

## Director's Message

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At the heart of every university or place of learning is the library. Here at PMU we have gone a step farther with our Learning Resources Center which encompasses more than just a library. The Learning Resources Center (LRC) is the meeting place of the minds, the place where you may utilize the shelf and e-learning resources available for research, study, and pleasure. It is a place where you can keep up with the world around you in politics and in sport. But more than this, our LRC is broadening its outlook and providing an avenue where the broader community within the university can share their creations, the best of their research, and the best of their projects. It is the place where we can all learn from one another by sharing our learnings with other students, faculty, and staff. No longer is the library a static environment, but it is one that is vibrant and constantly changing to include more and more people. This is OUR LRC. This is the place that engenders

new ideas born from the kernels of knowledge gleaned from the combined knowledge brought to bear on this center of learning. The LRC becomes the birthplace of ideas that eventually blossom into reality. To make this possible, we have a team of well qualified staff that are ever ready to help you on this quest for knowledge. We want this to be your center of learning.

### Meet Our New Staff!

**Ms. Bdoor Al-Helal** has filled the position of Library Assistant at PMU Library. She is 2011 PMU graduate with Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. She started her professional life at PMU and worked as a Business Affairs and Auxiliary Services Supervisor & Continuing Education Coordinator. Now, she is one of the LRC/ library staff and we're confident that she will make a valuable addition to LRC/ Library team. She's a great believer in this quote: ***"I am not a product of my circumstances. I am a product of my decisions"*** - - - Stephen R. Covey

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## Earning, Learning, Helping

### Rubab Fat Rizvi

“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever” said Mahatma Gandhi. There is no limit to learning and exploring and one of the best teachers is experience. I am a third-year Finance student at Prince Mohammad bin Fahd University [PMU] and with a passion to excel academically as well as professionally. I wanted to taste the perks of doing a part-time job on campus. So, last semester I worked as a student assistant in the library which was indeed an incredibly fruitful and memorable experience!

This was the first part—time job, so everything was new and exciting from completing the job application form, to writing my resume, to my interview, and finally, getting the acceptance call! I worked for three months and every single day *taught* me a new lesson about professionalism. I got acquainted with the nature of work at the library, polished my team work and professional skills and most importantly, fostered my ability to communicate with the students while assisting them with their queries.

The job was immensely enjoyable but like any endeavor, it posed a few challenges. For example, because of my visual handicap, I was unable to read the labels on the books and was therefore, unable to reshelv the books on the shelves; something I deeply regretted. However, the supervisor and staff members were very understanding and accommodating and ensured

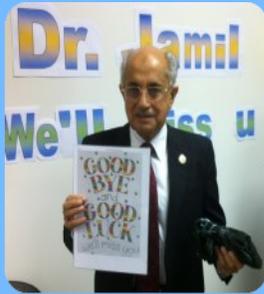
a comfortable environment for all the student assistants. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to Ms. Elvira, our supervisor, for her constant guidance, encouragement and thoughtfulness. I would like also to acknowledge the support of the staff members at the library who were equally committed to helping us do justice to our job. I will always cherish this unforgettable experience and hope to have another opportunity to work at the library. All students should try to do a part-time job on campus as they will get an enormous amount of experience which will benefit them for their entire life.



### Hamza El Assir

I joined PMU Library as a student assistant in 2009. I thought it would be a good place to make some money while continuing my studies. After a while I became dependent on the Library whether I was on duty or not. PMU Library is the place where you can study and finish your assignments without any disturbances. Moreover, you begin to learn how to love books and your studies because everyone around you is working hard and giving you encouragement. PMU Library is very welcoming to students. The Library hires student assistants and teaches them great communication and information skills. I recommend that students take the opportunity to work at the Library and experience the same benefits I gained while working there.

## Farewell



The Library staff bid farewell to Dr. Jamil A. Qureshy, Director of the PMU Library since 2007. Dr. Jamil planned and designed the PMU Library ensuring an opening day core collection of books, periodicals, databases, as well as a user facility containing the latest library technology. Dr. Jamil made significant contributions to the Library and the PMU community. Before joining PMU, Dr. Jamil was a reference librarian at KFUPM for 30 years. He will be missed.

