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## QATAR NATIONAL LIBRARY APRIL EVENTS FOSTER ROLE OF LIBRARIES IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

*Qatar National Library to Host MetLib 2016 Qatar Conference in April*

**Doha, Qatar, 2 April 2016:** Qatar National Library (QNL) will organise a number of informative events in April, which aim to emphasise the importance of libraries in community development.

Focusing on the vital role public and metropolitan libraries play in communities, the MetLib 2016 Qatar conference will be held from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April at the Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC). Leading experts and librarians will discuss the growth and development of metropolitan libraries in Qatar and beyond during the conference.

Engineer Saadi Al Said, Director of Administration and Planning at QNL, said: “Public and metropolitan libraries contribute to building progressive communities. Because of their vast reach, activities, and valuable resources, public libraries significantly contribute to the development of solid identities for communities.”

“By participating in local and regional events, we gain a great deal of insight in effectively addressing needs of the community,” Eng Al Said added.

QNL will also participate in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference and Exhibition of Special Libraries Association/Arabian Gulf Chapter (SLA-AGC) taking place from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April in Kuwait. The conference will explore ‘Future Challenges of Library and Information Profession’, and industry experts from around the world will speak on the current and future challenges libraries in the region face, and how development will ensue alongside digital progress.

As part of QNL’s public lectures, on 4<sup>th</sup> April, Dr Scott Morrison, Senior Lecturer of Law at Middlesex University London, will give a talk entitled, ‘The Legal Protection of Islamic Manuscripts in War: International and British Law and the Case of Syria’. The lecture will take place at Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar (GU-Q) in Education City and is conducted in collaboration with University College London Qatar (UCLQ).

QNL’s popular research workshop, ‘Conducting Research’, aimed at helping undergraduate students improve their research skills, will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April at the HBKU Student Center. This session will cover ‘Citation Essentials’ and ‘Writing Research Papers’.

In addition to the numerous events focusing on the development of library systems, this month’s book discussion will feature a novel entitled, ‘Telepathy’, written by Sudanese



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author Amir Tag Elsir. The author explores the striking relationship between a writer's reality and imagination. The narrative, set in Khartoum, highlights the two sides of the Sudanese capital; the bustling city and the neglected, poverty-stricken metropolitan. Mr Elsir will attend the discussion, which will be conducted in English on 13<sup>th</sup> April in the TV Lounge at the HBKU Student Center.

QNL is a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF). Through these events, QNL supports QF's mission to unlock human potential and build a progressive society by spreading knowledge, nurturing imagination, cultivating creativity, and preserving the nation's heritage for the future.

To confirm your registration for the events and to find out more information on QNL's upcoming events, please visit: <http://qnl.qa/news-events/all-news>

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### **Qatar National Library – Bridging with knowledge Qatar's and the Arab and Islamic world's heritage and future**

Qatar National Library (QNL) is a non-profit organisation under the umbrella of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF). QNL is supporting Qatar on its journey from a carbon-based economy to knowledge-based economy by providing resources to students, researchers, and the community in Qatar. It was announced in November 2012 by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development.

QNL carries out its mission through three functions: National Library, University and Research Library, and a Metropolitan Public Library of the digital age. The National Library function collects and provides access to global knowledge relevant to Qatar and the region. It also collects, preserves, and provides access to heritage content and materials about Qatar and the region. The University and Research Library function supports education and research at all levels by providing printed and digital library materials for students and researchers. Metropolitan Public Library delivers library services and information for everyone to enjoy reading, meet people, and become information literate.

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