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### Young People Library

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### **Abstract:**

*The Young People Library is a library dedicated to the young adults aged from 12 to 18 years and is offering a lot of services to reach the objects and aims of the library to encourage young adults to develop their reading and research skills, to introduce them to the pleasures of learning, discovering.*

*The Library serve young adults of Alexandria, Egypt, Arab world, Mediterranean region, Africa.., all over the world.*

*The main objects of the Young People library at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina is the following:*

- ❖ *Develop young people's awareness and knowledge.*
- ❖ *Encourage social interaction between young people inside and outside the library*
- ❖ *Develop reading and research skills of young users.*

### **Overview**

The Young People Library is dedicated to serve students aged from 12 to 18 years, the library serves national and international young adults, train them on the use of [BA Catalogue](#) as well as on how to make research in a library.

It holds an international [collection](#) of youth books, journals, AV materials as well as other [e-resources](#) covering different fields of knowledge.

In addition to its collection the YP Library offers a wide variety of [programs](#) and [services](#) for youth.

## **Mission**

The Young People Library's mission is to introduce young people to information technology, develop their awareness and knowledge, encourage social interaction between young people inside and outside the library and develop reading and research skills of young users.

- Promote reading through library [activities](#) and talks presented by live authors. Also through the implementation of the 'Reading for All' [Program](#).
- Meets the needs of young people by providing materials for reading and pleasure, resources for schoolwork, and a library environment dedicated to young adults.
- Support the [information](#) needs of the young people to build an attentive and intellectual generation.
- To raise the awareness of the heritage of Alexandria, Mediterranean, Islam and humanity in general.

## **Collection and Resources**

The Young Adult collection is a collection of books that are focused on the reading and interest levels of the library's young adult patrons. Our collections build out by using Book catalogs and patron requests, also by donating books.

The Collection follows the main collection development policy with the needs of the young adults interest and creativity.

The collection are covering all subjects starting from the roots of knowledge (religion, philosophy, history & geography to the new technologies which is the computer and communication passing with different subjects as the literature & language, Arts & culture, General references, social science, science & technology

All the Collection are provided at the online Public Access Catalog

### **Books**

- Atlases, Encyclopedias and Dictionaries
- Science fiction and fantasy.
- Information Books
- Young Adult fiction and non-fiction
- Novels and Short story collection.

### **Periodicals**

Contains periodicals dedicated to young adult's interest, also there are a variety of magazines and newspaper links are available covering most subject areas

## **Audio-Visual resources**

### ***Audio books (Books on Tape)***

Audio books allow students to hear language, an activity essential for building vocabulary, stimulating imagination, increasing fluency and providing models of sentence structure and grammatical accuracy.

Audio books also help reach special needs students.

### ***Videocassettes:***

Including many documentaries, cultural and entertaining films.

### ***CD-Rom resources:***

Provides appropriate resources to satisfy their informational, educational needs.

## **Computer resources:**

Free access to [Student Resources Center](#) databases covering most subject areas, where you can search using subject or a keyword; there are also person, timeline, and literature search.

## **Internet**

A wide selection of web pages exceeded 100 web page links to valuable web sites dedicated to young adults is available to guide young users in various kinds of subjects, Encyclopedias - Dictionaries - Calendars - Biographies - Magazines and newspapers – Geography – Science – Sports – others.

## **Young adult's services**

### **Information services:**

A librarian is on duty during all the library-opening hours, to provide assistance to young adult in using the collection and the library facilities.

- Help the young adults to select books in their subject interest and guide users to research resources
- Library staff is available to receive young adult's suggestions and comment
- Membership at the information desk, by providing an application and filling all the data needed for a membership, then issue the membership cards and provide brochures and flyers for the new members

- Library staff is available to answer questions and help you find the information you need.
- Phone in information service is also available as well as Ask A Librarian, for short factual questions via email.

### **Multimedia services:**

- Offering documentary, cultural and entertaining films
- Reserve TV, cassettes and videos
- Provide assistance in finding CD-ROM sources
- Offering Satellites Channels covering news, sports, cultural and educational channels in Arabic, English, French, German, Italian languages

### **Electronic resource services:**

- Library staff on duty to train the young adults' on using the Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) or the BA catalogue that allows to search, using an author or title or other keyword, or by subject.
- Train users on using electronic library products and services
- The library staff offers help in accessing selected WebPages for the users.
- Reserve PCs

### **Youth Programs and Activities:**

All the programs and activities that takes place at the Young People library are educational, cultural and social activities which aims to

- Develop young people's awareness and knowledge.
- Encourage social interaction between young people inside and outside the library
- Develop reading and research skills of young users.

Through a new program implemented at the Young People library called

#### Research for all program

This program is to demonstrate how to do a research and what are the references and resources that you can refer to while doing a research. Teach and explain the steps of a research as following :

- **Identify and develop a topic**
- **Find background information**
- **Develop a search strategy**
- **Evaluate the information found**
- **Write and revise**
- **Document sources used**

## **IEARN**

Is the International Education and Resource network al over 100 countries, it empowers young people to work together online using the internet and other new communication technologies, the IEARN projects enable students to develop:

- Habit of getting involved in community issues
- Research and critical thinking skills
- Experience with new technologies
- Cultural awareness

Briefly we choose a topic of interest with a group of young adults then start to gather the information needed for implementing this project from various resources, the last step is to have a project output.

For our library we decided to choose “Alexandria” as the core subject for the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, we will concentrate at the history, archeological places and districts, museums, historical mosques and churches at Alexandria, this project will be implemented in a website within 2 months.

## **Lectures and Seminars:**

All lectures and discussions took place at the library or at the auditorium of the library dispatched to the young people, all lectures started by giving a presentation then open discussions between the lecturer and the Young people, as we aim to increase the interaction between the young adults. The lectures that took place in this summer program was your body, teeth health, nutrition, team work and time management. Experts were given all lectures.

## **Workshops:**

There were a lot of workshops that took place at the Young people library, some were educational, cultural, artistic workshops.

- The Arabic Calligraphy workshop, teaches the young adults the history of the Arabic Calligraphy, the tools that has been used to the write the Arabic Calligraphy....
- Artistic activities, by giving a Free visit to the Archaeology museum at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina and choose the most attracted piece and started to implement it by drawing and painting on paper or glass

- Agricultural activities, by giving the young adults information about the plants ornament and teach them how to plant.

### **Reading Competitions**

Monthly reading competition took place at the library with rewards (books to encourage reading)

### **Group visits**

The library organizes group visits to BA Museums and exhibitions guided tours; also to the planetarium where a variety of astronomy shows, to the exploratorium, Science Museum and also to the Antiquity Museum.