Filipino Legends and Folktales

Bibliography Plan

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Introduction

I chose Filipino legends and folktales because of my love for their Filipino culture. My island of Lanai comprises of about 90% Filipinos and is known as the “Little Philippines.” The Filipinos migrated to Lana’i to work the world’s largest pineapple plantation from the 1920’s to the mid 1980’s. When you are shopping in the small local stores you will hear Ilocano and Tagalog spoken. About 60% of the students at LHES speak English as their second language. I feel that it is important for School Librarians to me knowledgeable of traditional Filipino Folklore and include their rich legends and tales into their library program since these children comprise 20% of the DOE population.

Audience

This Bibliography Plan is intended for K-12 School Librarians researching Filipino legends and folklore. I selected a wide range of material ranging from children’s books classified as Juvenile, Young Adult and Adult nonfiction and informative websites. I included Adult selections that contained stories appropriate for children’s “Read Aloud” or for a storytelling program. I made my selection based on material that had a high relevancy for a K-12 School Library curriculum.
I began my search with the Hawaii State Public Library system (HSPL) since this often the first source of reference for most School Librarians. The Easy/ Picture Books are classified under Juvenile headings.

**Citation Style**

The citations style selected for this bibliography is written in the Turabian Style formatted by Citation Machine, http://citationmachine.net

**Search Strategies of References and Online Databases**

- Hawaii State Public Library Catalog on-line (HSPL)
- Shelf Browsing at Hawaii State Public Library
- Contemporary Authors
- Ebscohost, Academic Search Premier & Eric,
- Encyclopedia Britannica Online
- Gale Literary Index
- Hawaii Pacific Journal Index
- MasterFILE Premier
- MAS Ultra - School Edition
- MLA International Bibliography
- NOVELIST
- Project Muse
- UH Voyager
- Google, Google Scholar, Google Book
- Yahoo

**Dewey Decimal System**

I referred to the Dewey Decimal Classification and Relative Index for appropriate control vocabulary to help me locate items.

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FAIRYTALES, PHILIPPINES
FOLK LITERATURE, PHILIPPINES
FOKLORE, PHILIPPINE
LEGENDS, PHILIPPINE
MYTHOLOGY, PHILIPPINES
TALES, PHILIPPINES
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LCSH - Library of Congress Subject Headings

I selected this reference source to find the appropriate controlled vocabulary to assist me in my search.

FOLK LITERATURE, PHILLIPINE
LEGENDS, PHILLIPINE
MYTHOLOGY, PHILLIPINE
TALES, PHILLIPINE

Balay’s Guide to Reference Books

I searched in the Index and found Folklore- Philippines, CF94. I found one item, a published thesis in 1923 that was not relevant to my criteria.

Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPL)

I entered the system using natural language “Legends and Filipino” in a keyword browse search that resulted in 8 title matches. I selected the first entry, Filipina Children's Favorite Stories, retold by Liana Romulo. Lana Romulo retells thirteen traditional Filipino myths and folktales ranging from tales of greed to laziness and their consequences, family love and loyalty, and humorous trickster tales written for ages 6-10.

This was an excellent beginning in meeting my needs. The Subject Headings provided within the record gave me the direction for further searches. Not all eight entries in the record were appropriate sources since I was looking for materials in English for a K-12 school library setting.
Hawaii State Public Library – Browsing Shelves

I browsed the children’s section and found only three sources. If I had not browsed the shelves I would not have discovered a small softbound booklet that was highly relevant with three children’s legends by Perla S. Intia, *Three Tales form Bicol*. I also looked at books with titles such as “Legends around the World” and only discovered only one book that included a tale from the Philippines, Kathleen Arnott’s *Animal Folk Tales Around the World* with “The Sad Tales of Crabs – Philippines”.

Since I have discovered that folklore classified as Adult often contains material appropriate for YA reading and “Read Aloud” and storytelling for children I also browsed the Adult section. I did not find that many items on the shelf but I think that it is because I had requested quite a few books thru the interlibrary loan system and those items were waiting for me at Manoa Public Library.

I did find one book I missed searching the catalog, Gaudencio, Aquino V. *Philippine Myths & Legends: Values Oriented* a collection of fifty myths and legends for elementary students. The material was collected to teach moral and value development that met my criteria.

I also browsed through Margaret R. MacDonald’s, *The Storyteller’s Sourcebook, A Subject, Title, and Motif Index to Folklore Collections for Children, First Edition*, and *The Storyteller’s Sourcebook, A Subject, Title, and Motif Index to Folklore Collections for Children 1983-1999*. These sources will be very helpful in the future locating future legends and folktale.
**Contemporary Authors**

I thought that when I selected TITLE and SUBJECT/GENRE/ for MYTHOLOGY/FOLKLORE I would find lots of material. This was not the case. I entered the following descriptors “Filipino and Legends”, PHILIPPINES and FOLKLORE, PHILIPPINES and FAIRY TALES and PHILIPPINES and found 0 results.

