



مكتبة قطر الوطنية
Qatar National Library

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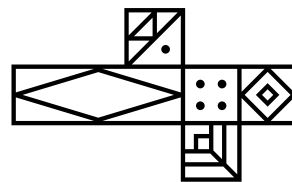


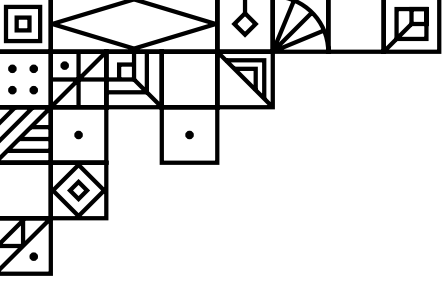
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About the Library

Qatar National Library acts as a steward of Qatar's national heritage by collecting, preserving and making available the country's recorded history. In our role as a research institution with a preeminent heritage library, we foster and promote greater global insight into the history and culture of the Gulf region. As a public library, we provide equal access for all of Qatar's residents to an environment that supports creativity, independent decision-making and cultural development. Through all our functions, we provide leadership to the country's library and cultural heritage sector.





Vision

To be one of the world's preeminent centers of learning, research and culture; a guardian of the region's heritage; and an institution that promotes imagination, discovery and the nourishment of the human spirit.

Mission

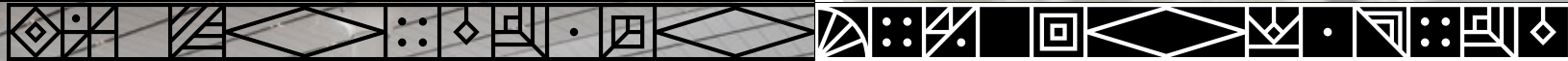
The mission of Qatar National Library is to preserve the nation's and region's heritage and enable the people of Qatar to positively influence society by creating an exceptional environment for learning and discovery.

The Library will achieve its mission by creating and sustaining an intuitive and trusted information environment in a culturally and technologically exceptional setting and by developing innovative programs and services.



The Building

Our state-of-the-art building, located in the heart of Doha's Education City, is a community space for Qatar's residents and helps facilitate the effective exchange of ideas and communal learning. The 45,000-square-meter building, designed by Dutch architect Rem Koolhaas, encourages visitors to explore the progression of knowledge from the past to the present.



Our building achieves a delicate balance between information availability and accessibility on the one hand, and content preservation and conservation on the other. Innovative technologies, such as an automated circulation system, are seamlessly integrated throughout the building, enhancing accessibility and efficiency for our users without detracting from the overall aesthetic.



Main Collection

With more than one million books, our main collection covers all areas of knowledge, with materials available in several languages. Our members also have online access to hundreds of thousands of ebooks, audiobooks, journals, periodicals, magazines and multimedia items available free of charge. The collection has been carefully selected by our librarians to respond to the needs of all of our users.

Children's and Young Adults' Library

Our young readers can enjoy more than 100,000 books in the Children's Library, most of which are in Arabic and English. This welcoming, nurturing environment also offers educational toys and arts and crafts materials. Our Children's Library has its own team of trained librarians to guide children and their parents.

Young adults from ages 12 to 18 looking to expand their horizons will find more than 30,000 books, as well as magazines, graphic novels, interactive learning resources and software, basic robotics and mechanics tools, and events specifically tailored to them. To help teens take the next steps in their education, our Young Adults' Collection includes school curriculum and college preparation textbooks.



Heritage Library

At our physical and spiritual heart is the Heritage Library, which contains historical Arabic and foreign-language books and manuscripts, maps, globes, photographs, navigation instruments, serials and archival collections relating to Qatar, the Gulf, and the Arab

and Islamic worlds. The Heritage Library's permanent exhibition features a rotating display of the highlights of the collection, giving visitors the opportunity to learn about the history and culture of Qatar and the region.

Additional temporary exhibitions offer in-depth looks at specific aspects of history and culture using items from the Heritage Library and partner institutions.

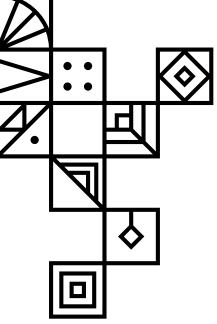




Innovation Stations

The Innovation Stations are dedicated spaces within the Library that provide access to tools that allow innovators, artists, musicians, creators and learners to express themselves. The Innovation Stations include 3D printers, musical instruments and recording equipment, photography and videography equipment, green screen, virtual reality accessories, DIY electronics, and other makerspaces. We host regular workshops for new users to learn how to use these resources.

