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Welcome message by the Library Director

On behalf of the A. M. Al-Refai Library at GUST University, I welcome you to the academic year 2010/11 . I hope you will find our services at the Library useful in your teaching, learning and researching process. Since its foundation, the A.M. Al-Refai Library has always been of an "all-embracing" nature and this is described by the various services we offer both in person and online.



The Library is a one-stop guide to information and resources and our collection includes books, eBooks, journals, eJournals, audiovisual materials, and bibliographic/full-text databases. Our recent addition of LibGuides, an exceptionally brilliant resource makes finding information so much easier. Moreover, it is available on Facebook and integrated with Twitter as well.

We exhibit a passion for excellence in customer service and our staff continually works towards it. Our expert librarians are always around to answer your queries and to find solutions to your information needs. In order to assist you in navigating the website and accessing the online resources, we have prepared for you Handbooks and User Guides, which are available for download on the Library webpage.

The Library continues its efforts to improve its services and encourages you to give us feedback and suggestions, which we willingly accommodate. You can contact us by phone: 2530-7090, e-mail: library@gust.edu.kw or just stop by and tell us of your experience!

Each quarter the Library publishes a Newsletter and through it communicates to faculty, staff and students on recent and ongoing activities and highlights important and useful Library news. The Newsletter is available as a soft copy in a PDF format on the Library Home Page: www.gust.edu.kw/library

We extend our good wishes and hope you have a great academic year!!

Library Hours

Sunday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday
9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The Library is closed on Fridays and public holidays.

LibGuides Launched!!

The professional staff at A. M. Al-Refai Library strive to provide the best services and guide users to make maximum use of its resources. By providing LibGuides to its users, the A. M. Al-Refai Library has taken another step towards achieving its goal.

Libguides will be the one-stop access point to various Library resources and provide easy access to other relevant resources on the web. Content on LibGuides will be continually updated and more guides will be added. Register at LibGuides to receive email alerts when new guides are published.

LibGuides may be accessed via the Library homepage or <http://libguides.gust.edu.kw/index.php>

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1. **Business & Management**
by Shobhita Kohli - last updated on Aug 31st, 2010
2. **Computer Science**
by Shobhita Kohli - last updated on Aug 26th, 2010
3. **Mathematics & Statistics**
by Shobhita Kohli - last updated on Aug 26th, 2010
4. **Social Sciences**
by Shobhita Kohli - last updated on Aug 30th, 2010

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are, you must find
time for reading, or
surrender yourself to
self-chosen
ignorance.**

- Confucius

Library Director visits The Library of Congress



Mrs. Shobhita Kohli, Library Director was invited by the Head of the Near East Section to visit the Library of Congress in Washington DC on the sidelines of the ALA conference. During the visit Mrs. Kohli met with the staff of the Near East Section who are responsible for developing the Library of Congress collection from and about the Arab World. She also met with members of the eScience working group of the Library of Congress. In these meetings both Library of Congress and Gulf University programs and projects were discussed, including areas in which the two libraries may be able to cooperate. Ms. Kohli also met with the Cataloging and Acquisition Team for Middle Eastern and Arabic materials, consulting about how such material is acquired and organized for use by researchers.

Library Quizcontd.

1. As a student, how many books can you check out at a time?
 - a) 3
 - b) 10
 - c) 5
 - d) I don't know.
2. There are two ways in which you can renew items on loan to you. Identify them.
 - a) Via 'My Account' on Library Online Catalog (Library Website)
 - b) In Person
 - c) By Phone
 - d) I don't know
3. You are looking for the latest print issue of Newsweek. Where would you find it in the Library?
 - a) Reference Collection
 - b) Current Periodicals
 - c) Book Collection
 - d) American Corner
4. In the Library, students are prohibited to:
 - a) Bring along food or drinks
 - b) Use mobile phones
 - c) Talk loudly
 - d) All the above
5. What is the library Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) called?
 - a) Horizon Information Portal (HIP)
 - b) EBSCO Host
 - c) Proquest
 - d) I don't know

Answers to quiz on previous issue: 1.c , 2.b , 3.c, 4.a

World Bank announces open access to data

The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors recently approved a new Access to Information policy, which has become effective July 1, 2010. The World Bank's new policy underscores its commitment to transparency and accountability as the premiere institution for international development.

