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Message from the Director

Dr. Desmond V. Rice

The UN Climate Change Conference held in Marrakech, Morocco last November, symbolized the determination of all participating countries to implement the agreement with encouragement by the Greenpeace activist displaying the slogan “We Will Move Ahead” . It is with the same determination that the PMU LRC Library is forging ahead with its plans for upgrading the services being offered to all our clientele composed primarily of students, faculty, staff and administrators.

Extensive study is given to upgrading the differing elements of our service including upgrading our Library Management System; providing a single search portal to access our print, electronic resources, internal publications and University research database. Several companies have explained how their programs would meet our needs and we are about to come up with a final recommendation to present to the upper management unifying all these needs. We are also currently looking into upgrading our aging physical facilities and replacing them with some state of the art replacements. PMU strives to keep current with the facilities and services we provide because our PMU library teams shares the slogan that “We Will Move Ahead” and provide a better future for all in line with the Saudi 2030 Vision. The time for change is ripe. The LRC Library is on the move.

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Library News

2017 PMU Library User Survey Results

Louise Manners

From 1st until 24th May 2017 inclusive the PMU Library conducted its Library User Survey to gauge the PMU community's perceptions of the library, its services, its staff and facilities. Of the 344 responses received 99 were from male students and 185 from female students. In Spring 2017 there were 5,000 full time equivalent students at PMU so the library user survey participation rate amongst students is 5.5%.

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

Respondents to the survey requested: the books on the shelves to be more current and textbooks to be included; access to databases in the Saudi Digital Library (SDL) to be constant; less noise in the libraries; lone or pairs of students to be permitted to use the male study rooms; computers in the libraries to be updated, and more furniture in the female library.

Library staff are talking to Senior Management about SDL. Overdue letters have not gone out due to an IT issue, which is now resolved. Library staff are reviewing pairs of students not being permitted to use the male group study rooms. Library staff are talking to Senior Management about the furnishing of the female library.

107 respondents or 31% strongly agree that library staff are knowledgeable and proficient at finding information. 121 respondents or 35% agree that library staff are knowledgeable and proficient at finding information. Students appreciate benefiting from library staff knowledge and skills. 118 respondents or 35% strongly agree that the library's study rooms meet their needs. 104 respondent or 31% agree that the library's study rooms meet their needs. Students appreciate being able to concentrate on their studies without distractions.

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

Book Review Competition Results Spring 2017

We are pleased to announce the winners of the 'Creative Writing' Competition organized by the Library in March and April 2017. 26 entries were received.

Congratulations to the following winners:

1st place: Jana Al-Malki (Aljoun Castle, Jordan)

2nd place: Noor Muhammad Memon (An Outdoor Adventure in Dubai)

3rd place: Abrar Al-Sayegh (The Pyramids in Egypt).

Thank you to all who participated in this competition.

The next competition will begin in Fall 2017. Be prepared, you may be a winner!

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Library Resources Updates

New Databases for your Research

The PMU library invites you to try out our new databases.



Wiley Online Library hosts the world's broadest and deepest multidisciplinary collection of online resources covering life, health and physical sciences, social science, and the humanities. It delivers seamless integrated access to over 6 million articles from over 1500 journals, over 20,000 online books, and hundreds of reference works, laboratory protocols and databases.



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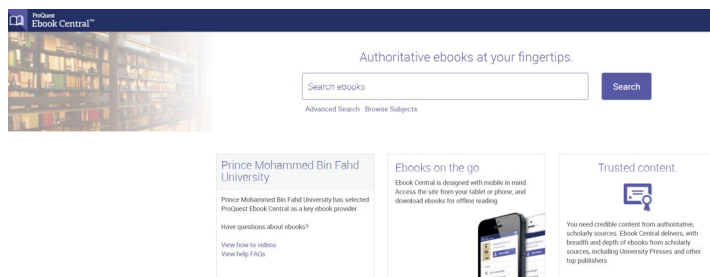
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Level Readers in the Male Library

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New Books at PMU Library

PMU library is proud to announce the newly added books in the collection a total of **2,763** volumes. Come by and check out our new books. Click here to see our newest books <http://opac.pmu.edu.sa>

Library News

College of Business Presentation in the LRC

Sandra Keirse



On April 19th Dr. Wolfgang, Dean of COBA, heard presentations from Dr. Barbara's ACCT 3312 class in the Female Library.

