Introducing Summon

This year the AUS Library has implemented a new discovery tool, Summon.

What is Summon? Summon is an intuitive and fast search engine that helps you discover relevant information on any topic.

It searches through our collection of books, scholarly journals, newspaper articles, e-books, DVDs and more in a single step. Rather than search for all of these things in separate databases, Summon provides a single search box. From your search results, it is one step to the full text of articles or you can see if a book is available. Results are ranked in a single list according to relevance.

Many users will find that Summon points them to all the information they need. Other researchers will want to dig deeper or use search tools not available in Summon. Specialized databases remain available using the native interfaces and the Classic Catalog is still available.

We hope you find this new search tool simple and easy to use. Give it a try at library.aus.edu

Arabic Collection on the Move

During the mid-semester break the library staff will be moving the Arabic language books from the 1st floor Arabic Collection room and will be integrating them into the General and Reference collections.

Integrating the collections will provide easier access to the materials for students and faculty. English language books and Arabic language books will sit side-by-side on the shelf organized by subject.

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Course Specific Research Guides

The library now has over 60 subject and course-specific LibGuides to help students with their research assignments.

Course specific guides are created as a collaborative effort between librarians and faculty. The online guides help students find reliable and relevant information for class assignments.

Contact your liaison librarian for more information on creating a LibGuide for your course.

Need research help? Ask A Librarian

library.aus.edu
Library Staff Profile

Iman El Gamal
Circulation Supervisor

I grew up in Egypt and spent part of my childhood in Oman with my family. Next I moved to Kuwait with my husband, then to Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, where I now call home.

I obtained my Bachelor of Science in Education Technology from Mansura University, Egypt. Then I finished a two-year degree from Mohawk College in computer science and I am at the end of a second degree “Library & Information Technician Diploma”. I am also currently studying towards my Masters of Library & Information Science from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee.

My first full time job was as an Arabic & Islamic studies teacher in Hamilton. In 2004, shortly after we moved to Sharjah, I joined the AUS library as a part time library assistant. Being someone who enjoys new work challenges, I’ve never left.

What I miss most back home in Hamilton is hiking, trail walking, green nature surroundings -especially the Royal Botanical Gardens- and of course, Tim Hortons coffee at every corner.

You may e-mail Iman at ielgamal@aus.edu

Staff News and Events

- Gerry Reyes (Circulation Supervisor) and Maricel Tatel (Evening Library Assistant) joined the AUS Library in April 2011.
- The AUS Library hired 13 new and welcomed back 17 returning student assistants for Fall 2011 semester.
- Maricel Tatel and Nesrin Atabay attended the HR Training workshop: Planning and Organizing.
- Gerry Reyes and Vincent Mani attended the HR Training workshop: Creative Problem Solving and Decision Making.
- Zaineb Habib returned to the AUS Library as Part-time Circulation staff.
- The library’s Information Commons (IC) staff installed 136 new public computers throughout the library and added an additional 4 new express terminals on the 1st floor.

Fast Facts 2010–2011

- Number of database searches conducted: 862,491
- Number of students who attended library classes: 3,304
- Number of library items checked out: 123,793
- Number of users who came to the library: 711,788
- Number of questions asked at the Research Help Desk: 3,923
- Number of items ordered through Inter Library Loan: 990

Librarian Activities

- **Alanna Ross** participated in the highly competitive ACRL Immersion ’11 Program Track at Seattle University in Seattle, Washington, USA (July 2011).
- **Sally Crosby** attended the American Library Association’s (ALA) in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA (July 2011).
- **Alanna Ross** and **Christine Furno’s** research article entitled, “Active Learning in the Library Instruction Environment: An Exploratory Study” was published in the John Hopkins’ journal, Portal: Libraries and the Academy, 11(4), 953-970. (October 2011).
- **Kathleen Botter** attended GITEX Technology Week and TEDx Dubai at the Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Centre (October 2011).
- **Thomas Hodge, Kathleen Botter** and **Mary Ann Nash** presented, “Evaluating Encore as a Discovery Product” at the annual Middle East- North Africa Innovative Users Group (MENA-IUG) in Doha, Qatar (October/November 2011).