



# Library Newsletter

Prince Sultan University

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## From the Central Library Director

Dear Library Users,

I am happy to address you at the outset of the new academic year 2008/2009.

Efforts of our PSU Central Library Team focus on maximizing library's contribution to institutional academic programs, effectiveness and student learning achievements taking into consideration inputs, outputs and outcomes.

Inputs are generally regarded as the raw materials of a library programme—the money, space, collection, equipment and staff out of which a programme can arise.

Outputs serve to quantify the work done, i.e. number of books circulated, num-

ber of reference questions answered. Outcomes are the ways in which library users are changed as a result of their contact with the library's resources and programmes.

Of course, PSU Central Library Administration maintains the use of input, output and outcome measures in the context of the University mission.

I am deeply concerned with administering the library in a manner that permits and encourages the most effective use of avail-

able library resources and



All roads lead to the library as PSU students are busy arranging their schedules and checking e-mails.

services, especially providing competent and prompt assistance for users, and making sure that hours of access to the library are reasonable and convenient for them, and that library staff willingly and aptly (continued next page)

## A Primer on Symphony Library System

Sirsi Dynix introduced Symphony as a new integrated library system that blends the best features of Unicorn and Horizon 8.0 Corinthian, to offer an impressive array of library and consortium manage-

ment solutions available to the library community. Symphony incorporates open-industry standard technologies, offering the library community the most impressive list of features and capabilities; these in-

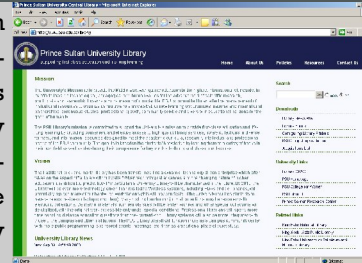
clude a service oriented architecture (SOA), software-as-a-service (SaaS) options, power library "user experience" portal and search solutions, comprehensive integrated (go to page 4)

## PSU Central Library launches official website

The PSU Central Library is now online! The PSU Central Library is now an official member of the Internet world as it launches its official website on 11 June 2008. The website aims to promote the Central Library to users, particularly the PSU community and to provide latest library news and development. The design was made simple using HTML (HyperText Markup Language) and CSS (Cascading Style Sheets). Navigation keys are found on top of the page will guide to users

while side bars on the right side provide useful links including library forms and new acquisitions that are helpful to library users.

The website is continuously updated and improved as it targets to generate more Internet traffic in months to come. Everyone are encouraged to



An overview of the PSU Central Library Website

give their input or suggestions that will help improve the library website.

For more information about the PSU Central Library website, log on to [www.psu.edu.sa/library](http://www.psu.edu.sa/library) or type "Prince Sultan Library" on the search box of your favorite search engines.

- Benjamin Reora Requero | Foreign Materials Cataloguer

## Director's Message...from page 1

meet the programmatic and service needs of its primary users. Students are encouraged to interact with information in the library alongside other information utilities. This will help develop their awareness of the need for a meta-cognitive approach to learning, making them conscious of the explicit actions required for recognition of these needs; gathering, analyzing and using information in our contemporary environment of rapid

technological change and proliferating information resources, posing diverse, abundant information choices.

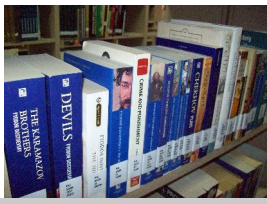
Finally, I'd like to inform everyone that our library team is ready to help users search and/or obtain information they seek.

With best regards,

Prof. Fouad Hamad Rizq Farsuni Ph. D.  
Director, PSU Central Library

"Our library team is ready to help users search and/or obtain information they seek"

— Prof. Fouad Farsuni Ph.D.



Foreign collection on the 1st floor.



Arabic collection now at the 2nd floor.

