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**2025 PLAI-XII SEMINAR-WORKSHOP, GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BOOK FAIR AND
EXHIBIT, AND JUNIOR LIBRARIANS ORGANIZATION OF SOCCSKSARGEN
(JLOS) SUMMIT**

The Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. – SOCCSKSARGEN Region Librarians Council (PLAI-XII) in collaboration with the SOCCSKSARGEN Librarians Association, Inc. (SOCOLA), the Cotabato Libraries and Information Network (COLINET), Inc., Sultan Kudarat State University (SKSU), and industry partners, will conduct the **2025 PLAI-XII Seminar-Workshop, General Assembly, Book Fair and Exhibit, and Junior Librarians Organization of SOCCSKSARGEN (JLOS) Summit on September 24–26, 2025**, at Sultan Kudarat State University – Access Campus, EJC Montilla, Tacurong City, Sultan Kudarat.

With the theme *“Innovation, Sustainability, and Community Engagement: Building a Future-Ready Library”*, this 3-day activity aims to empower library professionals and students with timely and relevant knowledge and practices in technology, sustainability, financial planning and community outreach.

Expected participants include school administrators, directors of libraries, librarians, library staff, BLIS faculty, and BLIS students from public and private institutions in Region XII.

A registration fee of P3,000.00 for members and P3,500.00 for non-members shall be charged to each participant.

For more information, please contact the organization via email at plairegionxii@gmail.com or any of the following officers:

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PHILIPPINE LIBRARIANS ASSOCIATION INC. (PLAI)
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July 17, 2025

CARLITO D. ROCAFORT, CESO V
Director IV
Department of Education SOCCSKSARGEN Region
Regional Center, Brgy. Carpenter Hill, City of Koronadal



Dear Director Rocafort,

Greetings of peace and solidarity!

The **Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. – SOCCSKSARGEN Region Librarian Council (PLAI-XII)**, in collaboration with the SOCCSKSARGEN Librarians Association, Inc. (SOCOLA), the Cotabato Libraries and Information Network (COLINET), Inc., Sultan Kudarat State University (SKSU), and participating industry partners, will host the **2025 PLAI-XII Seminar-Workshop, General Assembly, Book Fair and Exhibit, and Junior Librarians Organization of SOCCSKSARGEN (JLOS) Summit** on **September 24–26, 2025**, at **Sultan Kudarat State University (SKSU) – Access Campus, EJC Montilla, Tacurong City, Sultan Kudarat**.

This year's theme, **"Innovation, Sustainability, and Community Engagement: Building a Future-Ready Library,"** aims to empower library professionals and student librarians with timely and relevant knowledge and practices in technology, sustainability, financial planning, and community outreach.

We will be inviting School Administrators, Director of Libraries, Librarians, Library staff and BLIS Faculty in Region XII in both public, private, school, and academic libraries as well as the Bachelor of Library and Information Science (BLIS) students, to attend this 3-day activity. The event was conceptualized to introduce practical and cost-effective AI tools that enhance library services despite limited technological resources. Prepare evidence-based resource allocation. Identify reliable grant resources and requirements. Learn basic principles of document and material conservation. Identify vulnerabilities in library infrastructure and collections by outlining emergency preparedness and recovery tools. Explore how libraries can address local issues through research and outreach through collaboration with faculty and other community partners, and to familiarize with QA tools (AACCUP, PAARL, CHED, ALCUCOA/PAASCU, and the like) by developing self-assessment strategies aligned with national standards. Moreover, it will empower and engage future library and information professionals by providing a dynamic platform for leadership development, professional growth, networking, and advocacy through collaborative learning experiences and meaningful involvement in library initiatives across the SOCCSKSARGEN region.

In light of this, the conference organizers kindly ask for your support and favorable response by enabling all DepEd librarians and/or library employees from both private and public schools, divisions, and regional office to participate in this historic event.

Furthermore, we would like to request a DepEd Region XII Endorsement or Advisory for the aforementioned seminar-workshop. This event is currently **applying for PRC CPD-Council for Librarians Accreditation**.

Attached herewith, are the Invitation Letter for Participants and the Tentative Program for further details about the activity.



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We would appreciate your support in ensuring that all librarians and/or library personnel, as well as schools administrators in the region, could participate in celebrating this momentous milestone. For more information, please contact the organization via email at plai-regionxii@gmail.com or any of the following officers:

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Thank you and more power.

