

## QATAR NATIONAL LIBRARY MARCH EVENTS SUPPORT VALUE OF RESEARCH

Qatar National Library To Hold Its Popular Research Workshop For Undergraduates In March

**Doha, Qatar, 01 March 2016:** In response to an increasing demand for academic research, Qatar National Library (QNL), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), will host throughout March a range of enriching research-focused events and workshops.

The research workshops reflect QNL's continuous efforts to promote the value of research and enhance research skills of the wider community in striving towards a knowledge-based economy in Qatar. In line with QF's mission to unlock human potential and create a progressive society, through these activities, QNL aligns itself with the objectives of the Qatar National Research Strategy (QNRS) as it continues to develop the capabilities of the people of Qatar through spreading knowledge and cultivation of creativity for future generations.

Engineer Saadi Al Said, QNL's Director of Administration and Planning said: "The ability to conduct sound research is essential for students. The various research workshops that QNL plans to host in March are intended to ensure that members of the community are provided with the necessary training to be able to utilise the resources effectively for their individual research needs."

He continued: "We introduce members of the community to a wealth of online databases covering a range of topics such as Middle Eastern studies, Science, History, Islamic studies and a section dedicated to children and teenagers. These online databases, along with the Qatar Digital Library (QDL) are invaluable resources that will contribute to numerous academic endeavours. We are honoured to be able to deliver such state-of-the-art services to facilitate research."

Giving undergraduates the opportunity to improve their research skills, 'Conducting Research' workshop will be held for the second time to meet popular demand of university students and the academic community. Focusing on research best practices, the workshop consists of four modules, with the first session covering Module 1: Research Tool Kit and Module 2: Search Strategies & Techniques being held on March 3 at the Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU) Student Centre in Education City. The second session will be held in April.

On March 29 at the HBKU Student Centre, QNL invites members of the academic community to attend the research seminar titled "How to Publish in Academia", which will assist researchers to develop their skills of writing research papers and offer advice on how to get academic work published.

In addition to the informative research workshops in March, QNL will organise numerous activities aimed at engaging the wider community.

This month's book discussion will feature a book titled, 'I Declare Love' by Qatari author, Wedad Al Kuwari. Comprised of a series of articles on education and self-learning, the book highlights Al



Kuwari's deep love of reading and how being a voracious reader has benefited her during different life events. To be conducted in Arabic, the discussion will take place on March 9 in the TV Lounge at HBKU Student Centre.

The Music Day workshop on March 16 will give members of the public an insight into the history of music and the valuable online music databases offered by QNL, such as the International Index to Music and the Music & Performing Arts (Alexander Street Press) databases.

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.

## **Image Caption:**

**Image 1:** Participants at a research workshop recently organised by Qatar National Library (QNL) at HBKU Student Center.

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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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