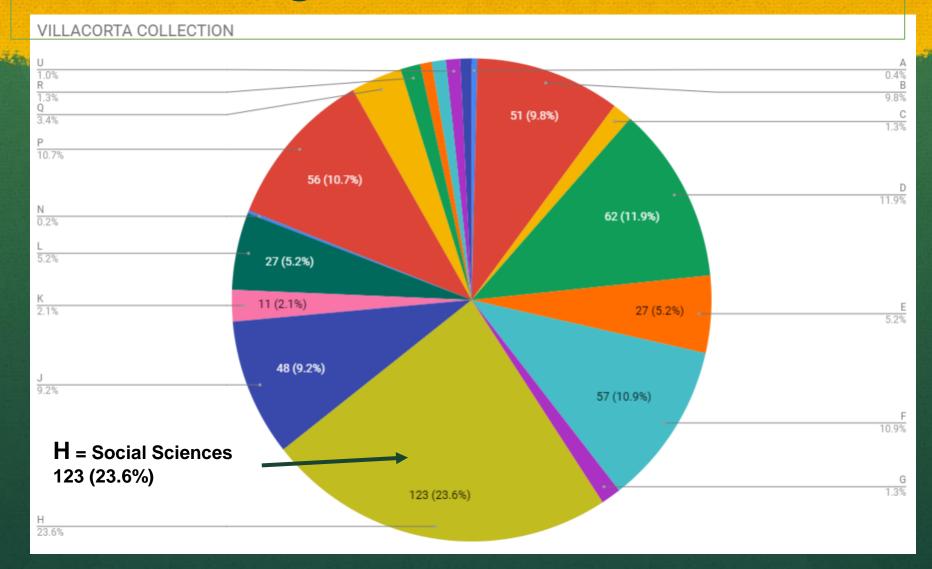


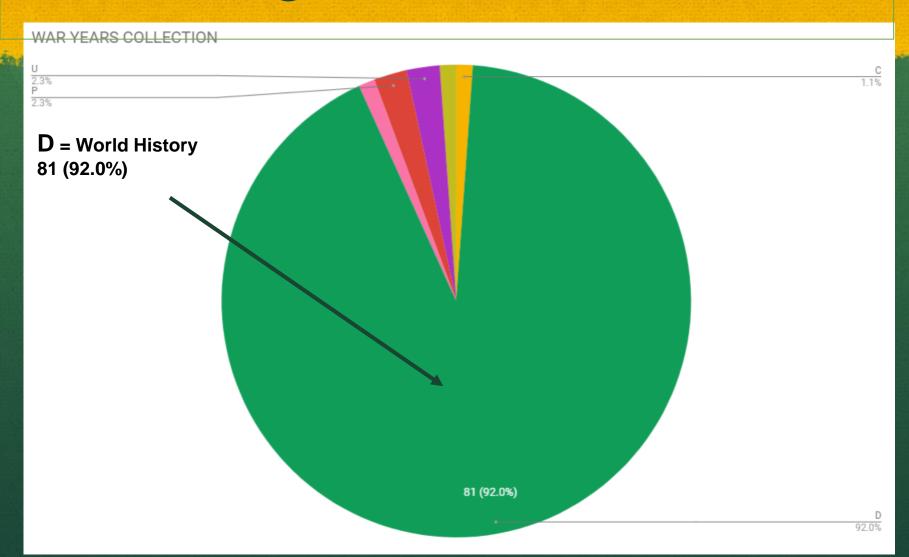


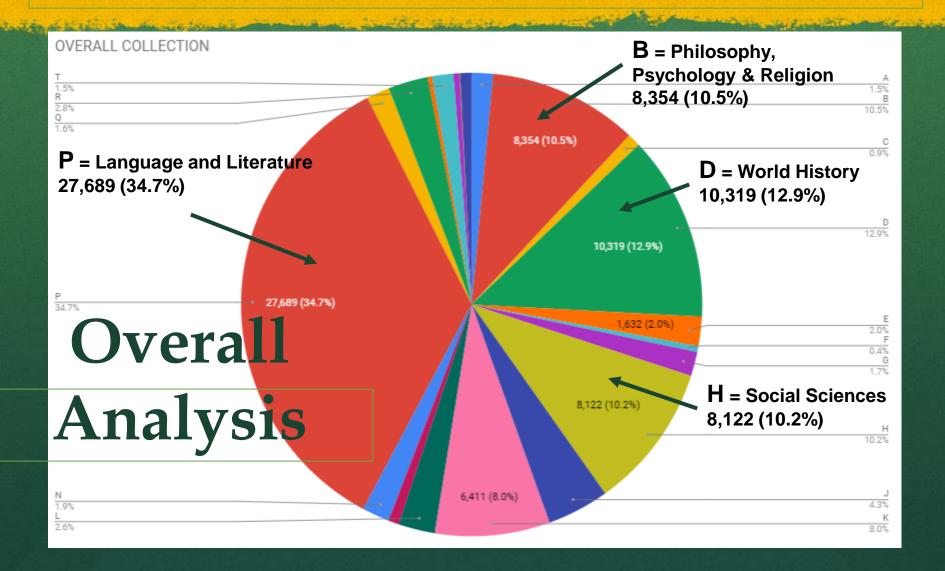












Strength

Strength of Collections	<u>Total</u>
Collection Percentage	
Language and Literature (Class P)	27,689
34.7	
World History (Class D)	
10,319 12.9	
Philosophy, Psychology &	8,354
10.5	
Religion (Class B)	
Social Sciences (Class HWeakness	
8,122	

History of Americas (Class E)

1,632

Gauge Uniqueness

- Our Systems Services specialists generate unique, unduplicated titles from Sierra (Integrated Library System)
- 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.
- Unique titles were compared to the book holdings of University in the Philippines (UP), leading university in the Philippines.

Gauging Uniqueness Results

- 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%.
- 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

Conclusions/Recommendations

- The DLSU Libraries Special Collections holds a 48.75% unique book holdings, however, 53.08% of the SC book holding are duplicated, multiple copies that are also available from any other units and satellite libraries of DLSU.
- EDRC collection is the most utilized collections among the Special Collections, followed by ASRC with 340.97%.
- Is it imperative for libraries to conduct periodic assessment of their collections.

Conclusions/Recommendations

- 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 and Library Newsette.
- The 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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