Respectfully yours,



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2025 PLAI SRIC XII Seminar-Workshop, General Assembly, Book Fair, and Junior Librarians Organization, SOCCSKSARGEN (JLOS) Summit

Sponsored by PLAI SOCCSKSARGEN REGION LIBRARIANS COUNCIL
In Coordination with
South Cotabato Librarians Association (SOCOLA) &
Cotabato Libraries Information Network (COLINET), Inc.

Theme:
INNOVATION, SUSTAINABILITY, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: BUILDING A FUTURE-READY LIBRARY

Sultan Kudarat State University-ACCESS Campus
LIC Building, Tacurong City, Sultan Kudarat Province



SEMINAR-WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

DAY 1 September 24, 2025 (Wednesday)

LIS Student Summit

Emcee: Arlin N. Tejeda, RI
100 Koronadal City Division, Koronadal City

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM	ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION	
9:01 AM – 9:30 AM	Opening Program National Anthem PLAI Hymn Sultan Kudarat Hymn SRSU Hymn Processional March	AVP AVP AVP AVP Officers of SOCOLA, COLINET, & JLOS Book Exhibitors Former Officers of PLAI SRIC PLAI SRIC Officers & Guests
9:31 AM – 9:40 AM	Opening Remarks	Susan Martinez, RI, MAEd President, PLAI SRIC
9:41 AM – 9:45 AM	Introduction of the Keynote Speaker	Alma Guinansaba, RI, PhD Head Librarian, Sultan Kudarat State University, Sultan Kudarat Province
9:46 AM – 10:00 AM	Keynote Speech	Samson L. Mahin, EdD President, Sultan Kudarat State University, Sultan Kudarat Province

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Arrival of Participants
9:01 AM – 9:30 PM	Orientations and Seminars Mr. and Ms. SRIC 2025 and Singing Contest
	Investitures
	Opening Remarks Jessie John L. Marcella, RI, MEd, IPT
	Presentation number/Departmental Affairs
	Introduction of Host and Board Judges
	Contestant 1 & 2 (Singing Solo Contest)
	Uniform Attire
	Contestant 3 & 4 (Singing Duo) Message: Ma'am Susan Martinez, RI
	Corporate Attire
	Minor Awards



DAY 1 September 24, 2025 (Wednesday) ---

10:01 AM – 10:10 AM	Awarding of Plaque to the Keynote Speaker	0:40 PM – 0:55 PM	Contestant 5 & 6 (Singing Duo)
10:11 AM – 10:15 AM	Introduction of Participants		Uniform Attire
10:16 AM – 10:20 AM	Reading of the Rationale and Objectives of the Conference	8:55 PM – 9:15 PM	R & S Portion
10:21 AM – 10:25 AM	Source & Entertainment	9:16 PM – 9:45 PM	Awarding of Certificate (Judges)
10:26 AM – 10:35 AM	Opening Message	9:46 PM – 9:00 PM	Closing Remarks
10:36 AM – 10:40 AM	Presentation of Book Exhibitors	9:01 PM – 9:30 PM	Major Awards
10:41 AM – 10:50 AM	Exposure from the Book Exhibitors		
10:51 AM – 11:10 AM	Gibbon Cutting/Opening of the Book Exhibit		
11:11 AM – 11:00 PM	Book Selection		
12:01 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch Break		
1:01 PM – 1:45 PM	Ice Breaker		
1:46 PM – 2:15 PM	Product Presentation		
2:16 PM – 2:45 PM	Topic 1: Best Practices in AI Integration for Library Services Prof. Joseph C. Cortido, USM Professor		
2:46 PM – 3:05 PM	Workshop 1: AI in Action: Practical Tools and Strategies for Philippine Librarians Facilitator: Mr. Ariel Arrugante, RI USM Professor/Data Analyst		
3:06 PM – 3:15 PM	Health Break		



DAY 1 September 24, 2025 (Wednesday) ----

3:10 PM – 3:25 PM	Product Presentation
3:25 PM – 4:55 PM	Topic 2: Data-Driven Decision-Making for Library Budgeting Ingr. Melaine A. Carabara, Jr., ULM Professor
4:55 PM – 5:25 PM	Workshop 3: Drafting a Data-Informed Budget Request Facilitator: Mr. Noel Lucaba, RI
5:10 PM – 5:30 PM	Book Selection

DAY 2 September 25, 2025 (Thursday)