## In appreciation...

The University Library processed approximately 60 requests last year for articles and books via interlibrary loan. This enables students and instructors to obtain the information that they want and need. We have received a few "thank you's" that we wanted to share:

*"I wish to say thank you for the Interlibrary loan facility. The service is very efficient and I am most grateful that we have it". - Dr. Barbara Marie L'Huillier*

*"I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude towards the University Librarian & their ability to access research articles & journals through the Interlibrary loan facility. This feature allowed me access to articles that I needed to carry out my research. Thank you PMU Librarian in completing this task in an efficient & timely manner". - Ms. Sanobar Anjum*

*"I have been involved in a research project with some colleagues in Palestine. On occasions it is difficult for Palestinian universities to access research publications. If it was not for the PMU library and its Interlibrary service we would have not been able to publish the case studies we have. We are now on the second stage of the project and I am looking forward to continuing to work with the PMU library staff who are so willing to help, making my research writing task so much easier. I have also found the service invaluable in supporting my teaching and helping my students with their assignments"- Dr. Beverley McNally*

Additionally, **Ms. Fatehia Al-Faki**, Library Assistant resigned after serving the library for more than three years and **Mr. Sario "Loy" Cuadrazal**, Secretary resigned after serving the library for more than two years.



A farewell party was arranged in their honor where certificates and gifts were presented to them for their invaluable services to the PMU Library.

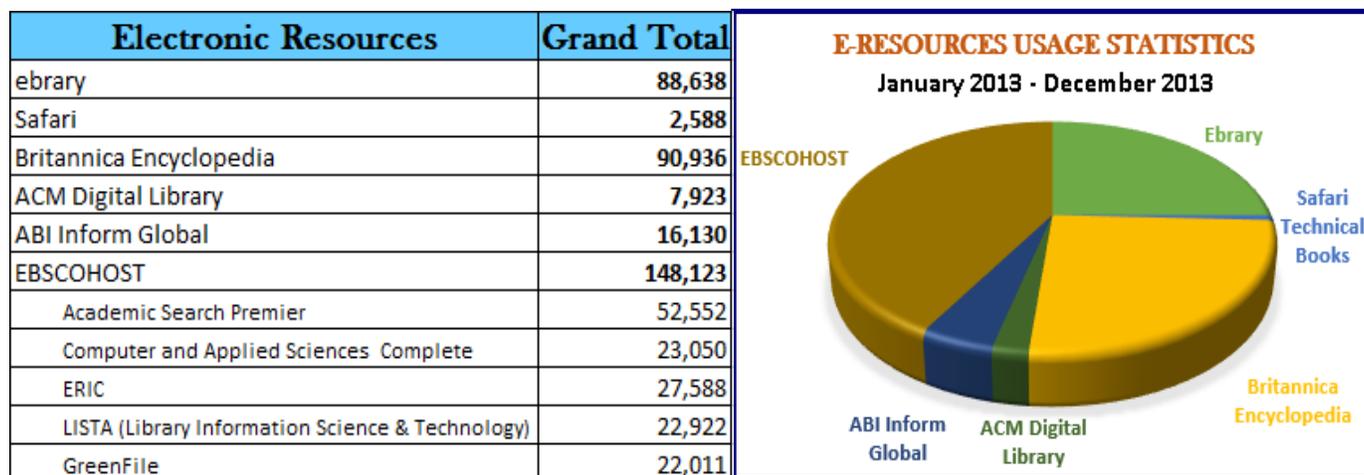


The Director of the LRC praised their hard work, commitment and services they provided with dedication and thanked them for all they have done over the years on behalf of the PMU Library.

## Library News

### Electronic Resources Usage Statistics Report 2013

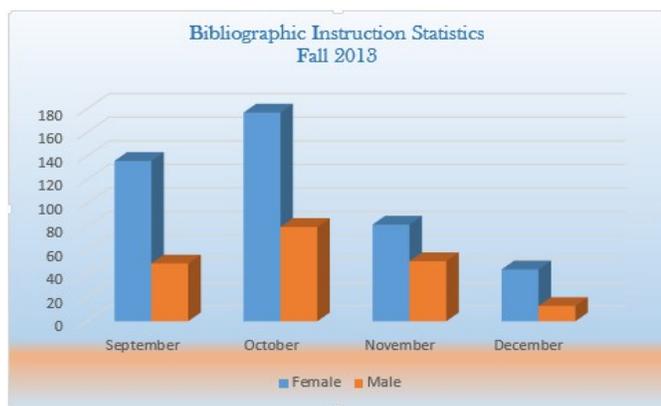
The PMU Library provides on and off campus access to electronic resources, which include full-text databases of articles and books. The Library records information on the number of searches and sessions that occur with each database — we have compiled the data from January 2013 to December 2013, to show how these resources are used by the PMU community.