**EBSCOhost Searching: Academic Search Premier & ERIC**

I made thirteen searches and my first resulted in “0” because I misspelled Philippines. I entered a basic word search LEGENDS and PHILIPPINES with only nine results and only a few of entries were relevant. FOLKELORE and PHILIPPINES netted the most useful results. I tried other descriptors that resulted in fewer selections. Searching EBSCO with Academic Search Premier, ERIC databases did not provide enough relevant sources for my objectives.

**Encyclopedia Britannica Online**

I first entered “Filipino Legends” with no results, and then I tried FILIPINO FOLKLORE that resulted in a brief notation about folklore. Next I went to Advanced Search and entered: PHILLIPINES, FOLKLORE, FOLKTALES, LEGENDS “with any of these” and I retrieved an interesting article on Filipinos having a rich folklore tradition. But this database did not meet my search needs.
Gale Literary Index\textsuperscript{17}

I first read the Help section and entered “Filipino Legends” and selected TITLE and “match any words entered” that resulted in 80 retrievals. After a quick glance I discovered that I had 80 titles containing the word “Legends” but not Filipino Legends. I then selected the other options “words exactly as entered” and “match all words as entered” with zero results. I then tried FOLKLORE and PHILIPPINES, FOLKTALES and PHILIPPINES with zero results. This database did not contain what I needed but I will keep it in mind for future reference.

Hawaii Pacific Journal Index\textsuperscript{18}

I selected Guided Search and entered “Filipino and Legends” in G-KEY and the search results displayed twelve entries. Two of the selections were appropriate but they were identical items located on HSPL database

MasterFILE Premier\textsuperscript{19}

I made four searches in this database; my first entry “Filipino and Legends” had two results that did not meet my search needs. I looked at the sidebar and at the Subject Headings in both records, but I did not find any additional descriptors within the record to be useful. I then entered FOLKTALE and PHILIPINE and FOLKLORE that resulted in two useful sources. I also entered and PHILIPPINES and FOLKLORE which found four relevant items. One item, DeAnnOkamura’s, Asian Children's Favorite Stories: A Treasury of Folktales from China, Japan, Korea, India, the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia\textsuperscript{20} was very relevant. I then entered FOLKTALES and PHILIPPINES that located three other useful items.
MAS Ultra - School Edition\textsuperscript{21}

I entered the same keywords as I did in EBSCOhost MasterFILE Premier and found zero results. This database was not useful for this project but maybe for future searches.

MLA International Bibliography\textsuperscript{22}

I selected advanced key word search and descriptor “Filipino and Legends” and received one entry that was relevant. I then entered PHILIPPINES and FOLKLORE that resulted in 332 records but I forgot to check “full text” so I reentered PHILIPPINES and FOLKLORE and only netted 14 results that had a full articles. After viewing the records I thought four might contain a legend or myth so I selected \textit{A Legend of the Subanen "Buklog"},\textsuperscript{23} but in trying to retrieve this article I encountered this message; “Your institution participates in JSTOR but has not licensed access to the JSTOR collection that includes Asian Folklore Studies.” I then ended my search with this database.

Novelist\textsuperscript{24}

I began my search with “all fields” and “subjects” with FOLKTALES and FILIPINO that resulted in one item, \textit{Filipino Children's Favorite Stories} retold by Liana Romulo that I found earlier at HSPL. But with this item I was able to advance my search using the Subject Headings listed in the record. Most of the selections using the Subject Headings were duplicates. I found the best results with XY "TALES," and XY “PHILIPPINES” with twenty entries and four of the selections were new and highly relevant.
Project Muse

I entered “Filipino Legends” and retrieved twenty-five items. Unfortunately all the results were not appropriate. I then tried FOLKLORE and PHILLIPINES which retrieved seventy seven entries, but after scanning the first forty I still did not find material to meet my search needs. This was not a helpful database for this project but I will keep it in mind for future reference.

UH Voyager

I thought that I would locate more material with LCSH subject headings and this was not the case. I used the natural language, “legends and Filipino that resulted in 25 items, and a few of the selections were relevant. My most successful search resulted with searching the Subject Headings for the book. Filipino Myths and Legends by Pedroche, C. The most fruitful results were found with FOLKLORE and PHILLIPINES with 158 titles. TALE and PHILLIPINES Philippines also had many relevant sources for a K-12 school library. I did another search with FAIRY TALES and PHILIPPINES that brought up two entry items but the items were not written in English. The other descriptors that I entered gave me limited results.

World Wide Web

I began the World Wide Web searching yahoo.com using natural language “Legends and Filipino” and was inundated with millions of hits. Of the first ten links only three sites that were useful and added to my bibliography. On google.com four out of the ten links were relevant. It was very interesting the same descriptors used for Google and Yahoo netted different result on the first same page entry. There were some duplicates between Yahoo and Google, but each search engine provided at least one or two useful links not found on the other search engine.
I included a chart to compare and contrast the results with yahoo.com and google.com. I only looked at the first ten links on each of the first pages to check for relevant links. It certainly would be every time consuming to check every link.