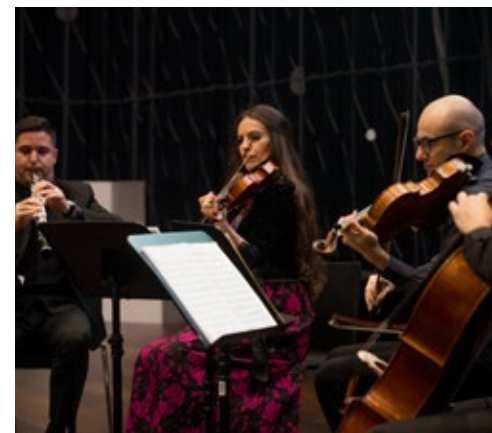


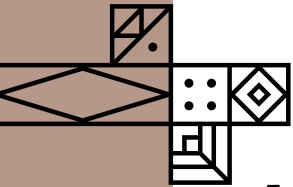


Events and Programs



We host free public events for every audience, such as workshops for parents, computer training, cultural and historical lectures, a monthly Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra concert series, and the Cultural Salon. These events focus on group learning, interactivity and continuous growth, and are led by our staff and experts from the community. We are also home to regular book clubs in English and Arabic, a creative writing group, as well as the monthly Book Club for the Blind.





Accessibility

We are committed to ensuring that all our resources are accessible to everyone. The main collection includes materials produced for those with disabilities, including large-print books, audiobooks and books in braille. Our Assistive Technology Center provides adjustable workstations, scanning pens with headphones, ergonomic keyboards and mice,

braille keyboards, and portable electronic magnifiers.

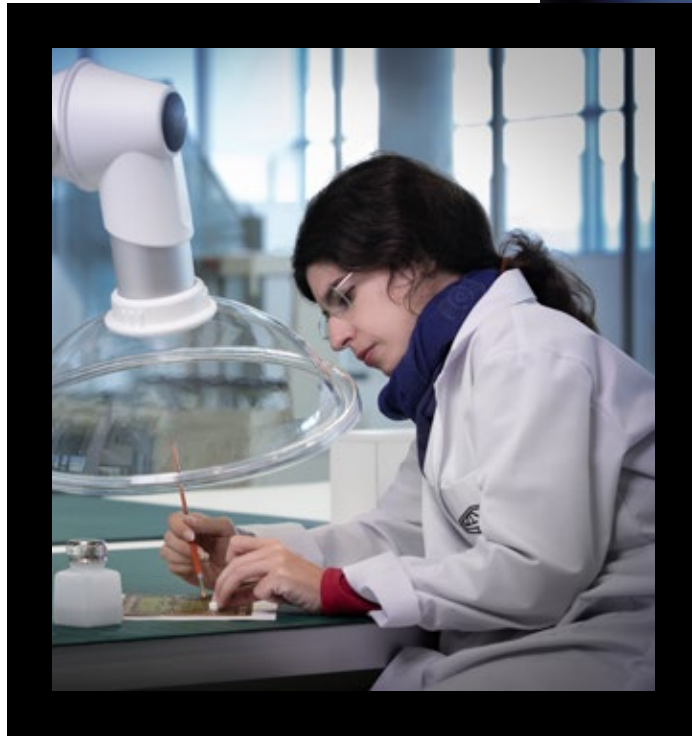
Our Sensory Room caters to individuals with special needs, providing them a safe environment to learn and engage with the world and promoting their confidence and skill development.

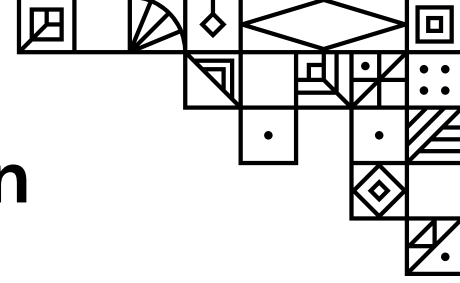




Preservation and Conservation Center

Because books and manuscripts are inherently fragile, we are committed to preserving these items of important cultural heritage. Our Preservation and Conservation Center has a highly trained international team and state-of-the-art equipment to perform preventative conservation measures, re-bind books, perform analysis on deterioration of materials, and in general ensure that future generations of scholars have access to our valuable collection. The Preservation and Conservation Center is the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Regional Center for Arabic Speaking Countries and the Middle East for the preservation and conservation of heritage materials.





Digitization Center

We have fully equipped facilities that can handle any kind of digitization project. The Digitization Center aims to make the unique items of the Heritage Library available online for everyone, including rare books, photographs, maps, manuscripts and archival materials. We are pioneers in the use of optical character recognition for digital Arabic texts, vastly expanding the ability of users everywhere to easily search our collection. The Digitization Center has partnered with numerous local and international organizations to digitize their collections, including Qatar Museums, Al Shaqab, the Ottoman Archives and New York University. We also offer digitization services for private collectors and institutions.