In keeping with this new policy, we have been informed by the World Bank that the following subscription-based databases will be provided to the public free of charge through a new platform on the Bank's main website:

- 1] World Development Indicators (WDI);
- 2] Global Development Finance (GDF);
- 3] Africa Development Indicators (ADI); and
- 4] Global Economic Monitor (GEM)

To ease the transition to the new free of charge platform, we encourage you to start exploring, using and taking advantage of the innovative features of the new open data website now at <http://data.worldbank.org>.

This new site currently contains the full World Development Indicators (WDI); Global Development Finance (GDF); and Africa Development Indicators (ADI) as well as several other World Bank databases. The Global Economic Monitor (GEM) portal will also be available free of charge and can be accessed through <http://www.worldbank.org/gem>.

What's new on the Library homepage?

LibGuides: Subject guides for various disciplines that will be a one-stop access point to various Library resources and will provide easy access to other relevant resources on the web.

Library Collections: This page will provide information about the additions to Library collections.

Referencing Styles Guide: The practice of acknowledging the sources of ideas while writing research articles, assignments, study reports and other materials is Referencing. There are various styles of referencing viz., APA (American Psychological Association), MLA (Modern Language Association), Harvard, Chicago, Turabian Styles, etc. The Library has prepared a guide explaining the basics of APA, MLA and Harvard styles of referencing with examples. This guide may be accessed from the Information Literacy page: <http://www.gust.edu.kw/content/information-literacy>

Library Quiz: The A. M. Al-Refai Library has developed a quiz to assess students' library skills. It will also help them learn about A. M. Al-Refai Library's policies, services, and resources. This quiz constitutes multiple choice questions which can be answered by checking the appropriate options. At the end of the quiz, the results will be displayed. The GUST ID and password must be used to log in to the quiz. The quiz may be accessed from the Information Literacy page: <http://www.gust.edu.kw/content/information-literacy>



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Book Review

Leadership in the Era of Economic Uncertainty: *The New Rules for Getting the Right Things Done in Difficult Times*

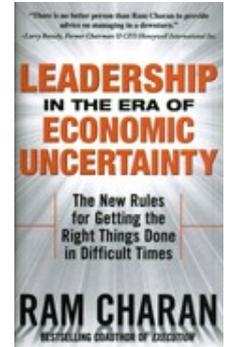
By: Ram Charan

139 pp.

McGraw-Hill 2009

Review by: Dan Waldkirch

Leadership in the Era of Economic Uncertainty by Ram Charan is a common-sense guide outlining the management practices necessary to weather the current economic storm. Throughout the book Charan explains how to manage for cash and make tough decisions at every level of the business, from the CEO down to customer service. With the right strategies, and a little luck, an overwhelming challenge can become an incredible opportunity.



Information Literacy Series - Information Literacy and Information Technology

Information literacy is related to information technology skills, but has broader implications for the individual, the educational system, and for society. Information technology skills enable an individual to use computers, software applications, databases, and other technologies to achieve a wide variety of academic, work-related, and personal goals. Information literate individuals necessarily develop some technology skills.

Information literacy, while showing significant overlap with information technology skills, is a distinct and broader area of competence. Increasingly, information technology skills are interwoven with, and support, information literacy. A 1999 report from the National Research Council promotes the concept of "fluency" with information technology and delineates several distinctions useful in understanding relationships among information literacy, computer literacy, and broader technological competence. The report notes that "computer literacy" is concerned with rote learning of specific hardware and software applications, while "fluency with technology" focuses on understanding the underlying concepts of technology and applying problem-solving and critical thinking to using technology. The report also discusses differences between information technology fluency and information literacy as it is understood in K-12 and higher education. Among these are information literacy's focus on content, communication, analysis, information searching, and evaluation; whereas information technology "fluency" focuses on a deep understanding of technology and graduated, increasingly skilled use of it.

"Fluency" with information technology may require more intellectual abilities than the rote learning of software and hardware associated with "computer literacy", but the focus is still on the technology itself. Information literacy, on the other hand, is an intellectual framework for understanding, finding, evaluating, and using information—activities which may be accomplished in part by fluency with information technology, in part by sound investigative methods, but most important, through critical discernment and reasoning. Information literacy initiates, sustains, and extends lifelong learning through abilities which may use technologies but are ultimately independent of them.

Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education

Approved by the Board of Directors of the Association of College and Research Libraries on January 18, 2000