

# PMU LIBRARY



# Newsletter

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## Message from the Director

The Learning Resources Center at PMU is more than just a library. It is a place designed to benefit students by supplementing the learning process and functions as a place that introduces, reinforces, and expands on student learning. It is a place where students can develop and reinforce and pursue their own areas of interest in addition to taking responsibility for their own learning. It provides information resources as well as teaches how to search for the desired information. The center provides a learning environment that influences and promotes learning through learning spaces and learning resources that provide important opportunities for all to develop knowledge and skills, collaborate, and solve problems.



With the availability of technologically advanced instructional delivery systems and our subscription to SDL (Saudi Digital Library), the LRC has the capability of making a vast array of information available for research and the completion of projects and assignments. It is no longer the same LRC that existed even two years ago where resources were somewhat limited. Through SDL we have access to huge databases that cover almost every aspect of the degree requirements at PMU and more. SDL is a valuable resource that is just waiting for students, faculty, and staff to utilize. Our well-prepared, willing, and enthusiastic library staff are here to help all in whatever way is needed to promote learning.

*Des V. Rice, Ed.D.*

Director of the Learning Resources Center  
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## Earning, Learning, Helping...

I am **Saeed Alawami**. I have been studying law at PMU since 2011. I started working in the library as a library student assistant since January 2015, I have chosen to work in the library as it has a good work environment. Before working in the library I used to be a regular library user and I felt that it was a very quiet place. All the library users were very committed to studying and the staff were very helpful, I always wanted to be a member of the team to help others. Working in the library suited my studies as I get long breaks between classes, so it was a good idea to use the time in learning new skills and earning some money. Since I started working in the library, I managed to acquire new skills such as good time management, more communication skills and I became a more confident person. I encourage all PMU students to work in the library.



**What we LEARN becomes a part of who we are.**

It was a great experience to volunteer and work in the library.

We have learned different things such as how to deal with different people, how to solve unexpected problems and the most important thing is time management.

We really hope every student who has free time to volunteer to work in the library. You will enjoy and learn many things. Thank you PMU for giving us that chance to volunteer.— *by: Zahia Alghamdi & Alhnoof Al-*

**Learning is a journey not a destination.**

My name is **Danya Bhairi**, an HR graduate in PMU. I was lucky enough to have had the opportunity to work at the PMU library for one semester. In Saudi Arabia, it is uncommon to find college aged females with work experience. So for me to have worked at PMU was great to build up my resume. Experience working at the library does not only consist of putting books in their rightful place and telling students to quiet down. In fact, I was able to learn valuable lessons, especially how to work with others and how to deal with a boss or manager. Working at the library is one of the best places to work as a student. The quiet and peaceful atmosphere is perfect for studying on your free time at work. I am constantly trying to persuade my friends studying at PMU to work at the library. In fact, I liked working there so much that I've tried to work there during other semesters. But unfortunately the positions were full. Truly, it is the best part-time job available on the campus, in my opinion.

## 2015 PMU LIBRARY USER SURVEY

*Louise Manners*

In Spring 2015 PMU Library conducted its Library User Survey to determine the PMU community's perceptions of the library, its services, its staff and its facilities. 314 responses were received, 91 from male respondents and 223 from female respondents. The library user survey participation rate amongst students is 15.2% of the total enrolment.

Library staff wish to thank everyone who participated in the survey.

Respondents to the survey requested: longer opening hours; more books on the shelves; more electronic databases; more computers; more study rooms; some students to be permitted to use the male study rooms, more furniture in the female library.

The book orders have been approved by the Deans and are now with Senior Management. Library books out on loan but overdue have been recalled and mostly returned. In the female library staff stand near the computers reminding students to keep the noise level down.

85% of respondents agree that library staff are approachable and friendly.

The PMU library staff again thank participants in the library user survey.

**Great books help you understand, and they help you feel understood. — John Green**

## PMU READERS' HIVE — COMPETITIONS

*Rahat Khan & Louise Manners*

The PMU Female Library club "PMU Readers' Hive" continues to challenge female students to diversify their reading. The winners in February 2015 in the Book Review Competition were: Haya Al Twaim (Review of The Maze Runner); Wafa Mohammed Al Sinan (Review of The Maze Runner), and Sara Al Hairi (Review of If I Should Speak). The winners received prizes and certificates.

In Fall 2015 the club organised a writing competition on a number of selected topics. The winners were: Ilyana Alshhuwair (Why do I love writing?); Aisha Manzoor (A fantastic day at PMU), and Mehroze Ahmed (10 things I must do in my life). Members of faculty in the Prep. Department liaised over judging the entries and were impressed at the high standard of entries.

Thank you to all who participated.

Future activities are being planned.