Partnerships

As an active member of the Qatar community, we are partners with many local educational, governmental and cultural institutions. These collaborations facilitate knowledge exchange, educational development, research, skills training, joint events and exhibitions, and cultural preservation.

We have also signed Memoranda of Understanding with numerous regional and international institutions to encourage the digitization and sharing of historical materials, the sharing of library expertise and the development of library staff.



Qatar Digital Library (QDL)

The QDL is a result of a partnership between Qatar Foundation, Qatar National Library and the British Library. Through it, we are making the British Library's vast collection of archives, maps, manuscripts, sound recordings and photographs relating to the Gulf available freely online for the first time. The QDL includes contextualized explanatory notes and expert articles in both English and Arabic. It is also home to the materials we digitize from our collections or acquire through our partnerships with various international libraries and archives.

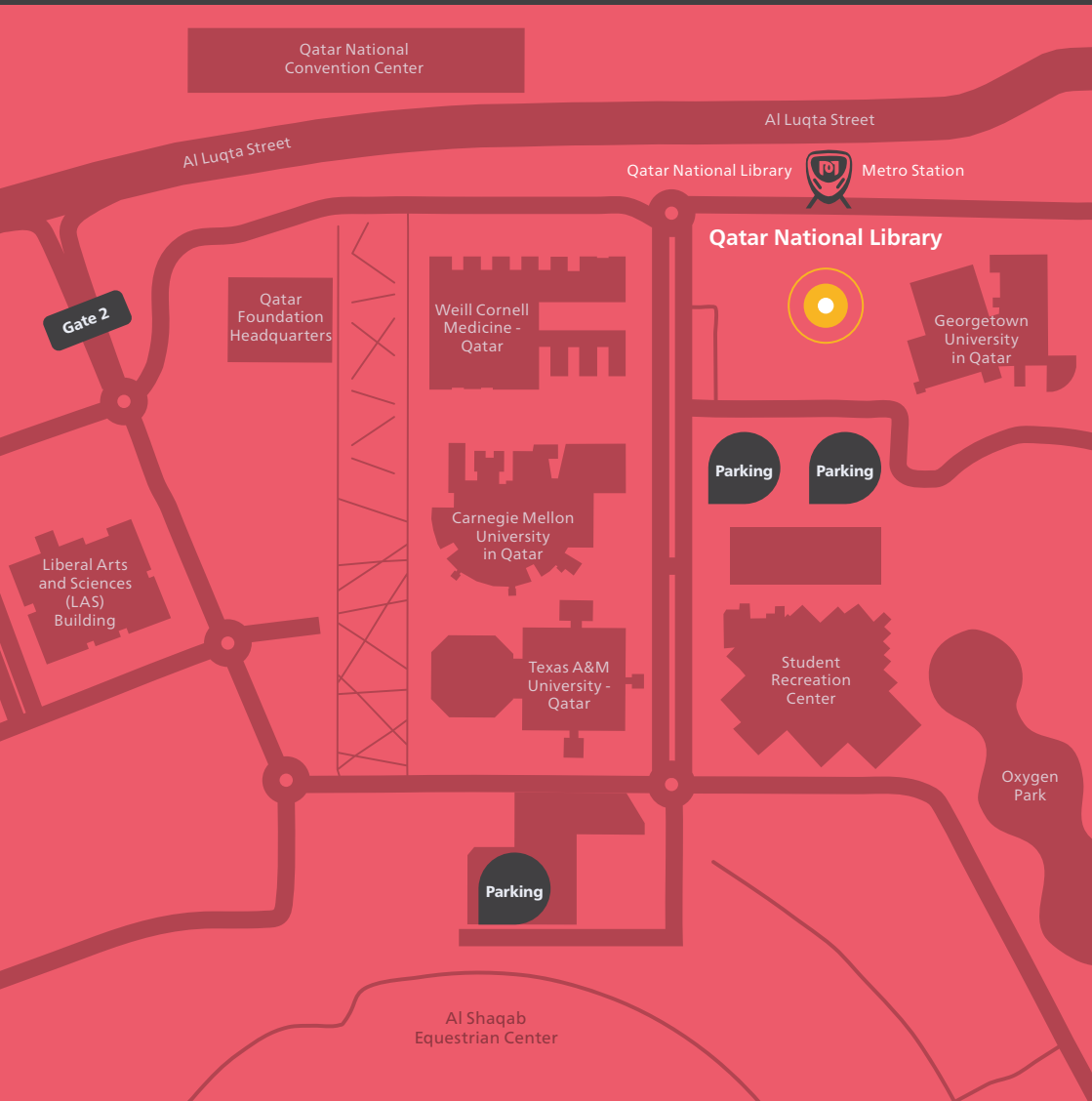




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