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LIBRARY NEWS

New book shelves added

Due to the continuous upgrading of our library collections to support various programs of the university, the library management has decided to add new book shelves to house all the reference books separately. It is located in the right-hand side of the library from the entrance door.

The following additions to the library are:

- Kotobarabia Modern Renaissance Collection
- Evaluating another system for printing and copying
- Pay raise for student assistants
- Special shelves for children's collection and oversized books.



AUD library welcomes Sophie & Marthy!



Sophie was appointed Library Technician at AUD in September of 2011, providing support for Technical Services, Faculty Materials and Reference/Instruction functions. She

recently completed a Masters in Library and Information Studies from University College London. Her previous place of work was Middlesex University in London where she was a Graduate Library Trainee, spending time working in all departments of the library.

Sophie enjoys the student/faculty-facing aspect of working in a university library and considers customer service a priority. Her hobbies include skiing, mountain biking, yoga and reading. She loves to travel and has lived and worked in seven different countries.



Marthy joined AUD as a Library Assistant in May 2011, but prior to that she worked in various companies in the Philippines including the University of East

Manila for the last 9 years as a Library Assistant and was promoted to Academic Evaluator at the College of Computer Studies & Systems in 2000. She attained her degree in Bus. Administration w/ major in Marketing and BS Information Technology from University of East Manila. In 2006, she moved to Dubai and worked with Al Futtaim Group Real Estate and Naga Architects Designers Planners both as Document Controller & Administrator.

Some of her hobbies include singing, playing volleyball, swimming, running, dancing and reading.



Off-campus access to databases

The following databases are accessible off-campus through Blackboard in Fall 2011.

- **EBSCO eBook Collection (used to be NetLibrary)**
- **EIU Country Reports and Industry Data**
- **IEEE Xplore Digital Library**
- **Kotobarabia Modern Arab Renaissance Collection**
- **ProjectMUSE**

In order to enter the above article databases, both students and faculty are required to login to Blackboard, after which select the course "Library Resources", and finally click on "Online Databases".

However, in order to access JSTOR off-campus, the users are required to create a login and then they will be able to search and access the articles.



The Director's Cut

David Moinette,
Library Director

Hello everyone,

Welcome to another edition of *The Learning Curve*. Welcome new AUD students! Our outstanding library staff is here to help. If I can be of help, my door is always open.

Please do not be afraid to offer suggestions. Your ideas can make the library a better place. If you know of a book the library should buy, please tell us. We always try to get the books you need to support your studies. One bit of good news is that the university is evaluating a new system for copying and printing. Hopefully we will find a vendor who can make printing and copying easier for the AUD community.

Dubai is a very transient city. People come and go more often than most places in the world. This means a greater turnover in staff and difficulties in maintaining continuity. The library was sad to see Faye Doran leave, but we were happy to hire Sophie Etherton in her place. Faye will be missed but we will continue to provide the best service we always have. Another new face is Marthy Toribio. I don't think there is anyone who smiles more often than Marthy. She is a terrific addition to the library and is very active on campus.

The library has so much to offer. I guarantee you will make better grades if you use our resources and are not afraid to ask questions.

Good luck to all.

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Farewell From Faye!

It is with a sad and heavy heart that I say goodbye to the AUD students, faculty and staff but mostly to the library staff. I have worked in the library for almost 9 years, first as library assistant, then as a circulation supervisor and finally as a library technician. Throughout my time here, I have met some wonderful people, and helped a lot of students (and faculty) make their way through the vast amount of information to which the library provides access. It is so rewarding to teach someone how to use a library search catalog or the photocopier or a scanner for the first time, because you hope that they will use that instruction well and pass it on to a friend or colleague.



I have always said that you are never too old to learn—you are a student until the end of your life. One should always be learning something new, always striving to become a better, more educated person. Keep your mind open and your heart will follow. Better yet, each of you should be the teacher and try to pass your knowledge onto those who need it. It does the soul good to know that you have helped someone to understand a difficult equation or concept, or see a new side of an issue.

So now I am going to continue my studies (on-line) and will hopefully finish my Masters in a year.

Thanks for the great many years, the good laughs and the opportunity to grow as a person. To the new students who never had a chance to know me, that's o.k., because I have felt a little piece of me in each of the library staff through my training, my words of encouragement, patience and understanding. It's almost as if I will be here everyday, watching...!!!

Library Collection Development keeps growing

The library has increased its collection to over 41,000 items. Its electronic collection is over 81,000 which offer the patrons alternative resources in addition to the general collection. Most of the e-books are accessible off-campus. In total, the library has ordered over 2,000 items as of October 2011.



Kudos to the new batch of Student Assistants!

The library has hired 4 new Student Assistants Fall semester. Please welcome Asma, Mary, Omar and Hamzat. They all jumped into the job eagerly and have learned a lot about the library, as well as how to smile and multi-task! They all show excellent promise in the customer service area. The library feels it is important for our customers to be greeted by polite and helpful Staff. We are very glad they came to work in the Library and we hope that they remain with us a long time (*at least* until they graduate!). They will work hard to help you and keep the library and the collections organized so that students can find their books.