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Re : Training in Palau

On March 20, 2012, I arrived in Palau. The next day, I met Nalani Naluai who was also there to conduct a Dewey decimal cataloging training. Both PDL and the Dewey Decimal trainings were held concurrently. School librarians attended the Dewey decimal session and the College librarians including the museum staff attended the PDL training at the Palau Community College. My first day which was Wednesday (March 21, 2012), I did mostly setting up scanning equipments and installing scanning softwares unto the laptops for the PDL training.

March 22, 2012, PDL training began starting with selection of books from the Palau Community College Pacific collection. Jane Barnwell and Grace Merong identified materials to scan and I did a search n web to see if materials selected have been digitized to avoid duplicate effort of the PDL team. Lessons of how to name their books (project) was carried out too. On March 23, 2012, group did more practice on scanning and familiarized scanning process completely. The next day, I did a person to person training on how to OCR materials scanned using Abby Fine Reader software. This lesson obtained more time for it requires attention and focus to avoid errors and unorganized texts in file created by Abby FineReader.

On March 24, 2012, we left Palau to Yap. On Monday which was 26 of March, we went to the Yap Public Library and did another mini set up for the staffs present for the PDL training. A short and mini presentation of PDL took place just to give trainees know what they will be working on and how to contribute to the PDL site. Steps on how to name files, scan and Ocring for PDL were given by trainers. Jane Barnwell guided them on what best to include in the PDL collection and Imengel and I guided trainees on how to name files, scan and did the Ocring part. The hands-on training went on from Monday to Tuesday. Tuesday night, I left Yap and headed to Pohnpei.

Trainings were successful for trainees were able to scan 11 books, learned how to use use Microsoft Office Picture Manager to edit image files and created more than 95 searchable files using ABBY FineReader. Among the scanned books, were some valuable local materials which include, Information on the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands under Naval Administration to 1 November 1950, Belau art exhibition, Modengkei: what is it? Can it survive view of a non-Modekngai Palauan, Kakrom, Gilman Community School and Welcome Yap, Propriety in Palauan Insults, Micronesian views of the Japanese, the Palauan case.

These groups were not so bad for some were in the PDL trainings before and were just refreshing their minds on how to start again. Some were very skilled in computer therefore they picked up the PDL steps easily.



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