The students projects revolved around Cyber Fraud. Students' had to find cases that occurred within the last 10 years, describe the type of fraud, the cost to the companies, and resolutions the companies implemented. Companies that were presented were: Nasdaq, Twitter, Snapchat, Yahoo, Gmail, Global Payments, and Saudi Aramco.



Dr. Beverley's Labor and Performance classes presented their projects to Dr. Wolfgang, Dean of COBA, on March 28th & 29th in the Female Library.

Project topics revolved around performance appraisal, leadership, and performance management.

Multimedia Rooms

Some improvements have been made to the Female Library Multimedia Room. The air circulation is now on the maximum air flow setting. Adobe Dreamweaver web development tool and Java Script Editor editor have been loaded on the computers. Audacity software and Safe Exam Browser have been loaded on the computers.

Group Study Rooms

Seventeen study rooms available for both libraries, each with space for groups of up to four students, are available in the library. Each room is equipped with computers, writable walls, magnetic walls, writable tables and chairs.

Guidelines:

- Reserve a room <http://studyroom.pmu.edu.sa>
- Groups of two or more take priority over single-person use
- Observe a two-hour limit
- No food or drinks

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. We look forward to welcoming you.

PMU LRC Teaching and Research Support

Furkan Yousaf

Introduction

The Learning Resource Center (LRC) should be an integral part of an academic institution. The LRC is a library or department of a library which is responsible for taking the lead in: acquisition of materials; creating, and management of print and electronic information resources; webpage management; compilation of information products; information dissemination, and training in information search and retrieval. It is very important to give library users training and support in using library technology. Nowadays, LRCs can be a combination of resources, educational practices inside centers, with information and communication technologies (ICT).

1. LRC Orientation & Instruction

PMU LRC has an established library orientation/instruction programme to support students' studies and enhance their study skills. Two aims of orientation and instruction are to introduce LRC resources to students and show the importance of using library databases. Library orientation/instruction is an opportunity for a qualified librarian to interact with students and prepare them for lifelong learning. Within the time allocated for orientation, the librarian should cover LRC services, subject areas and layout that students need to learn. Interested faculty from Preparatory and Core Curriculum departments are among those who book this programme. The programme includes a LRC visit, education, and training. During their lesson planning faculty may contact a librarian, so the liaison librarian will arrange a session to cover class specific needs or a particular assignment. Usually, upon faculty request, the instruction librarian covers such topics:

- Introduction to LRC study room booking system;
- Access and use of online public access catalog (OPAC);
- Books check in or check out by using the self-check machine;
- Efficient use of Boolean operator and techniques to refine search results;
- Scope of off and online Library Reference Service.

It has been observed that many new students are unaware of the library databases, types of scholarly resources, peer reviewed articles and the difference between general Google search and search within PMU subscribed databases. They think that Google can answer and provide access to all free online resources. So, the instruction librarian builds up their thoughts, gives guidance and shows them how the LRC can facilitate one's whole academic career.