## المكتبة المركزية في الجامعة تعيد ترتيب مجموعاتها

كما يعلن أيضا قسم اللغة العربية بالمكتبة المركزية عن وصول عناوين جديدة

سمول محمد ابراهيم #8584

فهرسة المجموعات العربية

يعلن قسم اللغة العربية بالمكتبة المركزية لجميع رواد المكتبة ، بأن القسم الخاص بالكتب العربية والدوريات العربية أصبحت بالطابق الأعلى من المكتبة المركزية وجميع الكتب الانجليزية والدوريات الانجليزية أصبحت بالطابق الأسفل من المكتبة المركزية ، كما يتمنى قسم اللغة العربية بان يكون التقسيم الجديد قد أدى إلى تلبية رغبات المستفيدين من احتياجات المكتبة بصورة أفضل ،

## Featured Librarian of the Month

Name and designation: Benjamin Reora Requero, Foreign Materials Cataloguer

Degree: Bachelor of Library and Information Science (2002) Master of Information Science Candidate (2009)

Affiliations: ALA, PAARL

Years at PSU: 1.6 years

Previous work before PSU: Medical Librarian at St. Luke's College of Medicine, Q.C. Philippines

Favorite books: The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint Exupery; The Lives of John Lennon by Albert Goldman; Sophie's World by Jostein Gaarder and Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom

Favorite quote: "The secret to creativity is knowing how to hide your sources" (Albert Einstein)

Favorite pastime: chess, surfing, blogging, guitar, watching movies and TV series

Recommended website(s): [www.mymnicity.com](http://www.mymnicity.com), [www.w3schools.com](http://www.w3schools.com)



Benjamin, cataloguer of the University's foreign materials.

**"The only true equalizers in the world are books; the only treasure house open to all new comers is a library; the only wealth which will not decay is knowledge; the only jewel which you can carry beyond the grave is wisdom"**

- J.A. Langford

## Library Patron Profile

Name: Mohammed Alsomaly

Year & Course: Sophomore/ Finance

Research interests: Japanese culture

Favorite book: Malcolm X

Website that you frequently visit: [www.japan-talk.com](http://www.japan-talk.com)

Favorite pastime: Playing basketball with my friends

Favorite quote: "The people that you need in your life are the same people who need you in theirs"

Favorite section in the library:

## Bookworm of the Month

Name: Hassan AlQawaeen

Year & Course: Sophomore/ Finance

Research interests: Anything about science and finance

Websites that you frequently visit: [cnn.com](http://cnn.com), [bbc.co.uk](http://bbc.co.uk), [financial-times.com](http://financial-times.com)

Favorite pastime: reading anything about cars, internet, magazines, watching TV and walking.

Favorite quote: "Hard work is the key to success, so work diligently on any project you undertake"

Favorite section in the library: Reference

Best things about the library:

Internet and newspaper subscriptions

Worst thing about the library: slow computers

Comments: provide more newspapers and magazines

in Arabic and English; try to connect with the faculty to encourage students to visit the library when doing homework and research.



Hassan, our bookworm of the month.



Bright future ahead. A library open for everyone

Reference

Best thing about the library: the collection

Worst thing about the library: the computers are too slow

E-books or printed books? E-books



Somaly takes a break during the registration to pose.

## Dutch researcher: Paper and pencil boost creativity

Paper, pencil and books are the key to developing one's creativity and maximizing one's intelligence, says Dutch psychologist Christof van Nimwegen.

The Dutch researcher recently completed a PhD dissertation at the University of Utrecht about the effects of software on the functioning of the human brain.

In "The Paradox of the guided user: assistance can be counter-effective," van Nimwegen asked two groups to perform the same tasks.

The first was allowed use a computer; the second group only got a pen and pencil. The second group executed all tasks faster and performed substantially better. In addition, their solutions to complicated problems were more creative.

Van Nimwegen says this difference can be explained from the set-up of contemporary software.

"Present-day software must be user-friendly. Indeed, train ticket machines at railway stations should be simple and provide us with a ticket quickly," van Nimwegen told Deutsche Presse-Agentur dpa.

"But in other situations, I think we should not be assisted as much as graphic software interfaces like Microsoft Windows or Apple OSX are doing today," he added.

Van Nimwegen says much software

turns us into passive beings, subjected to the whims of computers, randomly clicking on icons and menu options. In the long run, this hinders our creativity and memory, he says.

