

# LIBRARY UPDATE

## Message from the University Librarian

Greetings from the Library! This year we'll be focusing on addressing areas of concern highlighted in the LibQUAL satisfaction survey conducted in April 2012. The LibQUAL satisfaction survey showed that overall the faculty is satisfied with library services and this has increased since the last LibQUAL survey done in 2008. However, there are a couple of areas where we can improve. The first area we're working on is our website navigation – we're making changes and conducting usability tests so you should see improvements over the next few months. The other area we continue to work on is to increase our print and electronic holdings to help you succeed in the classroom and with your research.



We'll also be focusing on achieving our key goals that include working with faculty to ensure AUS students demonstrate basic information literacy (IL) competencies, acquiring print and digital resources that meet curricular and targeted research needs of students and faculty, providing physical spaces that meet student needs and using innovative technologies to increase "findability" of information, ensure 24/7 online off campus access, and enhance teaching and learning.

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## Library Satisfaction Survey Results

The LibQUAL satisfaction survey was implemented in April 2012. Results from 778 valid surveys show overall satisfaction has increased since the last LibQUAL survey administered in 2008. The summary results of the survey are as follows on a scale of 1 to 9.

Satisfaction Questions	Mean score (2012)	Mean score (2008)
(a) In general, I am satisfied with the way in which I am treated at the library.	7.66	7.31
(b) In general, I am satisfied with library support for my learning, research, and/or teaching needs.	7.26	7.09
(c) How would you rate the overall quality of the service provided by the library?	7.51	7.31

A paper-based satisfaction survey of circulation services was conducted in December 2011. Almost 90% of the 239 students surveyed were satisfied or very satisfied.

## Library Staff Profile

### Gerardo Reyes Circulation Supervisor

I have been at the frontline of library circulation desks for more than 6 years now in various capacities. I joined the AUS Library in April 2011 as circulation supervisor. I love the library's professional working environment and the respect that is accorded to each other. I take pride in serving the students, faculty, staff and visitors in the library.



I was born and raised in Bataan, Philippines which became part of history during the 2nd World War as the last stronghold of the allied forces consisting mainly of American and Filipino soldiers that concluded in the infamous "Bataan Death March." I earned a Bachelor of Arts major in philosophy degree in a seminary in Pampanga, Philippines and pursued further studies in theology.

My journey to the Gulf region started in Saudi Arabia in 2000 as a salesman for English books at Jarir Bookstore. The company expanded to other Gulf countries and I was assigned to Abu Dhabi and stayed there until 2005. My first taste of library work was at the American University in Dubai (AUD) in 2006, serving as a library assistant, serials coordinator and as library technician until March 2011.

It's always a source of fulfillment whenever I see satisfied students, faculty, staff and visitors wearing a big smile because we assist them in the best possible way we can.

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## E-Books and E-Readers

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For more information, e-mail Mary Ann Nash, *Electronic Resources Librarian* at [mnash@aus.edu](mailto:mnash@aus.edu).

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## Library News

**Daphne Flanagan** was promoted to University Librarian; **Iman El Gamal** was promoted to Public Services Librarian; **Monina Collins** was promoted to Circulation Supervisor; **Saad Farooqi** was hired as the Evening Circulation Supervisor

**James MacDonald** joined as Web Services Librarian; **Amira Sakr** joined as IT Specialist; **Gerel Oyun** joined as part-time staff

**Daphne Flanagan** hosted the UAE Library Directors' meeting in November.

**Chris Furno** and **Alanna Ross** hosted the Information Literacy Network of the Gulf Region Forum in December.