The graph and table above indicate heavy use of the databases by the PMU community. EBSCOhost, which is a multi-discipline database shows the highest usage. EBSCOhost is followed by two additional multi-discipline resources Britannica Encyclopedia and Ebrary, while Safari Technical Books which is a very specific database shows a very low usage rate.

### How Do I Find Information in the Library?

The library staff continues to teach library users how to locate and use the information they need quickly and effectively. The graph below displays the Bibliographic Instruction Statistics for Fall Semester 2013. A total of 439 female students and 139 male students attended these bibliographic instruction sessions.



**These are your libraries. Use them well and use them often.**

## Works of Students on Display in the Female Library

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Throughout the month of December, the Female Library displayed students' works from two faculty members, **Dr. Adele Mavuse** and **Ms. Christina Larson**.

In Dr. Adele's Technical & Business Communication classes, Sections 201-206, the students worked in groups to design a manual and brochure that related to their majors and future careers. The purpose of the assignment was to help students to learn to identify the style and format of a manual, to know the elements and/or parts of a manual, and to learn the importance of providing instructions.



In Ms. Christina's Communications and Writing class, Section 209, the students studied themes and vocabulary related to beaches/islands while the Communications class studied travel. The assignment for the Writing class was an argument paper where the themes and vocabulary were to be integrated. Posters were an integral part of their final presentations.



## New Computers in the PMU Male Library

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The PMU Main Library has upgraded its public access computers. A total of 26 PC's have been connected to the Internet; 20 on the ground floor and 6 on the first floor. All applications and programs are centrally installed on the PMU server which allows faster imaging for all applications. Computer users have access to a large bundle of applications including MS Office and Internet browsers. All work documents can be saved to the local PC. Students can access their files from anywhere on campus when saving their files on the "H" drive which is the designated home folder. These additional computers with improved applications have attracted many students to the Main Library.



**Your library is your paradise.**

## NEW ARRIVALS



**Empty Quarter: A Photographic Journey to the Heart of the Arabian Desert.**

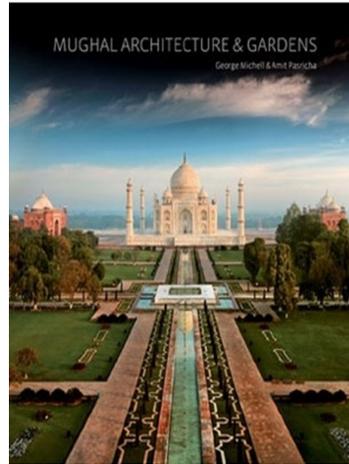
By George Steinmetz

New York: Abrams, 2009.

**Call Number: Oversize DS  
247 .R82 S74 2009**

Photographer George Steinmetz, shooting from a motorized para-glider, has created an unparalleled portrait of the Rub' al-Khali, or “the Empty Quarter,” a 250,000 square mile desert situated in the heart of the Arabian Peninsula. It is the largest sand desert in the world as well as the hottest place on earth.

The Empty Quarter’s punishing terrain has rarely been captured on film, and never from such a striking perspective. Steinmetz reveals a true wilderness, one without a single permanent human habitation or reliable source of water, preserved by its harsh climate and extreme remoteness. *Jacket Review*



**Mughal Architecture & Gardens.**

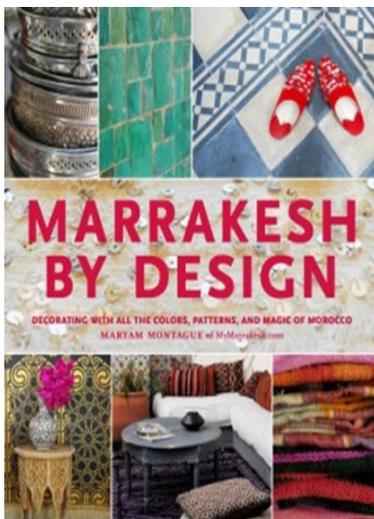
Text by George Mitchell;  
Photographs by Amit  
Pasricha

Suffolk, England: Antique  
Collectors Club, 2011.

**Call Number: Oversize NA  
1502 .M534 2011**

*Mughal Architecture & Gardens* gives an insight into what is undoubtedly one of the most impressive groups of monuments and gardens ever to be ascribed to a single royal lineage.