Van Nimwegen also investigated what happened if, during a task his two groups were working on, their computers suddenly crashed.

"The group that used a computer throughout, felt lost instantly and immediately performed badly when completing the task. The second group, who has used only pen and pencil, simply carried on with its work."

Van Nimwegen says his study demonstrates people may benefit if they continue to study new information by using books and the spoken word.

"Listening to someone is the best guarantee to absorb information and store it permanently in one's memory," van Nimwegen says.

Van Nimwegen's pioneering research about the effect of software on the

functioning of the human brain, has raised interest in academic world as well as in the commercial industry.

Upon completion of his PhD dissertation, the researcher has started a position at the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium.

But the medical division of Dutch electronics manufacturer Philips has also shown interest in him.

"Subconsciously, many of us know that computers can make our brains lazy," van Nimwegen says.

- American Libraries Direct | October 2008

## Primer...from page 1

library management and productivity solutions, Java-based staff clients for all modules, fully documented application programming interface (APIs), Unicode support, advanced reporting tools and support for the Oracle relational database management system.

- Prof. Fouad H. Farsuni, Ph.D.



## webanywhere.cs.washington.edu

The **WebAnywhere** screen reader is a free online application in alpha release that links to and reads any web page for visually impaired users. The software runs on any computer with speakers or a headphone jack and requires no installation. Users can skip around section titles or tab through charts.

- American Libraries | September 2008

## Book Club's Recommended Reading

Many students ask how to improve their English. Particularly if your English is good and you are feeling bored with the assigned books. What can you do? One way is to read a book. But which book? I recommend *Night falls on Damascus* by Dr. Frederick Highland. Unlike other books you could read, the author is right here in PSU, so it is a golden opportunity to ask him questions about his book. Another reason to choose it is the historical novel is set right here in the Middle East, in Damascus, Syria.

The author starts the novel by setting the scene, invoking times past, when camel caravans traveled from the East to Damascus to sell their wares. Now, in the 1930's, few go there to trade, leaving poverty and few prospects. A policeman, Nikolai, part French and part Lebanese, has been sent to restore order. He slowly uncovers plots and sub-plots. As Frederick says, "*Murder has begun here and it had caught on.*" Nikolai has many run-ins with the local police, a recurring theme throughout the book. Finally...well, that

would be spoiling it for you.

Although the action is slow to start and slow to play out, stick with it and allow Frederick's unique style of writing to flow and absorb you. You will be rewarded.



Mr. Geoff Holland, Lecturer and Moderator of the PSU Book Club

- Mr. Geoff Holland |  
Lecturer | PSU English Department

## Poetry Club Sessions

SEMESTER #1 2008-2009

Week 5 (11th November)

Poetry related to Arabia : *romanticized or the reality?*

Week 8 (2nd December)

New Zealand Poetry—Past, present, Maori & Kiwi  
Guest Presenter: Dylan Longley

Week 11 (30th December)

Haiku—Short and Bittersweet. *A Participatory Workshop*

For more details, contact:

Mr. Yousuf Hindess - yousuf@oyp.psu.edu.sa X 227

## من خدمات المعلومات

قسم الإعارة وخدمات المعلومات في المكتبة المركزية في جامعة الأمير سلطان /

يقاس نجاح أي مكتبة ولاسيما الجامعية بمدى ما تقدمه من الخدمات لمستفيديها .

ومن أبرز الخدمات في المكتبة الجامعية " خدمة الإعارة " والتي تعد مقياسا مهما لمدى فاعلية هذه المكتبة في إتاحة مقتنياتها للاستخدام ، سواء كانت هذه الإعارة داخلية في المكتبة أو خارجية تمكن المستفيد من إخراج الوعاء المعلوماتي عقب تسجيل الإعارة .

ومن الخدمات التي لا غنى عنها خدمات المعلومات أو " الخدمات المرجعية " بنوعها المباشرة كالإجابة على أسئلة الرواد وإرشادهم داخل المكتبة وتعليمهم كيفية الاستفادة من المكتبة ومجموعاتها ، أو غير المباشرة مثل المساهمة في اختيار المواد المرجعية الملائمة لحاجات المستفيدين وتقييمها والتحديث المستمر لها .

