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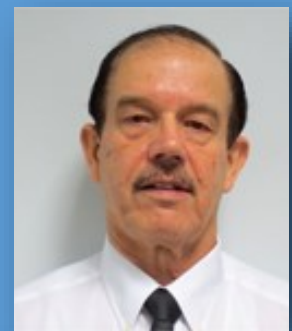
MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The PMU Learning Resources Center is moving ahead with programs that meet the ever changing needs of the colleges and programs. Our energetic library staff are all working hard towards providing training on the use of the resources to both faculty and students. More and more, faculty members are bringing increasing numbers of students to the library to get this training and receive additional help in finding the resources they are seeking. We have had to depend largely on the open access resources that are available in the interim, while waiting for launching the huge resources that will become available when our subscription to the Saudi Digital Library (SDL) is activated in the immediate future. The investment that the university is making to enable access to these huge resources should help to boost the research capability of faculty, staff, and students. We are looking forward to a bright year ahead in 2015. The LRC will indeed be the hub for learning.

Sincerely,

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Earning. Learning. Helping...

Zahra Saeed

I thought it would be a great opportunity to work at the University Library, while I was studying. So, I applied for a job at the PMU library. I worked as a student assistant for the fall semester. The job taught me how to deal with the varied customers with different behavior. Also, I learned how to organize and shelve books in a specific order. Moreover, I helped students to learn the procedure for borrowing books. Not only that, but also, working at the PMU library gave me a chance to get good experience, new friends and money as well.

I encourage students to visit the PMU library due to the availability of books in different branches of science as well as for its quiet environment which helps to read and to do research. In addition to that, there are study rooms for students to do their individual or group research if needed.

Actually, I was lucky to join the PMU library team. I was especially lucky in my supervisor, Ms. Elvira, who is cooperative and flexible. I would like to thank the other library staff who helped me to complete my job in best way.

In Appreciation...

The University Library processed approximately 73 requests last year for articles and books via interlibrary loan. This enables students and instructors to obtain the information that they want and need. We have received a few “thank you’s” that we wanted to share:

“Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery services at Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd University is one of the best services the university offers. The library staff strives to meet all of our research and scholarship needs. All request were delivered in less than 24 hours. You can even view and download electronically received articles and books’ chapters. Also, they continue to offers training to our students on the use of elibrary. The provided services are excellent and one of a kind”. — Mr. Nader Green

“PMU ILL services have been very quick and timely. The literature required in research ranges from very recent to past journal issues, all were provided in the shortest possible time. The Library staff is very receptive and quick in response. I highly appreciate the professional attitude of PMU library staff”. — Dr. Muhammad Ashraf

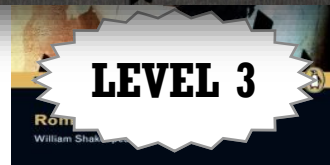
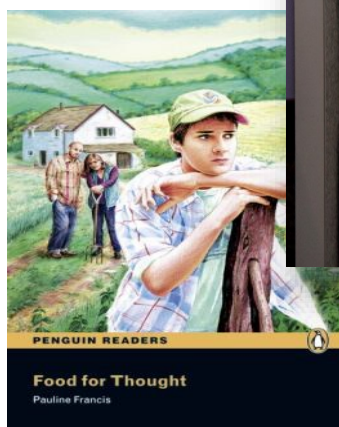
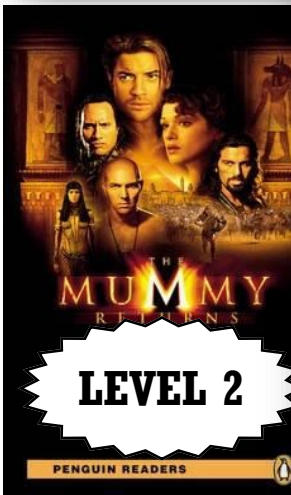
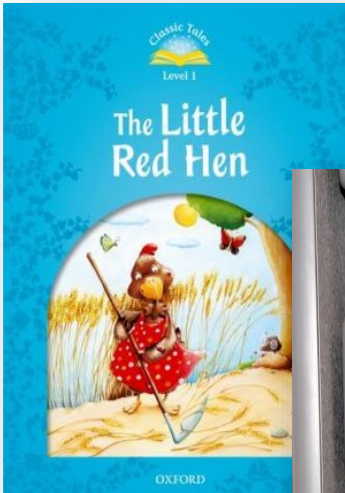
“I appreciate the prompt and thorough response. You are very efficient. Thank you very much for your outstanding service”.

— Dr. Helen Peterson

Recent Acquisitions

**Attention
Readers**

The PMU library has recently acquired more than 650 level readers that are now available to be checked out by male / female students, faculty, and staff.



Send in your request now!

The Library is currently soliciting recommendations from you for purchases of books including reference works. Please, **no textbooks**.

As always selections should reflect the needs of the PMU curriculum. The primary subject areas collected are those that serve to enhance and support the instructional, research and public service activities of the university.

When placing orders please supply as much information as possible about the work(s) you are requesting including:

S.N.	TITLE	AUTHOR	PUBLISHER	EDITION	YEAR OF PUBLICATION	ISBN
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You may submit your request to the LRC/library in writing or by email to library staff.