# DIGITAL LIBRARIES (DLs)

*Bdoor Al-Helal*

The advance of information and technology has revolutionized the concept of libraries. The result is that libraries are slowly getting digitized. Digital libraries (DLs) include digital documents and collections to support lifelong learning, research and scholarly communication. DLs are being created today for diverse communities and in different fields such as education, science, culture, development, health, Government and so on. With the availability of these DLs, the sharing of information through the online documents has become a feasible proposition for professionals around the world.

## ***Benefits of DLs***

They have no physical boundary which means that users from all over the world can access the same information.

They provide multiple accesses at the same time by a number of users.

They allow for information retrieval.

They have lower cost of technology than the traditional libraries.

**They require very little physical space** because they have the potential to store much more information compared to traditional libraries.

## SAUDI DIGITAL LIBRARY (SDL)

SDL is the largest academic source of information in the Arab world. It has a scientific reference covering all academic disciplines. Efforts are directed to build a large and sophisticated digital library, including various specializations, that supports the researchers, faculty, staff and students for educational purposes and meeting the needs of beneficiaries in higher education institutions in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

### ***SDL Vision***

Building a large and sophisticated digital library including various specializations that supports the educational process and meeting the needs of beneficiaries in higher education institutions in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

### ***SDL Mission***

Providing, organizing and making electronic information sources accessible to faculty staff, researchers, students and professionals working in higher education institutions in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and facilitating ways to take advantage of them

### ***SDL Goals***

To support the educational system of Saudi universities through providing wide range of information resources.

To save the searching efforts and time spent on searching for information and accessing it in the digital environment.

To convert the paper-based information resources produced by the Saudi universities to online sources.

To publish value-added books for contributing to the enrichment of the Arabic content.

### ***SDL Features***

It is the largest collection of e-books in the Arab world.

It has more than 310.000 e-books in various scientific specializations.

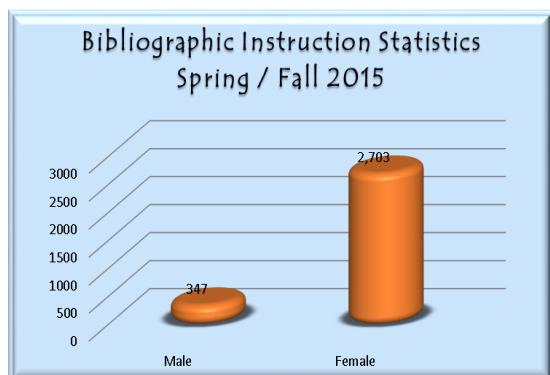
It has more than 300 global publishers.

**Sources:** <http://portal.sdl.edu.sa/english/> <http://portal.sdl.edu.sa/english/aboutus/vision/>

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## HOW DO I FIND INFORMATION IN THE LIBRARY?

The library staff continue to teach library users how to locate and use the information they need quickly and effectively. The graph below displays the bibliographic instruction statistics for spring semester 2015 and fall semester 2015. A total of 2,703 female students and 347 male students attended these bibliographic instruction sessions.



On August 2015, PMU LRC/ library participated in the Orientation program for newly enrolled students for the academic year 2015/2016. PMU LRC / Library was represented by Mr. Abdullah Smaeel who gave an overview introduction about the services offered by PMU LRC/Library.



## SCHEDULE OF LIBRARY ORIENTATION / TOUR

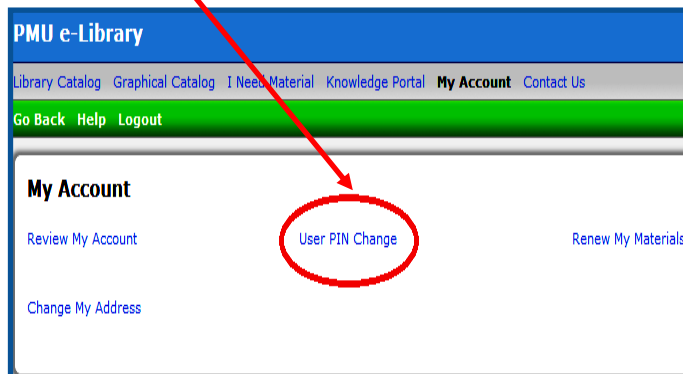
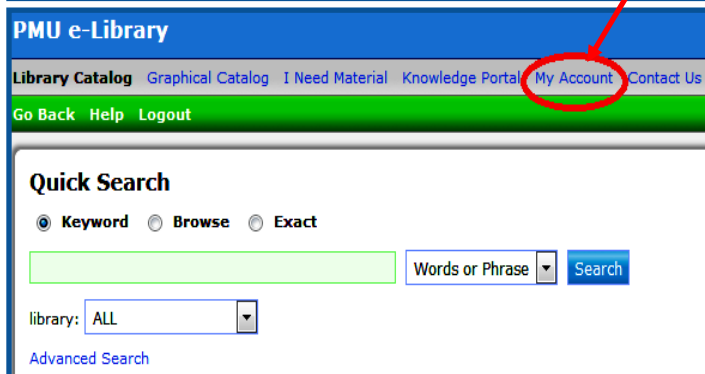
The PMU Library Staff invite you and your class to our library orientation/tour program. Library orientation, one hour class, includes (1) a tour of the library; (2) lecture on the library services offered to the PMU community; (3) demonstration on how to use the Self-Check station and Web OPAC ; and (4) how to access and maximize the use of online subscriptions of the University.