أضف الى تلك الخدمات "الإحاطة الجارية" ، وهي إعلام المستفيدين بأحدث المصادر الجديدة المتوافرة في المكتبة و (البحث الانتقائي للمعلومات ) من أهم خدمات الإحاطة الجارية وتستهدف التقديم المنظم والمستمر للمعلومات الملائمة لحاجات المستفيدين .

أما خدمة " البحث المباشر " الاستفادة من الطرقيات في المكتبة للبحث في موارد الإنترنت والحصول على مستخرجات Printouts للمعلومات المطلوبة .

استعرضت عليكم باختصار أبرز الخدمات التي نقدمها في قسم الإعارة وخدمات المعلومات أملين عدم التردد في طلب العون والمساعدة من أي موظف في المكتبة، ولا تبخلوا علينا بأي اقتراح من شأنه الارتقاء بخدماتنا المعلوماتية .

مع تمنياتنا لكم بالتوفيق،،،

عبدالله بن  
محمد اسماعيل #8608  
الإعارة وخدمات  
المعلومات

## Meet the Director: Prof. Fouad Hamad Rizq Farsuni, Ph.D.

The LibNewsletter had a chance to interview Prof. Fouad Farsuni, PSU's new Central Library Director. LibNewsletter asked him questions about his plans for the Central Library and of course, about himself. Read on for more details.

*LN: Can you give a little background about yourself?*

**FF:** I had my BA in English Language & Literature from University of Jordan in 1970; Postgraduate Diploma in Education from the same university in 1973; Postgraduate diploma in Library & Information Science from North London Polytechnic School of Librarianship in 1979; M.A. in Library and Information Science from University of Sheffield in 1980 and Ph.D. in LIS at University of Cairo, Egypt in 1991.

*LN: What made you decide to leave your previous work to be the new director of the PSU Central Library?*

**FF:** Variety is the spice of life. It occurred to me to shift from teaching at KSU for thirteen years to administering PSU Central Library to have a more interesting and enriched career.

*LN: What are your immediate plans for the Central Library?*

**FF:** No automated information system is in application in PSU Libraries; staff

are few; number of monographs, serials, references, and references still don't meet the requirements of neither

Saudi nor American accreditation standards for private college and university libraries; our terminals need to be upgraded; user services need customization and improvement. We look forward to the installation and application of automated information system

and employing more staff. Also, enrichment of our overall information resources of all types and offering more interactive user services, better information delivery, human-powered search, and an interactive website.

*LN: What are your long term plans for the Central Library?*

**FF:** More coordination between the Central Library and the Women's Library; we take into consideration building of a well-staffed university library, having authoritative catalogue records for all categories of information resources. We plan to share actively an organized academic user instruction programs at the University to pave way to the emergence of a new academic Department of Information Studies (Informatics, information Science)

*LN: What challenges do you expect that will come along during your tenure as a library Director? (continued on next page)*



PSU's new Central Library Director, Prof. Fouad Hamad Rizq Farsuni, Ph.D.

### PSU Book Club

Need a new challenge in English?

A new club for **advanced speakers** and **faculty** is starting in PSU.

*What do you do?*

You go to the library and check out the book below.

You have four (4) weeks to read it.

We then meet and discuss it.

You give your opinion. This is repeated every month with a different book.

**First book:**

Night falls on Damascus | Dr. Frederick Highland

**First meeting:**

November 29, 2008 | 12:30-1:00 P.M. | PSU Central Library

**Contact:** Mr. Geoff Holland | gholland@eng.psu.edu.sa



### Prof. Fouad's Work Experiences:

1970 - 1972 **English Teacher**, Gov't Secondary School, Amman, Jordan

1973-79 **Head of Acquisitions Department**, Univ. of Jordan

1980 **Head of Bibliographic Research Unit**

1981-92 **LIS Consultant**, IPA

1993-97 **LIS Consultant**, KFNL

1997-2008 **Faculty**, KSU

## Meet the Director...continued from page 4

**FF:** Among challenges that may come along are those connected with the installation of an automated information system— employing more specialized and experienced staff, allocation of sufficient financial resources for the acquisition and subscriptions whose prices are continuously rocketing; having close and dependable cooperative and interlibrary loan (ILL) arrangement with local libraries.

