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Providing Service in Difficult Times: The UPSE Library Experience

The past months, year even, was not easy for everyone. The pandemic affected all sectors and the UPSE Library was no exception. Important decisions were made, and several policies were adjusted to continuously serve the Library's clientele without comprising the health and safety of the Library staff.

Guidelines on the provision and use of library service were immediately prepared and posted on the Library's website and social media accounts to properly inform library users.

Collection development was not forgotten, and more than 70 eBooks were added to the Library's collections. Access instructions to these eBooks and other library how-to's were regularly posted on the Library's Facebook and Twitter accounts to keep the users updated.

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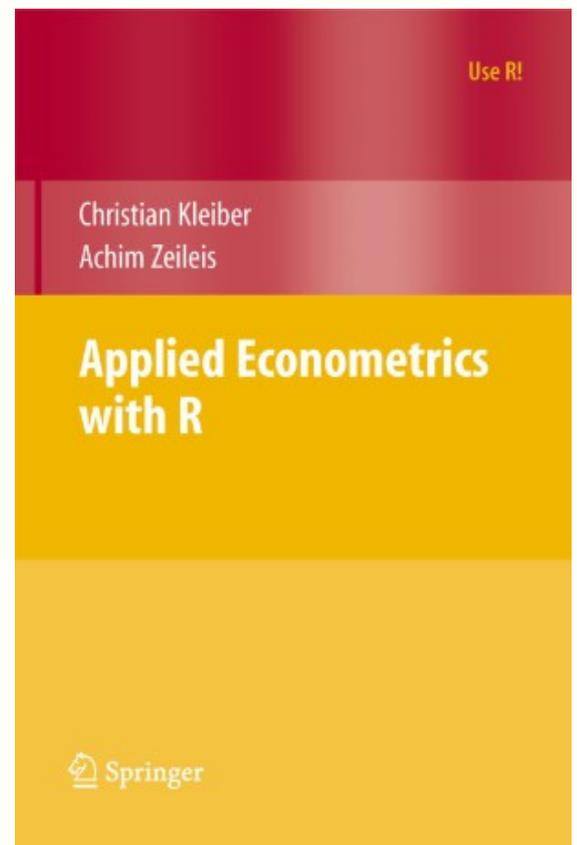
In addition, the Library started to release Library "breather" vlogs which aim to give users, especially the students, a sense of hope and warmth during the pandemic. A Library Youtube account was created so that library clients can access these vlogs along with the new library orientation video and other online library instruction clips. Lastly, user trainings on the Library's raw data subscriptions were facilitated to teach/refresh the students on how to access and utilize these raw databases for their studies and research.

New Acquisitions

The Library's main purpose is to serve its constituents. One way to do this is to ensure that the information needs of its users are met. Despite challenging times, the UPSE Library acquired more than 70 eBooks from well-known content providers namely, Cengage, EBSCO, McGraw Hill, Pearson and Wiley.

These new acquisitions tackled various economic subjects such as economics of social issues, environmental economics, international economics, investments, labor economics, macroeconomics, managerial economics, microeconomics and urban economics.

Access to these materials is via OpenAthens. Please click [here](#) for the complete list of eBooks and their respective access instructions.



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD LIBRARIAN

Greetings from the UP School of Economics Library! We hope you are doing well despite this challenging times. On our end, we are doing the best we can to meet your information needs. The delivery and curbside pick-up services of requested library materials, longer loan period for print books, online reference services, and remote access to eBooks, eJournals, eTheses/Dissertations and datasets shall continue... (tbc p.3)



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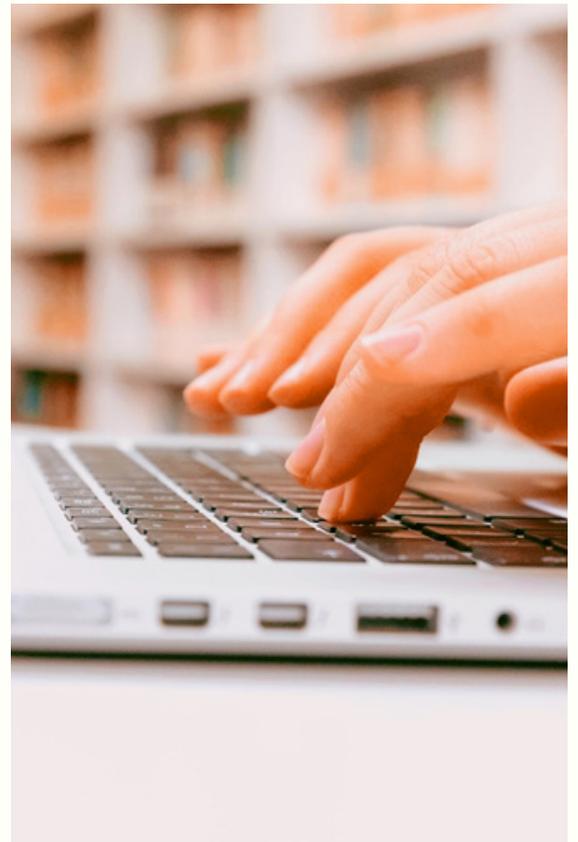
In addition to the acquisition of new library materials, the UPSE Library organized two (2) user trainings on the access and use of raw databases. On 22 March 2021, Ms. Karen Koo, CEIC Account Manager, explained how to properly use the CEIC Databases for research. The following day, Ms. Jill Tuble from Refinitiv, an LSEG Business, offered a detailed discussion about EIKON with Datastream. Certificates of participation were given to the attendees comprised mostly of UPSE and VSBA students.

Library Vlogs and Online Library Instructions

As part of the UPSE Library internship program, OJTs were tasked to produce library vlogs and/or online library instructions.

Library vlogs are short clips intended to give the students a sense of hope and warmth in this difficult times. They feature several pictures of the School and the Library as well as inspirational and heartfelt words that are helpful to the users' mental health. Online library instructions, on the other hand, are the video counterparts of the written library how-to's. They are created with the users' convenience in mind.

Library vlogs and online library instructions are available on the UPSE Library [website](#) and [Youtube channel](#).



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD LIBRARIAN

In anticipation of the hybrid mode of instruction, we are striving to make the library spaces more safe. Acrylic barriers will be installed; air ventilation will be improved; and physical distancing will be strictly implemented. Little by little, we shall all grow accustomed to the 'new normal'. As we patiently wait for things to get better, let us not forget to take good care of ourselves. We hope to see you soon in the Library. Keep safe.