



QATAR NATIONAL LIBRARY HOSTS NATIONWIDE INFORMATION SERVICES NETWORKING EVENT

40 Librarians Attend Qatar Library Camp 2016

Doha, Qatar, 5 April, 2016 – As part of its ongoing efforts to develop the information services sector, Qatar National Library (QNL) recently organised an event entitled, ‘Qatar Library Camp 2016’, in collaboration with University College London Qatar (UCL Qatar).

Bringing together practitioners within the industry to encourage the exchange of new ideas, knowledge and experiences, the Qatar Library Camp brought together 40 librarians from schools, universities, and other institutions across Qatar.

Hosted at UCL Qatar, participants examined topics of relevance to Qatar’s growing knowledge-based economy. These included ways to promote a reading culture using QNL’s vast resources, introducing research skills to primary and secondary school students, and stimulating collaboration of knowledge between Arabic and English speaking librarians.

Engineer Saadi Al Said, Director of Administration and Planning at QNL, said: “The Qatar Library Camp provides an ideal platform for library practitioners to exchange ideas and network, allowing them to gain new insights that will prove beneficial to both the industry and the wider community. We are looking into organising similar events in the future to ensure librarians in Qatar are connected with one another and are made aware of the latest industry developments.”

QNL’s Music Information Services Librarian and an organiser of the Qatar Library Camp 2016, Mr Sebastian Wilke, emphasised the importance of the event: “This event gives librarians from various institutions the opportunity to exchange ideas and address certain challenges facing the industry. The format of the event is unique and allows participants to express themselves freely and discuss topics of interest with their peers.”

Participants expressed delight with the way the event was organised and called for more events in the future. AbdulRahman bin Jassim Preparatory School for Boys librarian, Mr Kamal Eldeen Hussain said: “I have been a librarian for 21 years and this is a great opportunity for me to expand my knowledge. I am specifically interested in library management and efficient research methods, and of course, my students benefit from the knowledge I gain at such events.”

QNL is set to host MetLib 2016 Qatar in April 2016 under the theme ‘Pearls in the Desert: Unleashing Potential’. This marks the first year the Metropolitan Libraries conference will be held in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. For more information about MetLib 2016 Qatar, visit: <http://www.metlib2016qatar.org>

A member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), QNL supports QF’s mission to unlock human potential and build a progressive society. It aims to achieve this by spreading knowledge, nurturing imagination, cultivating creativity, and preserving the nation’s heritage for the future.



Image Captions:

Image 1: Qatar National Library's (QNL) Music Information Services Librarian, Mr Sebastian Wilke, leading the discussion at Qatar Library Camp 2016.

Image 2: Participants at Qatar National Library's (QNL) recently held event entitled, Qatar LibraryCamp 2016, which was aimed at providing networking opportunities for librarians in Qatar.

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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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