A WORD OF WELCOME FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

On behalf of the A. M. Al-Refai Library, I welcome all new and returning faculty, students, and staff to a new academic year here at GUST.

2012-13 was a busy yet gratifying year for us. For a start we saw a huge increase of 12.5% in students who used the Library compared to the previous year. This is such good news as it indicates that Library is the place where students want to be.

The impact of the evolving information world is so widespread, and our Library is no exception. Over the past few years we have moved expeditiously to adopt the digital formats, particularly for books and journal literature. Considering the fact that it is essential for all students, faculty, and staff to be accomplished information-users, we place a high value on fostering and promoting information literacy and delivering tailor-made instruction sessions.

Commencing this academic year, we have absorbed new services and functions: Improved Homepage TeamSpot Service, Display Widgets, and EBSCO Discovery Service; further details are available inside this issue.

Our team focuses on rendering satisfaction on the part of users and is constantly responding to what they need in an effective manner. We are continually engaged in the strategic planning process not just in support of the Library, but the entire GUST campus in various activities. As we continue to work on new initiatives, we encourage you to take advantage of what the Library has to offer and wish you a successful year ahead!

Sincerely,

Shobhita Kohli
Library Director

OPEN ACCESS & TEAMSPOT SERVICES

The Library recently launched Open Access Resources and TeamSpot service to facilitate research and collaboration. Open Access Resources is a comprehensive online guide which provides access to a huge variety of open access content namely: Books, Databases, Journals, Repositories, Theses & Dissertations, Visual Archives, and Open Education.

TeamSpot is an easy-to-use software that makes moving digital content within the team simple. TeamSpot Service is currently available in the Library rooms: N2-006 for women and N2-104 for men. Reservation for TeamSpot is mandatory; please contact the Circulation desk for further information.

Kindle eReaders available @ the Library

The Library has 8 Kindle eReaders in the Library which you may check out, upon submitting Kindle Request Form, available at the Circulation desk, along with your Civil ID.

“Wisdom... comes not from age, but from education and learning”.

~ Anton Chekhov
The Library recently launched its new and improved homepage.

The new homepage is user friendly and easy to navigate; the menus are categorized in a simple and organized manner to enable users access information quickly and easily.

Users can now access all relevant information regarding Library services, facilities, and resources just by selecting their respective category under ‘Information For’.

**EBSCO Discovery Service—One Search Box**

We are pleased to announce the launch of EBSCO Delivery Service — EDS available both in and off campus. EDS provides a fast, streamlined search through a single search box, to Books, eBooks, and full text articles leveraged from the leading EBSCO host research platform and databases, as well as from key information providers.

**New Website for World Bank eLibrary**

The World Bank eLibrary will be launching its new website on September 17, 2013.

Users will save time with Quick and Advanced search options in the new site that will narrow searches across and within World Bank publications and return highly relevant results across all content types.

**Book Display Widgets — Library Catalog**

The A. M. Al-Refai Library is the first library in the Middle East region to adopt Book Display Widgets which allows the creation of virtual book display. Just click on the image of the book and it will take you directly to the record of that particular title.

**New JSTOR Search**

JSTOR provides an easier-to-use interface and a new search engine; its key goal is to provide better results for simple queries. The new search includes:

- A new interface, letting you narrow down or broaden your searches more easily
- Improved relevance rankings, giving you results that more closely match your search terms
- New features, including auto-suggested search terms and spell-checking
- Enhanced search results view, previewing the article or book details directly from the search results list
LIB QUIZ contd...

1. According to APA format, the list of references at the end of the paper is called:
   A. Bibliography
   B. Works Cited
   C. References
   D. Sources used

2. Which of the following if not acknowledged will be considered plagiarism?
   A. Common knowledge
   B. Direct quotations, paraphrases, images
   C. Your own ideas, discoveries, and reasoning
   D. None of the above

3. If you can’t find any information on your topic, you should do what?
   A. Choose a different topic.
   B. Tell your professor the library has no information on your topic.
   C. Try again next week.
   D. Ask a librarian for help.

4. The ________ tells for whom the author wrote the book.
   A. Dedication page
   B. Publisher
   C. Title page
   D. Call number

5. To search for books by subject, you will use:
   A. Library databases
   B. eJournals
   C. Library catalog
   D. Interlibrary loan

Answers to quiz on previous issue: 1.c, 2.b, 3.a, 4.d, 5.b
LIBRARY DIRECTOR VISITS ALA CONFERENCE AND ALCTS PRE-CONFERENCE

Library Director Ms. Shobhita Kohli made a 6-day official visit to the ALA Conference and ALCTS Pre-Conference, USA during the period June 27 to July 02, 2013.

The visit proved to be an excellent opportunity for Ms. Kohli to network with library colleagues from across the world; they spent time discussing issues and latest technological trends in the field of Information Science.

The ALCTS Pre-Conference sessions highlighted the characteristics of successful shared monograph initiatives and ‘techniques for electronic resource management’ to encourage worldwide librarians to share their best practices and workflows of electronic resource management freely. Participants engaged themselves in the development of capturing the best practices of electronic resources management.

REGISTER ON MASSIVE OPEN ONLINE COURSE (MOOC) PROGRAM FOR FREE

The US Embassy, is encouraging GUST students to register for the below listed MOOC programs in an attempt to expose international audiences to US ideas and educational practices. These courses are to be taken online and are absolutely free. Graduation ceremony will be hosted for students completing the course after which they will be introduced to Education USA advisors to receive advice on options to study in the United States.

Courses on the Coursera platforms have fixed start and end dates, weekly assignments, online discussion forums for students, and a number of other features. Courses on the OpenCourseWare platforms do not have active online communities or fixed start dates, and all course materials are already available online. Following are the list of courses on offer:


BOOK REVIEW

iDisorder: Understanding Our Obsession with Technology and Overcoming Its Hold on Us
Author: Larry D. Rosen

In iDisorder, Dr. Larry Rosen takes readers on a thought-provoking tour of how new technology is dramatically changing our lives and redefining what we consider normal versus disordered behavior. It tells us how not to let too much of a good thing become a bad thing. Digital technologies are machines that can enhance or harm our minds. Rosen tells us how to keep our minds safe and sane.

Based on decades of research and expertise in the ”psychology of technology,” iDisorder offers clear, down-to-earth explanations for why many of us are suffering from an iDisorder. Rosen offers solid, proven strategies to help us overcome the iDisorder we all feel in our lives while still making use of all that technology offers. Our world is not going to change, and technology will continue to penetrate society even deeper, leaving us little chance to react to the seemingly daily additions to our lives. Rosen teaches us how to stay human in an increasingly technological world.

iDisorder is a futurist psychologist’s fascinating glimpse into the 21st century; Rosen provides comprehensive coverage of many mental health issues facing our overuse of technology. This complex and challenging book provides clear and concise guidance when dealing with these issues and shows you how to regain control over your technology-centric lives.

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