The Library offers three QR codes for instant access to the Library Homepage, eResources, and LibGuides from your smart phones, and/or other gadgets.

**What is a QR code and why use it?**
QR (Quick Response) code is a 2 dimensional picture with horizontal and vertical encoding that can be linked to a URL, an image, a contact number, etc.

Scanning a QR code and storing data directly using your mobile phone is more convenient than writing down URLs on a piece of paper.

You can keep a digital archive of this information in your phone and go back at any time.

**Where do I get a QR code scanner / reader application?**
Certain cell phones have QR code scanning functionality built-in. However, If you have a “smart phone” or other handheld device (like a tablet, iPad, etc.), QR scanner / reader apps are typically available for free installation wherever you go to get new apps.

**How does a QR code work?**
Open the QR scanner / reader application (app) and capture the QR code with your mobile device camera. Depending on the code’s content, the application will translate the QR code into a URL, text, image, etc.

**QR CODES AT THE A. M. AL-REFAI LIBRARY**
We currently have the following three QR Codes for the Library, that will direct you to the Library Homepage, eResources, and LibGuides respectively.

- **Library Homepage**
- **eResources**
- **LibGuide**

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To join us on April 18th, @10:30 in the Library, for the release of Excel-sior Volume 11!

“Reading furnishes the mind only with materials of knowledge; it is thinking that makes what we read O U R S”

- John Locke
EXPLORE THE TRIAL DATABASES VIA THE LIBRARY WEBSITE

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CANCELLED DATABASES FOR 2017-2018

Considering the budgetary constraints and low user statistics, the below listed databases have been cancelled, at the discretion of the respective Colleges.

1. American Real Estate Society (ARES)
2. Bayanati
3. Gemba Academy
4. Oxford English Dictionary (OED)

NEW GUIDE IN LIBGUIDE: STUDY SKILLS

Study Skills guide aims at providing strategies that would help students to gain, retain, and recall information when required.

The guide is further classified into the following sections:

- Listening Skills
- Note-taking Skills
- Reading Skills
- Memorization Skills
- Writing Skills
- Time Management Skills
- Study Group
- Other Skills

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LIB QUIZ contd...

1. Two ways you can contact us from our website are: Ask-a Librarian and Library email links
   a) True
   b) False

2. How many calculators can one check out at a time, and for how long?
   a) Three calculators for a maximum of two hours
   b) One calculator for a maximum of two hours
   c) One calculator for a maximum of two days

3. The link to Frequently Asked Questions is located under
   a) eResources
   b) Catalog
   c) About Us

4. The past examination papers are accessible via:
   a) Library Online Catalog
   b) News Repository
   c) Exam Repository

5. What would an in-text citation include when the author of a source is unknown?
   a) the word anonymous and the year of publication
   b) the first few words of the Reference list entry
   c) A or B depending on if the author is unknown or identified as anonymous

Answers to quiz on previous issue: 1.a, 2.c, 3.a, 4.a, 5.b
WHAT IS CABELL’S BLACKLIST?

Specialists analyze over 60 behavioral indicators to keep the community aware of the growing threats and to keep academia protected from exploitative operations. Cabell’s Blacklist Review Board uses the following criteria to evaluate all journals suspected of deceptive, fraudulent, and/or predatory practices.

The following criteria are considered when evaluating a suspected journal:

Below is one of the Blacklist Journals listed in Cabell’s with details of its violations.

Global Journal of Digestive Diseases

*violations*

Integrity
- The publisher hides or obscures relationships with for-profit partner companies.

Website
- Does not identify a physical address for the publisher or gives a fake address.
- Journal or publisher uses a virtual office or other proxy business as its physical address.

Publication Practices
- Emails from journals received by researchers who are clearly not in the field the journal covers.

LITERATURE REVIEW - A STEP BY STEP GUIDE (Continuing series)

A good literature review demonstrates that you know the field, justifies the reason for your research and allows you to establish your theoretical framework and methodological focus.

翎E 5 — Summarize and Organize your Readings

Mindmaps are a visual map to link and organize key concepts of your research. They also show links and relationships between ideas.

Sometimes it is a good idea to number key ideas in the order that you are going to place them in your literature review.

Step 6 to Continue……..