



THOUSANDS VISIT QATAR NATIONAL LIBRARY'S BOOTH AT 26TH DOHA INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIR

Library receives over 1,500 new registrations during the event

Doha, 23 December: The Qatar National Library (QNL), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), booth at the recently held 26th Doha International Book Fair attracted thousands of visitors with the library receiving over 1,500 new member registrations.

QNL's team hosted a range of interactive presentations and activities about the library's wealth of learning resources including highlights of QNL's digital resources, engaging events for children and families, and registration activities led by the library's team.

Among the visitors in attendance were the event's guest of honour, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who opened the ten-day Book Fair, His Highness the Father Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, His Excellency Dr Hamad Bin Abdulaziz Al-Kuwari, Qatar's Minister of Culture, Arts and Heritage, Algerian Minister of Culture, Mr Azzedine Mihoubi, as well as other senior literary figures.

In accordance with Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development's (QF) mission, QNL supports the nation's journey towards a knowledge-based economy by spreading knowledge, nurturing imagination, cultivating creativity and preserving the nation's heritage for future generations. It does this by providing access to a wealth of resources through its exceptional selection of online databases, regular training programmes, and social engagement initiatives.

Gihan Baraka, Head of QNL's Library Relations and Communications, delivered an insightful presentation highlighting the role of social media in promoting the library's various features such as the Qatar Digital Library (QDL), the library's landmark initiative that grants access to a wealth of valuable online resources about the history of Qatar, the Arab and Muslim world, the Heritage Collection, QNL's unique function as a metropolitan, research and national library, and QNL's online databases, access to which is freely offered to members through the library's website.

Engineer Saadi Al Said, Director of Administration and Planning at QNL, said: "We are delighted with the number of attendees who visited our booth and registered for our online services and resources. It's always an honour to participate in the Fair that has become a prestigious event on the international literary calendar."

Engineer Al Said, added: "Participation in the book fair greatly helps QNL with encouraging people from all walks of life in Qatar to use the library's state-of-the-art learning resources and engage in various community engagement activities. We look forward to our continuous participation in this brilliant national event."



Organised by Dar Al Kutub and the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Heritage, the Doha International Book Fair is an annual event that provides a unique platform for a diverse range of publishers from Qatar, the region and the world, to showcase their books to the Qatari community.

To learn more about QNL's upcoming events and programmes, please visit the library's website: www.qnl.qa

Images Caption

Image 1: Qatar National Library's team providing free registration service for the public at the 26th Doha International Book Fair.

Image 2: Qatar National Library staff at the 26th Doha International Book Fair.

Image 3: Children enjoy drawing and other fun activities organised by QNL at the 26th Doha International Book Fair.

Image 4: Gihan Baraka, Head of Library Relations & Communications, Asma Jaber AlHamadi from Qatar TV, and Ganem AlHemaidi from Qatar Library and Information Association, at a seminar titled "The Role of Social Media Platforms in Spreading Culture" at the 26th Doha International Book Fair.

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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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