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The Digitization Project

By: Louise & Rahat

Archives are important sources for researchers, historians and writers. Digitization converts materials from formats readable by people (analog) to formats readable by machines (digital). Flatbed scanners, digital cameras, planetary cameras and other devices may be used to digitize cultural heritage materials.

The PMU library has an on-going project in creating a digital record of Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd University publications and other sources of information from the planning of and founding of PMU to date. Ms. Louise and Ms. Rahat collected publications and other sources of information, scanned each item and catalogued them. The resulting catalogue records are searchable by PMU staff and students. They will also be searchable by other institutions via the non-profit OCLC library cooperative in the future.

PMU READERS' HIVE

Book Review Competition

SPRING 2015

Write

read



The PMU Female Library club “PMU Readers’ Hive” is challenging female students to diversify their reading with activities each semester. For its first activity, the book review competition, students borrowed a fiction book longer than 45 pages by **31st December 2014**. The students are currently writing reviews of the books they borrowed. The reviews will be handed in by **8th February 2015**. Faculty in the PREP Department will liaise over judging the reviews. It is hoped that the experience will encourage the students to develop good reading habits.

Future activities are being planned!!!

Abdullah Smaeel Attends Arabic Union Catalog Training



Mr. Abdullah attended the AUC training held in Dammam University from December 9 - 10, 2014. This training was spearheaded by the AUC whose main objective is to promote and develop the skills and experience of AUC libraries members.

The training was attended by library staff from different universities and private libraries in Saudi Arabia.

A trained librarian is a powerful search engine with a heart. - Sarah McIntyre

The PMU Library extends a warm welcome to Ms. Louise Manners

Ms. Louise Manners worked as a Database and Information Officer for CBA, a global not-for-profit subscription service on social aspects from 1999 to 2010. She ran a news summary service, wrote conference reports and produced monthly and bi-monthly publications. She worked as a Subject Librarian at Ealing Hammersmith and West London College from 2012-2013. She is looking forward to getting to know PMU faculty and students.

In memory of

Emmett Charles Denny
1955–2014

Mr. Emmett, a librarian, passed away at the age of 59 on November 29, 2014. Emmett was born in Mannheim, Germany on September 29, 1955.

Mr. Emmett joined the library on October 2, 2010. Working with Mr. Emmett for four years has given us a chance to know him better. We can say that he was really a good person.

His mentorship was an inspiration to us all. We will miss him dearly.



Time never ends, life never ends, love never ends

Projects Displayed in the Library

By: Bdoor Al-Helal

Innovation and creativity are central to PMU's vision. In 2014, the female library started welcoming students from the Islamic Studies department and Law department to display their academic projects in the library display areas. Actually, working with students to build and maintain displays can generate excitement about the course, increase their investment in learning as well as helps students to appreciate their own work and the work of other students and foster individual and group ownership of the classroom. Here are some pictures of the two projects that were displayed and hung up in the library during fall and spring semester of 2014.



US Consul General
Mr. Mike Hankey
and delegation
visit PMU libraries
October 20, 2014

IT Upgrade at the PMU Library

By: Mohsen Fadlallah

Computers at both male and female libraries have been upgraded and number of PCs has been increased in both libraries. The total number of PCs at the moment is 69 PCs distributed as follows: the male library houses 33 PCs (26 PCs in the ground floor and 7 PCs in the 1st floor), while the female Library houses 36 PCs (16 PC on the ground floor and the female library information class room has 20 PCs).

The PCs are networked with the PMU network, so any user can save his/her work on the H drive on any PC and access his/her work anywhere inside PMU.

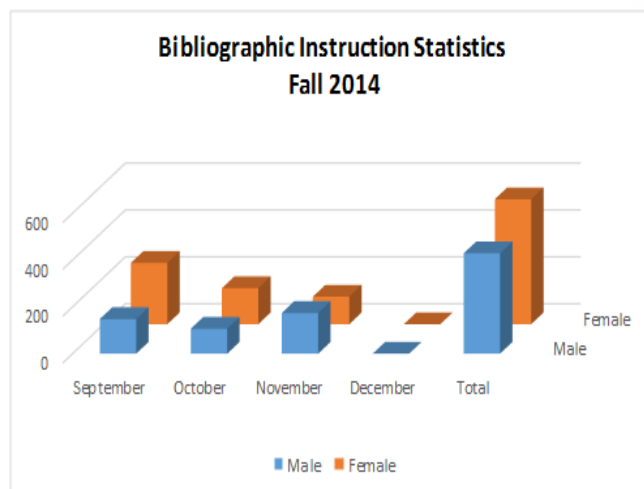
An improvement plan has been implemented for checking the PCs every day by the Library staff and making a prompt report to the IT department.



Oh! The Places You'll Go! - Dr. Seuss

HOW DO I FIND INFORMATION IN THE LIBRARY?

The library staff continues 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 fall semester 2014. A total of 534 female students and 429 male students attended these Bibliographic Instruction sessions.



Getting to know the PMU library staff...

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