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Library Hours

Sunday—Thursday	Saturday
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The Library is closed on Fridays and public holidays.

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"Good ideas are not adopted automatically. They must be driven into practice with courageous patience."

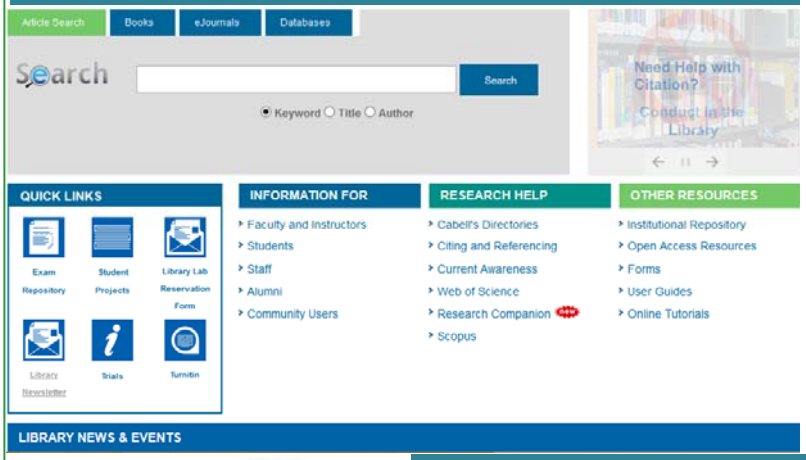
~ Hyman Rickover

11TH ANNUAL BOOK AND INFORMATION FAIR

The Gulf University for Science and Technology (GUST) opened its 11th annual Book and Information Fair on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, in the foyer outside the GUST grand auditorium. The event was open from 09:30 am until 4:00 pm and the attendees included GUST Community members, students, and members of the general public. The opening ceremony was conducted by Dr. Donald Bates, President, Dr. Salah Al-Sharhan, VP for Planning and Development and Acting VP for Academic Affairs, US and French Ambassadors and Mrs. Shobhita Kohli, Library Director officially opened the fair. The opening ceremony was followed by the attendees visiting the participant stands where the respective participants were found introducing latest advances in information search and retrieval technologies that would assist faculty in research; moreover Publishers had gathered together an amazing array of books covering a range of fields. The Book and Information Fair is an annual event organized by the A. M. Al-Refai Library. The event in general is an excellent opportunity for leading publishers to display the latest editions of books, and online catalogs; it also provides online service providers the opportunity to introduce the latest technical innovations available in the world of education and research. The sponsors for the event were: a) That Al Salasil (GUST campus bookstore) and b) Arabian Advanced Systems (an online resource provider).

WHAT'S NEW?

LIBRARY WEBSITE NEW HOMEPAGE



ULRICH'SWEB GLOBAL SERIALS DIRECTORY

Ulrichsweb is an easy to search source of detailed information on more than 300,000 periodicals (also called serials) of all types: academic and scholarly journals, e-journals, peer-reviewed titles, popular magazines, newspapers, newsletters, and more.

It covers more than 900 subject areas. Ulrich's records provide data points such as ISSN, publisher, language, subject, abstracting & indexing coverage, full-text database coverage, tables of contents, and reviews written by librarians.

Can I access eResources off campus

All registered students, faculty, and staff members are offered off-campus access!! You must login using your GUST ID and Password when directed to the EZProxy (off campus) Login page.

TRIAL RESOURCES

The Library current offers the following resources on trial:

1.	Sage Research Methods Online	02/03/2015 - 31/03/2015
2.	Sage Knowledge	02/03/2015 - 31/03/2015
3.	Ulrichsweb Global Serials Directory	02/03/2015 - 31/03/2015
4.	Elgaronline	23/03/2015 - 30/04/2015
5.	IOP Science Journals	23/03/2015 - 30/04/2015
6.	E-Marefa [username: gust, password: gust@marefa]	29/03/2015 - 11/04/2015

INSTALLATION OF NEW PCs

All the PCs in the Library have now been replaced with new ones, and in all the areas including the student areas both on the upper and lower levels, the staff areas as well as the Labs located on the upper level of the Library.

SELF CHECK-OUT SERVICE IN THE LIBRARY

As part of the ongoing commitment to serve the library users in an effective manner, we now have 'self-checkout service' at the Library. Users can borrow books on their own through the Self Check-out machine located in front of the general collection stacks. In order to use a Self Check-out machine, you need GUST ID and the book(s) you wish to borrow.

To formalize the check-out, you must first enter your GUST ID, and then the PIN which is the last 4-digits of your Civil ID number, thereafter place the book or books on the machine. When all books have been checked out a receipt will be printed with the due date.

