

QATAR NATIONAL LIBRARY HOSTS CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

QNL Teams up with QM for Exciting Two-Day 'Qatar - China 2016' Cultural Event

Doha, Qatar, 2 November 2016: Qatar National Library (QNL) continues its monthly programme in November with an array of cultural and educational events that aim to develop the public service sector in Qatar and spread knowledge throughout the community.

QNL is organising a special event for families as part of the 'Qatar – China 2016' cultural year. The two–day event, organised in collaboration with Qatar Museums (QM), will include an exciting storytelling and dragon craft activity designed to be enjoyed by both parents and their children.

To further encourage young people, students, and the wider community to embrace reading, QNL continues its monthly book discussion with the book, 'Apple of the Eye'. The book presents informative lessons for young women from the Holy Qur'an, inspired by what is stated in the Surah Yusuf (Prophet Joseph) about the human emotions of jealousy, hatred, and envy, as enemies of charity, and the eternal struggle between the two principles of right and wrong.

In addition, QNL offers a free workshop on 'Free Writing as a Prewriting Technique'. This session is designed to provide fresh undergraduates with training on the concept of free writing, which is one of the most effective skills of prewriting. The hands-on workshop includes brainstorming, creating, editing, and developing content.

This month QNL is also offering free training sessions on selected science online resources that include: Science Direct, Scopus, Nature, SpringerLink, and Taylor & Francis. Additionally, QNL is organising a workshop, entitled 'Learn How to Use: Microsoft Excel', which will provide practical training on Microsoft Excel basic functions, formatting, formulas, analysis, and statistics.

QNL's popular and free monthly Research Skills Workshop returned in November to offer essential research skills in a wide range of disciplines and subject areas. The workshop covered four modules: Research Tool Kit, Search Strategies and Techniques, Citing Sources, and Writing Research Papers.

In line with its efforts to preserve cultural heritage for future generations, QNL, in collaboration with the US Embassy in Qatar, also organised a seminar entitled 'Digitization, preservation and dissemination of cultural heritage materials: Global trends and local application', on 26th October 2016.



At the seminar, Laila Hussein Moustafa, Assistant Professor at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, provided insights into new trends, challenges, and opportunities in the world of digital libraries from a global perspective. QNL's approach to the preservation of cultural heritage material and making it accessible for future generations was presented by QNL staff Hany A Elsawy Abdellatif, Quality Control Officer; Buthaina Al Janahi, Head of Partnerships; and Armin Straube, Head of Research Data Curation. The presentations were followed by a lively discussion with all attendees.

In organising these monthly activities, QNL, a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), is aligned with QF's mission to unlock human potential and create a progressive society through spreading knowledge and enhancing the cultivation of creativity for future generations.

To register for these events and to know more about QNL, please visits http://www.qnl.qa/news-events/all-news

Image Captions:

Image 1: QNL recently hosted a seminar entitled 'Digitization, preservation and dissemination of cultural heritage materials: Global trends and local application'

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Table of Events:

Hands-On Workshop on Research Skills

Date: 1st November 2016 **Time:** 9.00am – 3.30pm

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

'Qatar - China 2016' Children's Event

Date: 4th – 5th November 2016

Time: 4.00pm – 6.00pm

Venue: Museum of Islamic Art (MIA) Park

Free Training Sessions on Science Online Resources

Date: 8th November 2016 **Time:** 9.00am – 3.45pm

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

Book Discussion on 'Apple of the Eye'



Date: 9th November 2016 **Time**: 7.00pm – 8.00pm

Venue: Al-Khor Hall, Education City Clubhouse

Workshop on 'Free Writing as a Prewriting Technique'

Date: 10th November 2016 **Time:** 10.00am – 12.30pm

Venue: Computer Laboratory, HBKU Student Center, Education City

Workshop on 'Learn How to Use: Microsoft Excel'

Date: 23rd November 2016 **Time:** 9.00am – 3.45pm

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

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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