This beautifully illustrated book – the first comprehensive survey on the subject in over 20 years – outlines the history of Mughal architecture and gardens, from stylistic developments under different emperors, to the geometric origins of Mughal design and decoration. The author gives particular attention to the major monuments and gardens in the imperial centers of Mughal power, namely Delhi, Agra, Fatehpur Sikri and Lahore. *Jacket Review*



**Marrakesh by Design: Decorating With All the Colors, Patterns, and Magic of Morocco.**

By Maryam Montague

New York: Artisan, 2012.

**Call Number: NK 2087.75 .A1 M66 2012**

Award-winning blogger and design expert Maryam Montague shows you how to bring the exotic world of Marrakesh into your own home. With decorate it yourself projects for all skill levels, a primer on Moroccan color, and hundreds of decorating ideas, you can live with Moroccan style no matter where you are. *Jacket Review*

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### BOSNIA OPENS LIBRARY TO HOUSE ANCIENT MANUSCRIPTS



“During Bosnia’s war and the siege of Sarajevo, residents moved a collection of ancient books and manuscripts to eight different locations to save them from destruction. Thanks to a \$9 million donation from Qatar, Bosnia’s president and a Qatar minister opened a new library in the heart of the Ottoman-era Old Town section of Sarajevo to house those books and more than 100,000 manuscripts. **The oldest is a handwritten Islamic encyclopedia that was written in Arabic in 1105.**” — — —

January 15, 2014

### EBRARY’S ACADEMIC COMPLETE TOPS 100,000 TITLES



“Academic Complete™”, the flagship ebook collection from ProQuest’s ebook platform, ebrary, has **added 20,000 titles** to its selection of in-demand scholarly academic monographs. The additional titles come from renowned publishers such as Ashgate, Edinburgh University Press, Harvard University Press, Peter Lang, MIT Press, and Wiley. Academic Complete now offers a selection of more than 109,000 ebooks, with more than third published after 2009.” — — — January 22, 2014

### HAPPY 13<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY, WIKIPEDIA!



On January 15, 2014, Wikipedia **celebrated its 13<sup>th</sup> birthday!** 2013 was a big year for Wikipedia. It was just in October 2011 that they passed the 20 million article mark, now they’re past 30 million active pages! And, with 532 million users a month, the unique visitor count for Wikimedia projects is at an all-time high. Having just finished an amazing fundraising campaign – which brought them face-to-face with countless stories from supporters about the impact of Wikipedia – the Wikimedia Foundation and the entire community look forward to another year of working towards our vision of enabling every single human being to freely share in the sum of all knowledge.

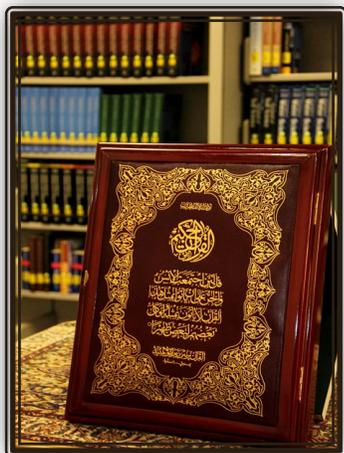
### UNRETURNED LIBRARY BOOKS CAN MEAN JAIL TIME



“Call it throwing the book at the bookworms. A Texas man who was arrested for failing to return an overdue library book ignited an online flurry of snarky comments and headlines about the Lone Star State extending its tough-on-crime bravado to books. But such cases aren’t unheard of, and many communities faced with shrinking budgets and rising costs have ordinances calling for fines or even arrest warrants when library property isn’t returned.” — — — December 26, 2013

### **Al-Qur'an-ul-Hakeem (Alifi) Available in the Female Library**

Al-Qur'an-ul-Hakeem (Alifi) is among the most rare & unique Qur'ans ever published during the last 1,400 years. Every line in the Al-Qur'an ul-Hakeem (Alifi) begins with Alif. Al-Quran also has 114 Bismillahs in Islamic calligraphy, evolved from the Prophet Mohammed's (PBUH) time to date.



The Al-Qur'an was donated by **Dr. Jamil A. Qureshy** to the Female Library in September 2013.

### **Facility Upgrades Continue In the PMU Library**

The PMU Library recently installed a new service that will provide better circulation service.

The updated Self Check Station machine offers improved functionality in borrowing and returning library materials.



### **Latest Publication**

The new Library Brochure

### **“GUIDE TO THE LIBRARY”**

is now available at the reference desk in both libraries.



### **Library Newsletter Information**

The PMU Library Newsletter is published during the Spring and Fall semester. The Library Newsletter contains articles written by the Library staff to educate the University community about PMU Library issues, activities and services.

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