*LN: From your observation, what are the common and perennial problems that the PSU Central Library is currently facing?*

**FF:** At present, PSU Library faces problems but they are surmountable; these relate to absence of an automated information system, lack of cooperation and coordination between the Central Library and the Women's Library, previous use of two classification systems (LC, DDC) for Foreign and Arabic collections; lack of library staff, outdated workstations, insufficient space for both readership and book shelves, weak collection, lack of academic community contribution to selection of new information resources in various specialties, lack of authority tools needed in indexing, including thesauri, name authority files, etc.

*LN: What is your philosophy in life?*

**FF:** Honesty is the best policy.

*LN: What are your favorite pastimes?*

**FF:** Reading, traveling and attending to my family.

*LN: Favorite book(s) and author(s)?*

**FF:** My favorite books are Quran and its explications, Books of Hadith of the Prophet Mohammad (peace be upon him). Any books with interesting contents in literature, psychology, ethics, Oriental culture, informatics and books on the Palestinian Question.

*LN: Have you ever had a published work? If there's any, can you provide the best article/ literary work that you've ever written?*

**FF:** I have published 22 books, 50 articles, and 65 English book reviews published in remarkable refereed journals, aside from that 459 abstracts in Arabic of selected articles published in English on Islam, Arabs, Orientalism and Informatics. Most of them are available on my webpage: <http://faculty.ksu.edu.sa/68831> The most significant book I published was "National Retrospective Bibliography" and my most favorite article published in KFNL journal was "Preliminaries of the Modern Saudi Book".

*LN: Are you a traditional or a modernist librarian?*

**FF:** I think I am a modernist librarian.

*LN: In this modern times, what do you think is the value of libraries to students when Internet has become a household name?*

**FF:** Despite the widely-spread and widely-used Internet and numerous electronic resources, the importance of libraries didn't vanish; search and utilization of internet resources together with their organization still need mediation and skills of librarians

or information specialists in instructing users, including remote users, in information search methods, tools and strategies, evaluation of the relevancy of retrieved information, besides organization and presentation of Internet proliferate information resources in an authoritative, communicative and interactive way. The library is still a hyper institution concerned with the acquisition, management, organization and delivery of relevant information to end-users whether the information is in print or electronic format.

*LN: How do you compare the status of librarianship and libraries in the Kingdom from other Middle-East countries?*

**FF:** Libraries, archives and information status in KSA is advanced; latest advanced information technologies and media are available for researchers and students; plans for huge National Archives have been set; Arabic Union Catalogue has been established by KAPL in Riyadh; latest automated information systems such as Symphony and Unicorn are being used in many libraries; Library and Information Science Departments are available in more than five universities; national bibliographic control is proceeding well at KFNL, various authoritative tools have been developed and published; deep interest in promoting publishing in LIS, especially by KFNL and KAPL; growing interest of the Saudi Library and Information Science Society and finally the Ministry of Culture's involvement in advancement of education and status of librarians.