2. PMU Library support for research

PMU library staff are graduates and some have worked in other academic libraries. They are providing consultancy for research, for research papers, for advanced projects and for assignments. The library research services are not limited; usage is increasing tremendously. Some key services offered by the library are listed below:

- Identify and refine research keywords;
- Improve search strategies;
- Explain how Basic and Advanced Searching module works;
- Find reliable and relevant information sources and motivate users to use PMU subscribed databases;
- Draw attention to how to evaluate resources by checking currency, relevance, authority, accuracy, purpose, and objectivity of resources;
- Give guidance on how to use E-books and search within E-Books;
- Track one's searches;
- What is and how to use Google Scholar, Google Books in research;
- Introduce basic steps of research;
- Find, organize, and evaluate research data;
- Manage bibliographies, references, and citations;
- Manage references by using EndNote and Mendeley software;
- Guide students to what plagiarism is, how to avoid committing it and how to paraphrase and summarize correctly;
- Elaborate the differences between primary, secondary and tertiary sources of information.

3. Future plan for LRC support for teaching and research

Current awareness services using current online applications:

- Google tools;
- Google Reader;
- ticTOCS;
- RSS.

Content Alert Services;

How to create online questionnaire using Google Doc and SurveyMonkey®; Nvivo; Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS).

LOCAL NEWS



Saudi novelist wins top Arab fiction award

ArabianBusiness.com, 26th April 2017

Saudi Arabian writer Mohammed Hasan Alwan has won the 2017 International Prize for Arabic Fiction for his novel, "A small death" about the life of Sufi scholar and philosopher Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi. The account is 90% fiction. Mohammed Has Alwan said, "Ibn Arabi remains a controversial figure... but I believe that a reader of the novel would not disagree with the human side it portrays." Mohammed Hasan Alwan holds a doctorate in international marketing from Carleton University, Canada, and has published five novels. He is the third Saudi to win the prize since the award was launched in 2008. The previous Saudi winners are Abdo Khal in 2010 for "Throwing sparks" and Raja Alem (shared win) in 2011 for "The dove's necklace". <http://www.arabicfiction.org/>



New Omani heritage and culture portal goes live

[Oman Daily Observer](http://OmanDailyObserver), 22nd April 2017

Omani Minister of Heritage and Culture, His Highness Sayyid Haitham bin Tareq al Said, on 20th April launched the Ministry's overhauled website in co-operation with Omantel. The website, <http://www.mhc.gov.om>, is the first Omani Governmental website designed by Omantel using state of the art technology and in line with international best practices. Hassan bin Mohammed al Lawati, Adviser to the Minister at the Ministry of Heritage and Culture, said, "We are pleased to launch the new edition of the website that will contribute to promoting Omani heritage, culture and history on a global platform. The Ministry is dedicated to offering cutting-edge electronic services that enable all segments of society such as consumers, governmental organizations and private companies to easily access useful information and services. The website is a comprehensive platform that offers insights on events and activities launched by the ministry, complemented with illustrative photography."

Original title: *New heritage and culture portal goes live*

<http://www.mhc.gov.om>



First library bearing name of martyr of knowledge set up

[Gulf News](http://GulfNews), 11th May 2017

The Arab Reading Challenge team has established the first of 10 libraries in memory of Algerian student Fatima Gulam. The library is in the city of Adrar, in Algeria. United Arab Emirates Vice-President and Prime Minister His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum has ordered the setting up of 10 libraries in Algeria in memory of Fatima Gulam. The 17-year-old student travelled 1,500 kilometers by car towards Algiers to participate in the reading challenge. Tragically she was killed in a traffic accident.

Library News

Staff Update

Contact your Library Liaison for information about library collections, book orders, services, library instruction and other library related needs.

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Farewell Ms. Bdoor Al Helal

Ms. Bdoor Al Helal holds a Masters degree in MSHED from Prince Mohammad University . She joined the LRC staff in 2012 as Librarian. We wish her much success in the future.

Dr. Desmond V. Rice and Ms. Elvira Zingapan attended the 23rd Annual Conference and Exhibition of the Special Libraries Association / Arabian Gulf Chapter: “Quality of Library and Information on Training and Education Programs: The Way Map Toward Accreditation” At Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel in Kingdom of Bahrain, March 7—9 2017.

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