

SPIRIT OF LEARNING AND EDUCATION AT QATAR NATIONAL LIBRARY'S MARCH EVENTS

Doha, Qatar, March 1, 2017: Qatar National Library (QNL) will host a range of engaging events throughout March that aim to provide a platform for learning and discussion.

Starting with a free training workshop titled 'Content is First', QNL will highlight 'content' as being the most important component of social media channels, and will explore the best ways to write and deliver material to a target audience.

In collaboration with Qatar Museums (QM), QNL will host a free, hands-on workshop on the 'History of the Kufic Script'. The workshop will shed light on the historical importance and beauty of the Kufic script, and will include a practical training session.

QNL's March book discussion will focus on 'The Reason I Jump', by Naoki Higashida; a book that provides a rare insight into the behavior of autistic children. Using a questions and answers format, Naoki explains why he talks loudly or repeats the same questions, what causes him to have panic attacks and why he likes to jump. Naoki shows how people with autism possess imagination, humor and empathy, and makes it clear how much they need our compassion, patience and understanding.

In addition, QNL will organize a free workshop on the 'English Writing Process'. The workshop is tailored for those who want to deepen their understanding of the stages of English writing. This practical workshop will include an introductory session on the writing process and will allow participants to work collaboratively to brainstorm, create, edit, and develop content.

In QNL's Music Day, participants can take part in free training sessions on the effective use of selected online music resources, including Naxos, Oxford University Press, OverDrive and ProQuest. These platforms contain audio streaming of music recordings as well as journal articles and eBooks.

QNL will also hold a free training workshop on how to use Microsoft Excel, the world's most widely used spreadsheet tool. The workshop will provide practical training on Excel's basic functions, formatting and formulas.

In response to an increasing demand for academic research, QNL will organize a workshop on research skills that apply to a wide range of disciplines and subject areas. It will cover four modules: Research Tool Kit, Search Strategies & Techniques, Citing Resources, and Writing Research Papers.



Understanding that creating a presentation takes a lot of effort and skill, QNL will host a free workshop on designing effective presentations, covering design elements and processes using PowerPoint.

QNL's 'Coloring for Adults' session returns by popular demand, and will explore the new trend of coloring for adults. The hobby, which has taken the world by storm, is likened to meditation as it helps to reduce anxiety and increase focus.

Additionally, QNL will raise its regional profile by participating in the 23rd Annual Conference and Exhibition of Special Libraries Association/Arabian Gulf Chapter (SLA-AGC), taking place from March 7 - 9 in Bahrain. The forum will be held under the theme: 'Quality of Library and Information Training and Educational Programs: The Way Map toward Accreditation'. QNL Executive Director, Dr. Sohair Wastawy will discuss the topic of Leadership in the Digital Age at the 'Library Leadership' panel during the conference.

As a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), QNL supports Qatar's journey towards becoming a knowledge-based economy by providing access to a wealth of resources through its comprehensive online databases that are freely available to all residents of Qatar.

For more information on the events and to register for QNL's online resources, please visit: www.qnl.qa

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Schedule of Events:

Workshop on 'Content is First'

Date: March 7, 2017 **Time:** 6pm - 8pm

Venue: Conference Room (4), HBKU Student Center, Education City

Book Discussion of 'The Reason I Jump'

Date: March 8, 2017 Time: 7pm - 8:30pm

Venue: Al-Khor Hall, Education City Clubhouse

Training Sessions on Selected Music Online Resources

Date: March 15, 2017 **Time:** 9am – 1:30pm

Venue: Computer Laboratory (1), HBKU Student Center, Education City

Workshop on 'Learn How to Use Microsoft Excel'

Date: March 16, 2017



Time: 9am - 11:30am

Venue: Computer Lab (1), HBKU Student Center, Education City

Hands-On Workshop on Research Skills

Date: March 19, 2017 **Time:** 9am - 3:30pm

Venue: Computer Lab, HBKU Student Center, Education City

Workshop on the 'English Writing Process'

Date: March 20, 2017 Time: 9am - 12noon

Venue: Computer Lab (1), HBKU Student Center, Education City

Workshop on Designing Effective Presentations

Date: March 25, 2017 Time: 9am - 1pm

Venue: Computer Laboratory (B008), LAS Building, Education City

Workshop on 'History of the Kufic Script'

Date: March 26, 2017 **Time:** 11am - 1pm

Venue: Conference Room (1), HBKU Student Center, Education

Coloring for Adults Date: March 27, 2017 Time: 4pm - 6pm

Venue: Al-Khor Hall, Education City Clubhouse

Qatar National Library:

"To be one of the world's preeminent centers of learning, research, and culture; a guardian of the region's heritage; and an institution that promotes discovery and the nourishment of the human spirit."

Qatar National Library (QNL) is a non-profit organization 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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