## Selected New Acquisitions (Foreign)

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2. Mobile 3D graphics / Alessio Malizia - Berlin : Springer, c2006. *Call No. CIRC 006.686 M294 2006 (2 copies)*
3. Exploring 3D animation with 3DS Max 8 / Steven Till - New York : Thomson, c2007. *Call No. CIRC 006.696 T46 2007 (2 copies)*
4. Practical algorithms for 3D computer graphics / R. Stuart Ferguson - Mass. : A.K. Peters, c2001. *Call No. CIRC 006.6921 F381 2001 (2 copies)*
5. Macrostrategies for language teaching / B. Kumaradivelu - New Haven : Yale University Press, c2003. *Call No. CIRC 418.0071 K96 2003*
6. What the best college teachers do / Ken Bain - Mass. : Harvard University Press, c2004. *Call No. CIRC 378.12 B16 2004 (2 copies)*
7. Teaching and researching autonomy in language learning / Phil Benson - Harlow : Longman, c2001. *Call No. CIRC 370.15 B443 2001 (3 copies)*
8. English and the discourses of the colonialism / Alistair Pennycook - London : Routledge, c1998. *Call No. CIRC 306.44 P385 1998*
9. Reading and understanding the financial times / Kevin Boakes - Harlow : Financial Times PH, c2008. *Call No. CIRC 338.43 B63 2008 (5 copies)*
10. Financial institution and markets / Jeff Madura. - 8th ed. - Australia : Thomson, c2008. *Call No. CIRC 332.22 M267 2008 (5 copies)*
11. Commercial real estate / David Geltner, et al. - 2nd intl. ed. - Australia : Thomson, c2007. *Call No. CIRC 332.63 C736 2007 (5 copies)*
12. Musashi / Eiji Yoshikawa - Tokyo : Kodansha International, c1995. *Call No. FIC 895.6 Y83 1995*
13. Taiko / Eiji Yoshikawa - Tokyo : Kodansha International, c2000. *Call No. FIC 895.6 Y83t 2000*
14. A modern history of Japan : from Tokugawa times to present / Andrew Gordon - New York : Oxford University Press, c2003. *Call No. FIC 952 G653 2003*
15. Korea's place in the sun : a modern history / Bruce Cumings - updated ed. - New York : W.W. Norton, c2005. *Call No. FIC 951.903 C912 2005*
16. The code-breakers : the story of secret writing / David Kahn - rev. ed. - New York : Scribner, c1996. *Call No. FIC 652.8 K122 1996*
17. Black lamb and grey falcon : a journey through Yugoslavia / Rebecca West - New York : Penguin Books, c2007. *Call No. FIC 914.9704 W52 2007*
18. 1857 a year of no significance : the Ming dynasty in decline / Ray Huang - New Haven : Yale University Press, c1981. *Call No. FIC 951.026 H86 1981*
19. The prize : the epic quest for oil, money and power / Yergin Daniel - paperback ed. - New York : Free Press, c2003. *Call No. FIC 338.2 Y44 2003*
20. Quality assurance in higher education : trends in regulation, translation and transformation / Don Westerheijden, et al. - Dordrecht : Springer, c2007. *Call No. CIRC 378.107 Q25 2007 (2 copies)*
21. Falcon / Helen MacDonald - London : Reaktion Books Ltd., c2006. *Call No. FIC 598.96 M145 2006*
22. Mastering Arabic : the complete course for beginners / Jane Wightwick and Mahmoud Gaafar - London : Palgrave, c2007. *Call No. CIRC 492.7 W639 2007*
23. Effective academic writing 1 : the paragraph / Alice Savage and Masoud Shafiei - New York : Oxford University Press, c2007. *Call No. CIRC 808 Sa92 2007* (continued next page)



New books on the shelves available for lending this semester.

## مختارات من الأوعية العربية الحديثة

1/ علاقات الكبار : النبي محمد يقدم أخاه المسيح للبشرية/  
زين العابدين ألكرابي . - ط 2، الرياض : غيناء للنشر،  
2007م

2/ المرأة في السعودية : رؤى عالمية / الجوهرة بوبشيت  
- ط 1 ، الرياض : غيناء للنشر ، 2008

3/ المملكة العربية السعودية بعيون زوجة دبلوماسي /  
إيلفيرا ارأسلي . - ط 2، الرياض : غيناء للنشر، 2008

4/ المملكة العربية السعودية في 100 سؤال / دار غيناء  
للنشر . - ط 1، الرياض : غيناء للنشر، 2008

5/ خطاب الى الغرب : رؤية من السعودية / إبراهيم  
البليهي وآخرون . - ط 2، الرياض : غيناء للنشر، 2008

6/ النظام السياسي للسعودية / عبدالله بن إبراهيم الطريقي  
- ط 1 ، الرياض : غيناء للنشر ، 2008



New Arabic books at  
the 2nd floor.