Lunch: Mr. Yanson Arned, RI, MEd Director of Libraries, Cebuana Foundation College of Science and Technology	
8:00 AM – 8:15 AM Ice Breaker	
8:05 AM – 8:15 AM Product Presentation	
8:10 AM – 8:30 AM Day 1 Recap	Mr. Arvin R. Tajada, RI 100 Karamadai City Division, Karamadai City
8:25 AM – 8:50 AM	Topic 1: Skills and Training Opportunities Mildred F. Arzad, PhD Dean, Graduate Studies, Sathorn Sudaew State University
9:35 AM – 10:05 AM	Health Break
10:05 AM – 10:15 AM	Product Presentation
10:10 AM – 10:35 AM	Workshop 4: Drafting a Grant Concept Note Facilitator: Ernest S. Rabiera, RI, MEd
10:30 AM – 11:05 AM	Topic 3: The Role of Libraries in Cultural Preservation, Conservation, and Restoration Ismael I. Martinez, RI, MEd President, PLAI RI / Director of Libraries and Museum, USM
11:05 AM – 1:00 PM	Lunch Break
1:00 PM – 1:05 PM	Ice Breaker
1:05 PM – 1:25 PM	Product Presentation

Morning	
6:30 AM – 7:30 AM	Zenith / Parade
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Prayer National Anthem / PSM Hymn Opening Remarks: Mr./Ms. Joseph Calaya, RI
START OF COMPETITION	
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	Extemporaneous Speaking
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Story Telling (On the Spot Poster Making)
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Key Note Speaker
11:00 AM	Lunch Break
Afternoon	
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Speech Poetry
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Individual Quiz Round
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Team Quiz Round
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Search for Mr. & Ms. RIJ 2025
Closing Remarks	
Preparations for the Fellowship Night	
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Fellowship Night and Housing



DAY 3 September 26, 2025 (Friday) ----

1:10 PM – 1:35 PM	Workshop 4: Cultural Mapping and Local Heritage Documentation Plan Facilitator: Annee Ann, RI, PhD
1:30 PM – 3:05 PM	Topic 4: Book Discovery / Accessibility Preparedness and Disaster Response in Libraries Cherry Faith B. Saturan, RI, MEd Sensors Services Librarian/RIJ Professor, Notre Dame of Basilangas University
3:00 PM – 3:25 PM	Workshop 5: Designing a Library Book Preparedness Plan Facilitator: Mr. Yanson Arned, RI, MEd Director of Libraries, Cebuana Foundation College of Science and Technology
3:10 PM – 3:40 PM	Health Break
3:40 PM – 3:50 PM	Product Presentation
3:50 PM – 5:10 PM	Topic 5: Community Engagement Through Library Research and Outreach Program Ellen E. Espinosa, RI, MEd-Ed PLAI RI, Vice President, Director of Libraries/RIJ Professor Notre Dame of Basilangas University
8:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Fellowship 5: Awards Night Ariel Aragonza, Vincent Bryan Umadhuay, E Dielisa M. Garcia

DAY 3 September 26, 2025 (Friday)

Lunch: Ernest S. Rabiera, RI, MEd
College Librarian III/Unit Head, Knowledge Resource Center, South Cebuana State College

Morning	
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM	Community Dance with the RIJ
8:05 AM – 8:15 AM	Product Presentation
8:50 AM – 9:10 AM	Day 3 Recap Dielisa M. Garcia, RI, RPS-DM
9:20 AM – 9:40 AM	Workshop 6: Planning a Research-Based Outreach Project Facilitator: John James B. Tumulak, RI AV Librarian/RIJ Professor, Notre Dame of Basilangas University
9:40 AM – 10:10 AM	Topic 6: Inspiring Excellence: Strengthening Quality Assurance in Philippine Libraries Anita C. Bernabe, RI, EdD RIJ Program Head, University of Southern Mindanao
10:10 AM – 10:25 AM	Health Break
10:20 AM – 10:35 AM	Product Presentation
Morning	
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Invocation
9:30 AM – 9:50 AM	110 Community Dance
9:50 AM – 10:00 AM	Awarding of Overall Champion
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Election for 2025-2026 RIJ Officers
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Message of Thanks 2025 RIJ President (Outgoing) 2025 RIJ Advisor

DAY 3 September 26, 2025 (Friday) cont.

10:30 AM – 10:55 AM	Workshop 1: Self-Assessment and Action Plan for Library Quality Improvement Facilitator: Vanessa Bryan Woodbury, EL Librarian II, Dept. of South Cebu State
10:55 AM – 12:00 PM	Book Selection/Unboxing
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch Break
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	FIN ELECTION AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY & ELECTION
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	Health Break
2:45 PM – 4:00 PM	SOCIAL & COLLECT Meeting
4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	PUBLICATION EXCHANGE
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	CLOSING CEREMONY AND AWARDING OF CERTIFICATES
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