

Library Director's Message

LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION

Male Library

Saturday through Tuesday
8:00 a.m. — 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday
8:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.

Female Library

Saturday through Tuesday
8:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday
8:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

IT STARTS HERE..

The PMU Library began as two small scale libraries; one each on the Male and Female campuses. In November 2008, the Learning Resource Center (LRC) was officially opened. From these modest beginnings, the Library today contains nearly 11,000 print volumes, 100 periodical subscriptions, 9 online databases, more than 7,000 electronic journals and full text access to over 90,000 electronic books.

Join us in supporting the growth and preservation of this PMU library.

To all our PMU Learning Community, I would strongly encourage you to take full advantage of the PMU Library's resources. The Library's E-Resources are available to you both on and off campus, to help you complete your assignments, and the Library has space in which you can work and study. Our Librarians are always available to help you with your research, please do not hesitate to contact them.

The Library today contains nearly 11,000 print volumes, 100 periodical

subscriptions, 9 online databases, more than 7,000 electronic journals and full text access to over 90,000 electronic books. The Library staff is dedicated to helping PMU students; faculty and staff succeed in learning, teaching, and research. Our services emphasize working closely with students to develop competency in the use and evaluation of information resources through individualized and group instruction. The Library offers seating for individual and group study. Convenient Wi-Fi service is available

throughout the Learning Resource Center.

PMU Library is forging ahead into the 21st century with the addition of social networking accounts. With the use of Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube the library will be better able to communicate and interact with PMU's students, faculty and staff.

With the addition of the use of social media, and the eventual redesigned and user friendly web site, PMU library will step further into the digital age.

Dr. Jamil A. Qureshy

Staff News

We have added four staff members to our qualified team of Library professionals:

Mrs. Sandra Keirsej, Assistant Librarian received her Master's degree in Library and Information Sciences, in 2009, from Drexel University, USA and her Bachelor's degree, in 2006, from Temple University.

Mrs. Nadia Abdullah, Library Assistant received a certificate in Secondary Education and studied English Literature in Jordan. Additionally, she holds a Certificate in Business Administration from the King Faisal University.

Mr. Abdullah Smaeel, Assistant Librarian earned a Bachelor's degree in Library and Information Science from King Saud University and finished the English as Second Language (ESL) program at Trent University in Canada.

Mr. Mohsen Fadallah, Assistant Librarian received his Post Graduate Diploma in Information Systems Design from University of Westminster in United Kingdom in 1994 and a degree in Managerial Sciences – Computing Science and Information Systems in Egypt in 1985.

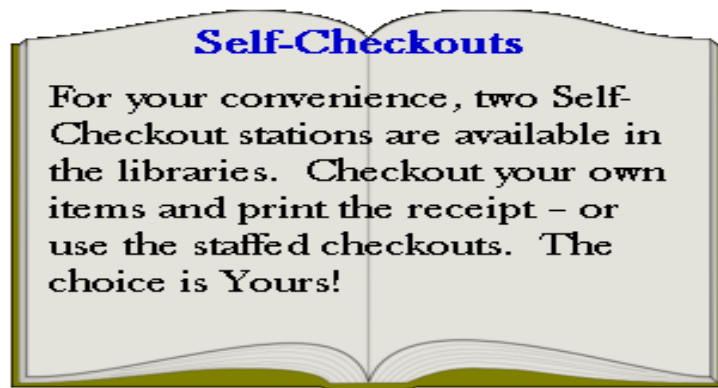
LIBRARY NEWS

Inter Library Loan - A Click Away



Need a full text article or a chapter from books not owned by the PMU Library? We have made it easy to obtain these items by posting new ILL web forms on our website. Submitting your ILL request is now even easier. Find the ILL request form by clicking on the Library Services button on the left side bar of the library web page. Then, click on the ILL (Inter Library Loan) form. Fill out the form and press send. The Inter Library Loan request form can be found at:

http://www.pmu.edu.sa/Resources_Services/Interlibrary_loan_LRC_LS.aspx



Reading furnishes the mind only with the materials of knowledge; it is thinking that makes what we read ours.- John Locke

Free Resources

As always, the PMU Library continually strives to provide our users with the most comprehensive resources available for all their research needs. Be sure to **familiarize** yourself with these latest updates and enhancements to our electronic tools and databases.

The following are free resources:

- ◆ Free Full Text Databases
- ◆ Free Access E-Books
- ◆ Open Access Thesis & Dissertations
- ◆ Free Documentary Films

http://www.pmu.edu.sa/Resources_Services/Free_Resources_LRC_ER.aspx

Usage Statistics of Library E-Resources

The PMU Library provides access to electronic resources, which are full-text databases of articles and books. The Library records information on the number of searches and sessions that occur within each database— we have compiled this data from the time period of August 2012 to April 2013, to give a picture of how these resources are being used by the PMU community.

| | DATABASE | SEARCHES / Pages Viewed |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | Ebrary | 61,281 |
| 2 | EBSCO | 48,652 |
| 3 | Encyclopedia Britannica | 39,278 |
| 4 | ABI/Inform Global | 5,891 |
| 5 | Safari Technical Books | 2,456 |
| 6 | ACM | 6,890 |

New Library Services



Research Consultation

Librarians offer a consultation service to all Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd University (PMU) students. This is designed to help with individual research and group projects.

http://www.pmu.edu.sa/Resources_Services/Research_Consultation_LRC_LS.aspx



Citing Sources

By citing sources, you are giving credit to the authors of the works you are using. Failure to properly cite your sources constitutes plagiarism and is a violation of moral and professional ethics.

http://www.pmu.edu.sa/Resources_Services/Citing_Sources_LRC_LS.aspx

“You cannot open a book without learning something” - Confucius

“Library as place”

The PMU Library has had a substantial increase in visits from our patron. When comparing reference desk statistics from spring 2011 to spring

2012, it is encouraging to see that the “Library as place” is very much part of the PMU students life on campus. The average increase in library visits was 24%.



