

Qatar National Library Digital Collections



QNL DIGITAL COLLECTIONS



Qatar National Library is at the forefront of digital transformation, seamlessly integrating cutting-edge technology into our programs and resources, enhancing your access to a vast collection of informative materials.

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Qatar Digital Library (QDL)

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QDL provides everyone, anywhere in the world, with free online access to a wealth of historical materials on the politics, people, places, trade, culture and customs of the Gulf region and the wider Middle East. It includes archives, maps, manuscripts, audio recordings, photographs and much more, complete with contextualized explanatory notes and links, in both English and Arabic.



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QNL Digital Repository

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The QNL Digital Repository is a unique and growing collection which consists of rare and valuable Arabic manuscripts, archival documents, and early Arabic printed materials, such as books, journals, magazines and newspapers; books and periodicals in various European languages; and maps, atlases, globes, historical photographs, and instruments and tools related to exploration and travel.

Visit ediscovery.qnl.qa to discover some of the items digitized from the collections of our Heritage Library, as well as our partners'.

Digital Family Papers Project

The Digital Family Papers Project is part of Qatar National Library's vision to preserve and provide access to historical materials on the history of Qatar and the Gulf region. The project aims to collect, digitize and make archival materials, images, and correspondence owned by Qatari families and collectors available electronically, while the owners retain the original copies. The Library also provides restoration services for some materials for preservation and maintenance.

This collection offers primary historical resources related to the social, commercial, and political history of the Gulf, contributing to enhancing research by providing access to local sources that add value to studies on Qatar and the region. Materials include photographs, oral history, letters, personal documents, videos, audio recordings, and more.

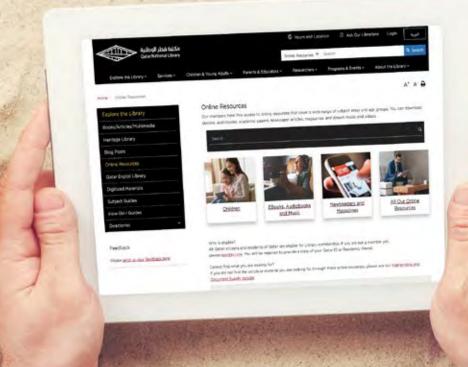
If you own historical collections or have inquiries and wish to participate in this project, please contact our Heritage Library at heritagelibrary@gnl.ga.

Online Resources

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Our members have free access to online resources that cover a wide range of subject areas and age groups. You can download ebooks, audiobooks, academic papers, newspaper articles, magazines, and stream music and videos.

Visit www.qnl.qa/en/explore/online-resources to find out more.



Aerial Photography Collection

This archive contains more than 9,000 historical aerial photos of Qatar and some of its neighboring countries, taken by British or US military airplanes. The collection includes high resolution images from 55 flights taken between 1944 and 1983, with individual houses and neighborhoods visible.

Currently, the photos are available through Google Earth to the Library members only.

To explore this collection, visit: www.qnl.qa/en/explore/digital-collections



Aerial photo of Souq Waqif area, taken on 16 November 1950. Sortie USN/ARA/0148/HO/1622. *Collection source: NCAP/ncap.org.uk.*

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Manara - Qatar Research Repository

Manara is an open repository for Qatar-based researchers to upload and share their research. It collects, preserves and provides access to a variety of research outputs, including datasets, open access publications, pre-prints of research articles, and non-traditional academic outputs.

Visit www.qnl.qa/en/manara-repository/about to learn more about this repository and manara.qnl.qa to start browsing.





The Interactive Digital Table

Our Interactive Digital Table offers the chance to delve into the adventures of the famed Arab explorer Ibn Battuta and explore pivotal moments from his travels, showcasing memories from his travels as documented in his book *Tuhfat al-Nuzzār fi Gharā'ib al-Amṣār wa 'Ajāyib al-Asfār* (A Masterpiece to Those Who Contemplate the Wonders of Cities and the Marvels of Travelling).

The digital table lets you explore our Heritage Library's treasures, featuring images, books, manuscripts and maps, narrating the captivating tales of the old cities and countries Ibn Battuta visited.

LIBRARY HOURS.

Saturday – Thursday: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM Friday: 4:00 – 8:00 PM

