Faisalabad, January 20, 2016 – A team from the Higher Education Commission (HEC) visited the Noor-e-Siddiq-e-Akbar Library. The Additional Registrar Ms. Zahida Maqbool and the Deputy Registrar Col. Abid Mushtaq accompanied the HEC team during the tour of the library. Librarian Mrs. Misbah Bashir briefed the team about the Koha software and its use as a catalog for finding out books in the library. She also informed the team about the usage of HEC Digital Library by TUF faculty members and students.

Trainings on Koha Software at Bahria University

Lahore and Islamabad, January 20-21 and 29-30, 2016 – Two librarians of The University of Faisalabad (TUF) Mr. Umair Sharif and Ms. Saba Noreen attended the training workshops on “Advanced Features of Koha Software” at Bahria University in Islamabad and Lahore, respectively. Both librarians learned about the new features in the cataloging, circulation, patron, serials, and searching modules of the Koha software. Both TUF librarians received the CDs of the latest version of Koha software.
VISIT BY PAKISTAN NURSING COUNCIL

Faisalabad, January 4, 2016 – A team from Pakistan Nursing Council (PNC) visited Safia Library at the School of Nursing and Noor-e-Siddiq-e-Akbar Library at the Saleem Campus. The PNC team was briefed about the available collection of books and e-resources on nursing and related subjects. The team also learned about the future plans for the empowerment of nursing faculty and students in online research through databases.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS: INTERESTING FACTS

The Library of Congress is the largest library in the world, with more than 162 million items on approximately 838 miles of bookshelves. The collections include:

- 38 million books and other print materials
- 3.6 million recordings
- 14 million photographs
- 5.5 million maps
- 7.1 million pieces of sheet music
- 70 million manuscripts

The smallest book in the Library of Congress is “Old King Cole.” It is 1/25” x 1/25”.

The largest book in Library of Congress is a 5-by-7 foot book featuring color images of Bhutan.

The oldest written material in the Library is a cuneiform tablet dating from 2040 B.C.


2. Click on HEC Digital Library under Resources & Offices

3. At HEC Digital Library, click on WILEY-BLACKWELL JOURNALS

4. Click on Browse by Subject

5. Go to Medicine and select your relevant subject like Dermatology or Pathology etc.

6. A portal will open on the subject, say Pathology. Click on View all products in Pathology

7. Go to Journals (45) link at right column. 45 research journals on Pathology will be displayed for browsing and searching.
1. Go to TUF website at http://tuf.edu.pk/
2. Click on HEC Digital Library under Resources & Offices
3. At HEC Digital Library, click on McGraw-Hill's Access Engineering
4. Click the pull down menu SUBJECTS
5. Select your relevant subject like Chemical, Civil, or Electrical etc.
6. A portal will open on the subject, say Electrical and Electronics Engineering
7. Here access an alphabetical list of full text books on Electrical and Electronics Engineering
8. For example, select the book Design of Transformers to view its full text
By Mohsin Lodhi *

**Reading a book is a skill, which is not taught in our institutions.** We read a book for the sake of reading. Most of us are unaware of the fact that why do we read a book. Reading is a lost art and we need to revive it.

“We must become a nation of truly competent readers.”

My belief is that reading makes an ordinary person extraordinary. **We should not judge others what material possessions like TV, Car and Mobile phone they carry, rather what books they read and what kind of library they maintain.**

Recently, reading through a book “How to read a book” by Dr Mortimer J. Adler and Charles V. Darren, I came to know about the following concept which I found interesting and would like to share with you.

First lesson was reading well is better is than reading widely. How we have to approach a book, authors suggest that write down the thoughts and questions about the book’s contents. They also suggest that instead of simply absorbing the information, you read actively. Reading actively means that you are awake and focused. They suggest that the writer provides the material; it's your job to question it, and analyse it.

“The good reader reads actively with concentration.”

The authors suggest instead of storing the information, you need to increase your understanding. There are three basic levels of reading namely, elementary, inspectional, and analytical.

The illuminating concept for increasing the understanding suggested by the authors in the book, is “Syntopical Reading”. At this high level of reading, you will be able to read a range of books on a subject and synthesise their arguments into something new. For example, start with a problem you want to solve or a question you want to answer. Draw up a list of books that might address that problem. Most likely, you will come up with an unwieldy bibliography to remove.
Draw upon your inspectional reading skills to determine which books merit a closer reading. When you have compiled a catalog of the books that seem most relevant to your inquiry, subject them to the five-step syntopical process:

“Reading makes an ordinary person extraordinary.”

1. **Find the Good Parts** – The goal of syntopical reading is not to understand the whole book. The goal is to use the book to solve the problem you set or to answer your question. Use inspectional reading to identify passages most pertinent to your investigation.

2. **Define Your Terms** – The authors in your bibliography may use different words for similar concepts. Synthesize a “neutral terminology” that is not specific to any author but that can incorporate concepts from any of them.

3. **Develop Propositions** – Do the same when you identify a list of propositions. Devise neutral propositions that may not come from any single author but to which each author may contribute answers.

4. **Consider the Issues** – You can delineate an issue whenever you discover a question that different authors answer different ways. Map out and compare the disagreements.

5. **Analyse** – Organize the issues, and outline how they relate to each other.

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**PEARLS OF WISDOM**

1. “Losers make **promises** they often **break**. Winners make **commitments** they always **keep**.”
   -- Denis Waitley

2. “We promise according to our **hopes** and perform according to our **fears**.”
   -- François de La Rochefoucauld

3. “What I learned in **university** was how little I know.”
   -- Malcolm Watts

4. “The **wound** is the place where the **light** enters you.”
   -- Jalal ad-Din Muhammad Rumi

5. "Seeds first get **buried** and then **grow**."
   -- Mohsin Lodhi
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The WDL makes available on the Internet, free of charge and in multilingual format, significant primary materials from all countries and cultures.

The principal objectives of the WDL are to:

- Promote international and intercultural understanding;
- Expand the volume and variety of cultural content on the Internet;
- Provide resources for educators, scholars, and general audiences;
- Build capacity in partner institutions to narrow the digital divide between countries.

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