7/ السعوديون والإرهاب :  
رؤى عالمية / ادوارد  
شوارز وآخرون . - ط 2  
، الرياض : غيناء للنشر ،  
2008

8/ الإصلاح المجتمعي :  
الأمر بالمعروف والنهي عن المنكر في السعودية /  
إبراهيم الحميدان وآخرون . - ط 2، الرياض : غيناء  
للنشر ، 2007

1/ علاقات الكبار : النبي محمد يقدم اخاه المسيح للبشرية/  
زين العابدين الركابي . - ط 2، الرياض : غيناء للنشر،  
2007م

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3/ المملكة العربية السعودية بعيون زوجة دبلوماسي /

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للنشر . - ط 1، الرياض : غيناء للنشر، 2008

5/ خطاب الى الغرب : رؤية من السعودية / ابراهيم  
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## Report on Copyright Training and Seminar

### Dates and time of the program:

Training: 9<sup>th</sup> of August 2008 Saturday

Time 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Seminar: 10<sup>th</sup> of August 2008 Sunday

Time 1:00 to 3:00 pm

### Venue:

ITCS Conference Room

### Brief Points of the Training and the Seminar:

In the first part of the program both the Central Library and ITCS Department were given basic training on understanding the copyright issues. The basic elements involved in the composition of copyright as an intellectual property right were also discussed. Different conventions governing the use and enforcement of copyright were also brought into discussion. Special attention was given into why the issue of copyright was important and how it protects the rights of business holders or stakeholders and authors. Emphasis was shed on how the economy was linked with the issue of copyright and how the smooth growth of economy is facilitated through the protection of one's intellectual right. It was also discussed why the stakeholders have turned out to be very cautious with respect to the copyright of their innovative creations.

In the second part of training, the Saudi Laws for the Protection of Intellectual Property were taken into study. It was seen how the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia had embraced the Copy-

right Laws. It was also observed that the Saudi Laws are more practical and concise in dealing with the copyright issues. Special attention was given to Copyright Laws and the Ministry of Culture and Information's decision no. (1688/1) dated 10/04/1425H (29 May 2004) and amended by His Excellency's decision no. (1640) dated 15/05/1426H (22 June 2005).

On the second day, a seminar was conducted with the participation from both the ITCS Department and the Central Library. All the participants of



Mr. Saghir Munir Mehar, the resource speaker of the Copyright seminar.

the seminar shared their ideas and understanding of the copyright as an Intellectual Property Right (IPR). Software and book publishers were looked into for examples of copyright protection. It was seen how the business of companies and enterprises were affected positively by the strengthening of the Copyright Laws. Different companies like Microsoft and Amazon came under discussion to observe the strategies used by them for protection of their business rights.

-- Mr. Saghir Munir Mehar, *Attorney-at-Law* (LLM-UK and LLM - Finland)

(A copy of the invitation provided below)

## SEMINAR ON COPYRIGHT LAW

9-10 August 2008

ITCS Conference Room

*Saturday, August 9*

1:00 - 3:00 P.M.

Basics of Intellectual Property Rights

Introduction to Copyright

Copyright and Saudi Law

*Sunday, August 10*

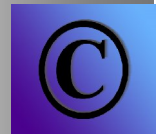
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Importance and Use of Copyright in Software

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Welcome faculty and students! Do you know that librarians in the Central Library provide library instruction program sessions? This new service include a brief library tour, hands-on instruction and emphasis on effective search strategies to locate authoritative resources.

PSU faculty may request a library instruction session to assist their students with a specific assignment or research project. It is favorable to provide at least one week's notice when requesting the LIP session. A faculty's presence is required when attending this session with the students.

We are sincerely thankful to Mr. Geoff Holland who took the initiative to bring his English class since February of this year, with the latest session on October 13, 2008. His class has been acquainted on the basic services offered by the library. Prof. Fouad Farsuni, Ph.D., the new Central Library director led the instruction program. Students were taught how to register for new library account and how to borrow books. They were given time to ask questions and give suggestions. Questions on accreditation, poetry and book club sessions, and plans on improving the library facilities were raised and dealt with appropriately by

Prof. Fouad.

We hope to see you in the future for our next sessions.

- Lennard A. Plandor | Collection Management Librarian



Library instruction program session with the Central Library Director, Prof. Fouad Farsuni.