AREA V
RESEARCH

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Parameter D – Publication and Dissemination

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The University of Southern Mindanao (USM), through the Kundo E. Pahm Learning Resource Center (KEPLRC), actively promotes academic collaboration and knowledge sharing through the exchange of publications with other institutions. This initiative strengthens the University's library resources by facilitating access to a wider range of scholarly materials, research outputs, institutional publications, and other information resources that support teaching, research, extension, and other academic activities. Through these exchanges, USM reinforces its commitment to building collaborative relationships with academic institutions and government agencies while improving the availability and accessibility of relevant learning materials for its academic community. One notable example of this initiative was the visit of representatives from the Department of Energy (DOE) Central Office to KEPLRC on June 29, 2023. During the visit, the parties discussed possible areas of collaboration, and the DOE shared agency publications with the University. The activity provided an opportunity for resource sharing and strengthened the relationship between USM and the government agency. The exchange enriched the library's collection with publications relevant to energy, development, and related fields, providing additional reference materials for students, faculty members, and researchers.

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STRENGTHENING COLLABORATION| Kundo E. Pahm Learning Resource Center was privileged to be visited by ***Ms. Melissa R. Cabrera***, Senior Science Research Specialist and ***Ms. Ardelyn S. Lim***, Scientific Documentation Officer II, last 29th of June 2023. Ms. Cabrera and Ms. Lim were representatives from the **Department of Energy** central office.

The two personnel from DOE, visited USM-KEPLRC to discuss possible collaboration of the two agencies. They were warmly welcomed by Director Susan Martinez and were given a library tour guided by the KEPLRC personnel. Resource sharing through exchange of agency publication also happened during their visit.

Thereafter, Ms, Cabrera and Ms. Lim, along with Director Martinez, paid a courtesy call to the Office of the University President, Dr. Francisco Gil N. Garcia.

USM-KEPLRC is so grateful to DOE for the time and opportunity extended to us.

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Another significant initiative was the exchange of publications between KEPLRC and the Graduate School of Sultan Kudarat State University (SKSU) on September 23, 2024. The activity aimed to enhance the collections of both institutions and provide their respective library users with a broader selection of academic and scholarly materials. Through this reciprocal arrangement, the participating institutions expanded opportunities for information access, supported academic research, and strengthened inter-university cooperation.



These activities demonstrate that USM's library serves not only as a repository of learning resources but also as an active partner in establishing institutional linkages and promoting the circulation of scholarly knowledge. By engaging in publication exchanges with government agencies and higher education institutions, KEPLRC contributes to the continuous development of the University's information resources and provides its users with access to materials beyond its existing collection. Such partnerships also encourage the sharing of institutional knowledge, research findings, and specialized information that may support future collaborative research and academic initiatives.

Overall, the active exchange of publications through KEPLRC demonstrates USM's continuing efforts to strengthen its research and academic support infrastructure through collaboration and resource sharing. These initiatives contribute to the enrichment of library collections, the improvement of information access, and the promotion of a collaborative research environment. By sustaining partnerships with external institutions, the University enhances its capacity to support evidence-based inquiry, academic excellence, and the dissemination of knowledge in support of its educational, research, and extension mandates.