Should you wish to schedule a library orientation/tour, please email our Reference Librarian at [referencelibrarian@pmu.edu.sa](mailto:referencelibrarian@pmu.edu.sa). We look forward to welcoming you.

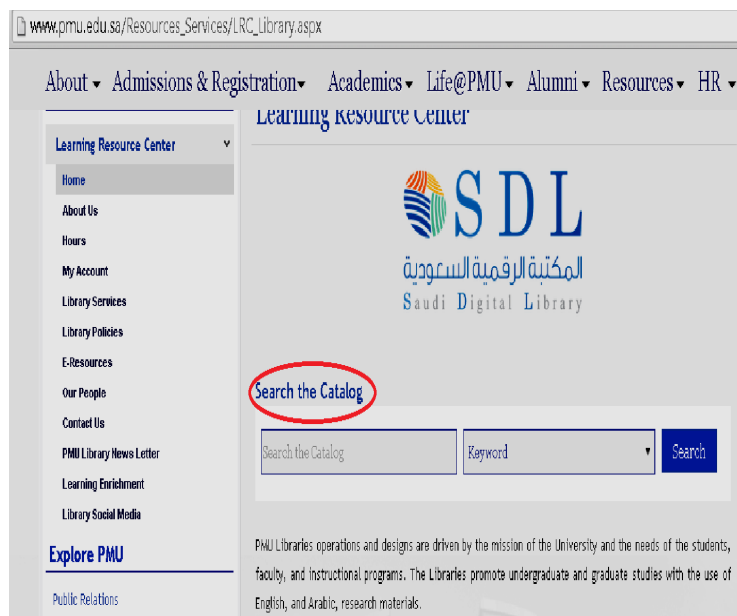
## YOU CAN NOW CHANGE YOUR LIBRARY PASSWORD ONLINE



1. Go to [http://www.pmu.edu.sa/Resources\\_Services/LRC\\_Library.aspx](http://www.pmu.edu.sa/Resources_Services/LRC_Library.aspx)
2. On the left side, click "My Account" button.
3. Again, click "My Account" button.
4. Click the "User PIN Change"
5. Enter your PMU ID for User ID and PIN.
6. Enter your New PIN and click the "Change PIN" button.



## WE NOW HAVE ACCESS TO PMU PUBLICATIONS IN OPAC (ONLINE PUBLIC ACCESS CATALOG)



1. Go to the library web OPAC [http://www.pmu.edu.sa/Resources\\_Services/LRC\\_Library.aspx](http://www.pmu.edu.sa/Resources_Services/LRC_Library.aspx)
2. The basic search page will appear on your screen.
3. Choose field delimiter (Author, Title, Subject, Series, Periodicals Title, ISBN / ISSN).
4. Type the keywords in the search box and click the search button.

## THE KING ABDULAZIZ CENTER FOR WORD CULTURE

The King Abdulaziz Center for Word Culture, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, is due to open to visitors in April 2016. It is a social responsibility initiative of Saudi Aramco to celebrate and preserve the heritage of the Saudi energy industry, develop the creativity of the population and increase access to technology. The building is in the shape of five stones and is visible from roads near Saudi Aramco. The vertical stone is called the 'Knowledge Tower'. The cornerstone of the building was laid by Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah ibn Abdulaziz Al-Saud in May 2008. The Center for World Culture holds a Great Hall, libraries, archives, a museum, a large theatre complex and a cinema. Library staff began to work in the libraries in 2012, preparing for the opening of the libraries. The National Youth Theatre of Great Britain has had input into the theatre programming.



## TIMBUKTU HERITAGE



Librarians in Bamako, Mali, are in the process of restoring ancient manuscripts that have been saved from destruction during the takeover by Islamic extremists of the fabled city of Timbuktu. Thousands of ancient manuscripts from the fabled northern Mali city of Timbuktu now face a less dramatic but still worrying threat: weather and poor storage conditions in their new location that scholars say could lead to permanent damage.

## BAHRAIN UNVEILS BIG PUBLIC LIBRARY PLAN

In Bahrain, located near the Persian Gulf, there are plans to install public reading rooms in parks, walkways and gardens to encourage family reading while enjoying the outdoors. The use of a library bus temporary structures, portable cabins and permanent rooms are being considered. They will ensure that readers are protected from humidity and rain.



# FEMALE LIBRARY PHOTOS



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## **Library Newsletter Information**

The PMU Library Newsletter is published once a semester and is not published during the summer. The Library Newsletter contains articles written by the library staff to educate the PMU community about the library, library-related issues, and library services.

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