I also searched Google Scholar\(^\text{30}\) resulted in (0) results for Legends or Folktales but did provide relevant book titles and citations. Unfortunately to view books it required membership to the organization and I was not able to access the information.

**Google Books\(^\text{31}\)**

Finishing up my searching of databases I thought to try Google Books and I was delighted in my search results I first entered “Filipino Legends” that resulted in 712 retrievals four of the first ten were relevant. I then entered PHILIPPINES and FOLKLORE with 964 retrievals with two out of ten useful. On my last try I entered PHILIPPINES and FOLKTALES with 631 retrievals and six out of the first ten were relevant. I would have never found this book by Anne E. Schraff titled *Philippines*\(^\text{32}\). She retold popular folktales from Malayan, Chinese, Indian, and Muslim cultures in the Philippines. Google Books was easy to search. They included the bibliographic record, scanned pages, and locations of Libraries with the holding, as well as retail sites for purchase.

**Conclusion**

I really enjoyed this project. I loved learning about all the different databases and sources that are available. This assignment has expanded my search skills abilities that will be very helpful in my career. I also plan to use this Bibliography to adapt well known legends and folklore for the emergent reader as a sequel to my book titled, *My Filipino Word Book*.
Annotated Bibliographies

Filipino Legends


Twenty seven legends and tales collected for classroom instruction. Each story includes a set of reading comprehension and vocabulary building exercises. Lacks documentation of collection methods and locale. Appropriate for juvenile reading.


Includes a brief history and locale for the fifty myths and legends. Collected for elementary students to teach for moral and value development. Reading comprehension and vocabulary skills lesson with each story. Appropriate for Y.A.


Includes a brief Biography. Small soft bound booklet. Does not include collection methods. Appropriate for juvenile reading.


Twelve short children’s stories Helpful information on the collection methods or locale for each myth and legend. Colorful illustrations.

Filipino Folktales


Thirty-nine animal folk tales from every continent except for Antarctica. Includes a Bibliography. The authors does not include details about the “collection methods or exact locale for the tales. Appropriate for children “Read Aloud”, storytelling and YA reading.


Includes a Bibliography. Legends and tales were collected in the Philippines during 1908-1914. Each story contains notes on collection method and locale. Appropriate for YA reading or oral storytelling for children.

Library of Congress; Asian Reading Room contains Marc records for Philippines’ Folklore, Legends and Tales. Also Reference tools and services are available


Dr. Eugenio, Damiana renowned Filipina folklorist has collected and divided Philippine folklore into five major parts, namely: Myths and Legends Fables Tales of the Supernatural Heroic Tales and Tales of Laughter citing collection methods and locale for all regions of the Philippines.

Appendix

Search Relevancy Table
World Wide Web Search Table
Yahoo Useful Links
Google Useful Links
Additional Resources
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## Yahoo Useful Links

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- Fairy Tales from Asia , Link to the Chicago Public Library -
  [http://www.chipublib.org/003cpl/diversity/apahm02/fairy_bib/fairytales.html](http://www.chipublib.org/003cpl/diversity/apahm02/fairy_bib/fairytales.html)

- Filipino Native Songs, Poems and Legends,

- Folklore and Legend - Philippines

- Mythology and Folklore

- Tanikalang Ginto

- .SurLaLune Fairy Tales: Philippine Folk Tales by Mabel Cook Cole
  [http://www.surlalunefairytales.com/books/philippines/mabelcookcole.html](http://www.surlalunefairytales.com/books/philippines/mabelcookcole.html)
Google Useful Links
Alamat, A Philippine Folktales, Myths and Legends.
http://folktales.webmanila.com/folktales/links/

Asian Reading Room (Library of Congress)
http://lcweb2.loc.gov/asian/philhtml/philbibSubjec55.html

ASSI: An Integrated Unit on Classic Philippine Folk Tales
http://www.csupomona.edu/~tassi/fruit.htm

An Introduction to Philippine
http://folklore.philsites.net

Classifications- In lowland Filipino legends,
http://www.seasite.niu.edu/Tagalog/folktales/classifications.htm

Filipino folktales
http://www.reflectionsofasia.com/folktale.htm

The Legends, Philippine Folk Literature by Dr. Damiana L. Eugenio
http://divisoria.stores.yahoo.net/legfollitleu.html

Mythology, Philippines.
http://emc.hs.admu.edu.ph/results.asp?key1=Mythology,%20Philippines

Philippine Legends.

Philippine Myths and Legends, Legend of the Dama de Noche,, The Banana, and The Firefly.
http://www.geocities.com/EnchantedForest/Dell/5002/pinas.htm
**Additional Resources**

**Novelist**

De la Paz, Myrna J. *Children's Abadeha, the Philippine Cinderella*, 1991  
Romulo, Liana, *Children's Filipino Children's Favorite Stories*, 2000  
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