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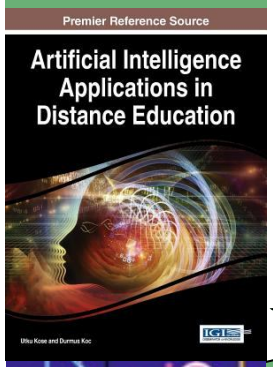

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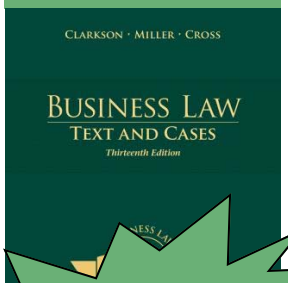

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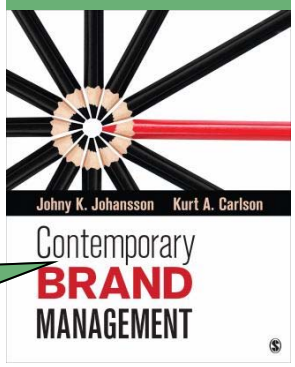

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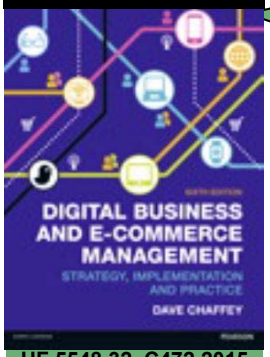

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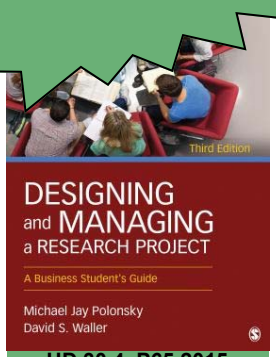

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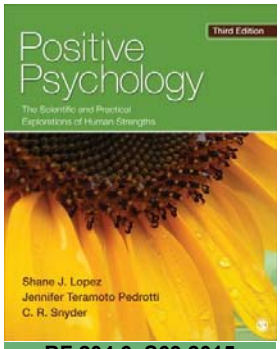

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NO FOOD & DRINK

The Library is a place for study and reflection, hence eating and drinking is discouraged.

- Bottled water may be brought in and consumed by users.
- Drinks other than water, and paper/plastic cups, glass, or open containers are not permitted inside the Library.
- Food items of any kind are strictly prohibited in the Library, whether or not they are being consumed.

LIB QUIZ contd...

1. A citation is information which identifies a source used in a research paper.
   - a) True
   - b) False

2. When checking out books through the Self Check station PIN is:
   - a) Your name
   - b) Your GUST ID
   - c) Last 4 digits of your Civil ID number
   - d) None of the above

3. Your Instructor places course material on Reserve. Where in the Library do you go to get it?:
   - a) Library Lab
   - b) Circulation Desk
   - c) Periodicals Section

4. Where on the Library website can you download past examination papers from ?
   - a) eResources
   - b) LibGuides
   - c) Online Library Catalog
   - d) Institutional Repository

5. What are the two types of result listings that you can expect to find in the library databases?:
   - a) Articles in the databases are all full-text
   - b) Citations without full-text and citations with full-text
   - c)PDF full-text and HTML full-text

Answers to quiz on previous issue: 1.a, 2.d, 3.a, 4.b, 5.b

We are happy to answer your queries, please contact us as below:

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MIND MAPS

How to mind map

Step 1 – Determine your central image or concept.

Step 2 – Create the basic structure for organizing your ideas: these are the main branches and are known as the Basic Organizing Ideas (BOIs), and are represented by branches radiating outwards from the main concept.

Step 3 – Put down keywords associated with the BOIs, which should sit on smaller branches connected to the main branch.

Step 4 – Revisit your mind map, putting things in order, and numbering the branches. If necessary, revise it on another piece of paper.

Techniques—The following points should be borne in mind when creating a mind map:

Use radiant thinking – start from the centre and radiate outwards.

Use hierarchy and association – your main BOIs are embodied in thick lines radiating from the centre; the ideas radiating from the individual BOIs have thinner lines. (If you think there are likely to be more BOIs and ideas than you can think of, leave blank lines for future reference.)

Use as images and colour – they will stimulate your brain's visual and creative capacity and help you have fun along the way!

Use keywords, rather than phrases – easier to remember.

Use symbols (e.g. x for not) and codes. You can also annotate your mind map, for example you could write references to other sources in a different colour pen.

Be clear: have words the same length as lines (a better use of space), and use capitals, which are easier to read and which emphasize keywords.

Use arrows to denote links between ideas.

Draw quickly and uncritically on a sheet of A4 or larger paper (perhaps two A4 sheets put together, which also has the advantage that it will be readily distinguishable from other single folios on your desk!), placed landscape.

Review your mind map after you have completed your first attempt, not immediately, but once your thoughts have had time to "settle".

- See more at: http://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/learning/study_skills/skills/mind_maps.htm

LITERATURE REVIEW - AN OVERVIEW

WHAT IS LITERATURE REVIEW?

A Literature review is:

–A review of the writings, or literature, on a particular subject / topic

–A review of the most relevant, recent and scholarly work in the subject / topic area

–A piece of writing that supports, evaluates, and cri tiques your research

THREE KEY POINTS OF A LITERATURE REVIEW

–Tell me what the research says (theory)

–Tell me how the research was carried out (methodology)

–Tell me what is missing, i.e., the gap that your re search intends to fill.

To be Continued…….