Prominent Visitors



U.S. Consul General Mr. Joel Hood & Delegation visit PMU on October 13, 2012



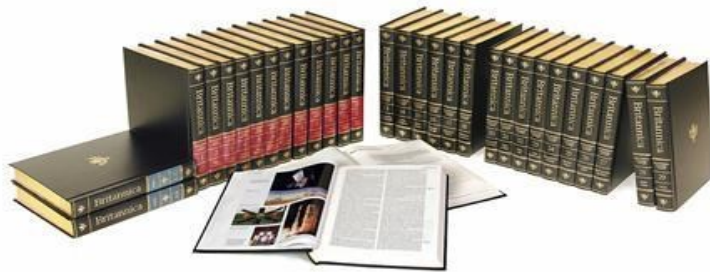
Delegates from the Ministry of Higher Education visit PMU on May 12, 2012



Executive Managers Workshop Visit PMU Library on January 5, 2013

Local & International LIBRARY NEWS

END OF A PUBLISHING ERA Encyclopedia Britannica to Stop Print Editions



with digital versions available online.

The Chicago based company said that the print volumes will no longer be available when the current stock of the

40,000 just six years later in 1996. The company started exploring digital publishing the 1970s and their first CD-ROM version was published in 1989 and a version went online in 1994.

After 244 years the Encyclopedia Britannica, no more new editions will be put to paper. Future editions will live exclusively online.

The Encyclopedia Britannica, which has been in continuous print since it was first published in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1768, will end publication of its printed editions and continue

2010 edition runs out.

The top year for the printed encyclopedia was 1990, when 120,000 sets were sold. That number fell to

Life...is Reading

Exhibition Center (RIEC). The motto of this years show was "Life is a Sort of Reading..."

Over 450 publishers from around the world were in attendance and the Minister of Information, Abdul Aziz Khoja, expressed pleasure in honoring Sweden at the show.

The event is considered a forum for dialogue among intellectuals, writers and the general public. As part of the fair there was a

cultural program where issues of public interest were discussed. Out of the country training, vulnerable international languages, the future of printing, recent media, and other subjects.

Ten outstanding books in various domains received awards from the Ministry of Culture and Information.

A virtual book exhibition was launched,

<http://www.riyadhbookfair.org.sa/Pages/Default.aspx>

World's Largest Qur'an is Unveiled in Afghanistan

The Qur'an weighs 500kg, measures 2.28 meters by 1.55 meters, and cost over £300,000 to create. The lavish book has cloth and paper pages, gold script and millions of tiny colorful dots, and is bound in a leather cover made from 21 goat skins.

helps support the work of the center and manages a much smaller library.

According to Naderi, "The cultural center is proud that it provided this opportunity for an Afghan artist to actually show his talent to the world... We have Afghan people who show the positive aspect of Islam." According to Naderi's daughter, "the giant qur'an was her father's dream and a project he devoted himself to for years."

As a devote Muslim, Khedri said he would "...welcome ceding his moment in the spotlight to an even large Qur'an made by someone else... It is serving Islam," he said with a smile.

Mohammad Sabir Khedri, a master calligrapher, created the world's largest Qur'an to show the world that Afghanistan's cultural heritages and traditions were not destroyed by 30 years of war.

The Qur'an is housed in the cultural center that was once home to 50,000 books, a medical center, and a school for Afghan craft. The center was destroyed after many years of civil war and was rebuilt in 2001 by Farkhunda Zahra Naderi, a member of parliament. He



The Riyadh International Book Fair was held March 6-15, 2012 at the Riyadh International





* THE LIBRARIES LOAN HEADSET *

Headsets may be borrowed for educational purposes only. There are 10 headsets available in both libraries.

Loan Period: Headsets should be used in the library only and returned as soon as possible after use.

Borrowing : Students must leave their student ID Card at the library reference desk until they return the headsets.

GROUP STUDY

The PMU Library has group study rooms in both libraries. Group study room are for 2 to 4 students to use and are available on a first come, first serve basis. A current PMU ID card is required to use a study room.



Call a librarian
Female Library : 849-9227, 9714
Male Library : 849-9266, 9225



E-mail a Librarian
Ask your question via email.
Available: Anytime.
We try to respond within 24 hours.
(Saturday – Wednesday)
referencelibrarian@pmu.edu.sa

Visit us
Stop by (or set up a [research consultation appointment](#)) for help with an assignment or your research.

Library Newsletter Information

The *PMU Library Newsletter* will be published once a semester and will not be published in the summer. The Newsletter contains articles written by the library staff to educate the PMU community about the library and library-related issues.

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PMU Library's Mission Statement

The PMU Library is committed to providing a user-centered information environment that supports academic inquiry, meaningful research, and lifelong learning.