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QATAR NATIONAL LIBRARY ORGANISES EARLY LITERACY WORKSHOP

Session Designed To Build Capacity Of Early Literacy Educators And Care-Givers

Doha, Qatar, 25 May 2015: Qatar National Library (QNL), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), recently organised a workshop entitled 'Early Literacy 101'. The session was designed to provide educators and care-givers with a platform to discuss and exchange ideas about the importance of early literacy in childhood, from birth to age 4.

The workshop, which was held at Hamad bin Khalifa University's (HBKU) Student Centre at Education City, aimed to raise awareness about the importance of focusing on early literacy. Highlighting the best practices in the early childhood education field, it presented a variety of different opinions and showcased the training and resources available from the Qatar National Library.

Furthermore, by serving as a vehicle to cultivate creativity and share valuable information and knowledge, QNL demonstrated its dedication to supporting Qatar Foundation's mission to unlock the potential of people of all ages.

The event brought together over 40 attendees from a variety of organisations serving families and children in Qatar, including the Supreme Education Council, Qatar Museums, Qatar Academy, Maktaba, Bloomsbury Qatar Foundation Publishing, Dar Al-Kutub, and the Childhood Cultural Centre.

Commenting on the workshop and QNL's other related activities, Eng. Saadi A. Al Said, QNL's Associate Director for Administration and Planning, said: "Through organising this workshop, and other events for children, QNL aims to share information among different groups within society, which is in-line with its mission to spread knowledge, nurture imagination, cultivate creativity, and preserve the nation's heritage for the future."

Carol Mitchell, Head of Children Services at QNL, said: "This workshop provided attendees with the opportunity to learn more about the importance of early literacy and its impact on children from birth to age 4, and to discuss how each institution can help families better prepare their children to learn."

"Parents, care-givers, and organisations who work with children from birth to age 4 help to build the basis of skills that enable children to succeed as students and learners. Building a knowledge economy for the Qatar National Vision 2030 does not start at university or secondary school. It starts at birth," Ms Mitchell added.

Commenting on the importance of the workshop, and the content, Ms Abeer Al Kuwari, one of the participants, said: "The workshop was very interesting and useful. The presenters were experts in this field and they discussed new and very interesting information, as well as provided examples and models of knowledge development in early childhood."

Additionally, QNL and Qatar Foundation, in collaboration with Occidental Petroleum of Qatar, recently organised the children's event, 'Down by the Sea', which brought together more than 500 children and



their families. The sea-themed event included exciting educational and entertaining activities such as storytelling, fun games, and sea crafts. Through these activities, children between 4 and 11 years of age learned about the vast flora and fauna under the sea and ways of protecting the marine environment.

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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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