Library

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The mission of GCU libraries is to support the dissemination of information and literacy, and to encourage educational efforts by using conventional and electronic modes of libraries by providing teaching resources, space for tutoring and information and referral services. The GCU libraries play a significant role in fulfilling the information needs of the users and help them to pursue academic excellence as set in the GCU's vision.

The library of GC University Lahore was established in 1872. In addition to the Central Library, a new Postgraduate Library was set up in 1999. The library has the capacity to house nearly 500 readers at the same time. Another library known as Life Sciences Library (LSL) is located in the premises of Institute of Biotechnology. It has a rich and updated collection of books related to the disciplines of life sciences like Botany, Zoology, Bio-technology and Microbiology etc.

GC University Lahore established a Centre for Special Students (CSS) in 2008. The Centre is attached with the GCU library. This is the first center at College or University level established in Pakistan which aims at lending a hand to the visually challenged students in order to help them overcome their educational handicaps. The blind students are given special training in the Centre to elevate their comprehension regarding the use of the latest computer technologies. The blind students in the GCU campus take their exams by using the Braille format. The Centre provides the facility of books scanning which allows the students to read their course material independently.

There are 3,14,713 books and 236 current academic journals in the GCU Library. All the theses and dissertations completed by the GCU students are placed in the Central Library and bibliographic details of the same may be accessed from the GCU website. The library has more than 10000 letters of literary figures and collection of 400 original scripts of articles published from time to time in Nuqoosh. It has outstanding reference collection, British government documents section and periodical collection. Periodical Section of the GCU Library has vast collection of national and international refereed/reviewed journals, magazines, institutional reports and research articles.

GCU library has an affluent collection of forty nine reputed figures including Sufi Tabassam, Qayyum Nazar, Ashfaq Ahmad, Bano Qudsia, Dr. Ebadat Brailvi, Dr. Waheed Qureshi, Abdullah Malik, Prof. Dr. Sohail Ahmed Khan, Prof. Dr. Zaheer Ahmed Siddiqui, Malik Meraj Khalid, Prof. Dr. Khalid Aftab and Prof. Dr. Syed Moeen Ur Rahman. The bibliographic description of the donated material is accessible on the library's web pages.

GCU Library has a world standard collection of digital resources with 23 electronic databases (25,000 electronic journals) including American Institute of Physics, American Mathematical Society, ACS Publications, Association of Computing Machinery, Emerald, and JSTOR cover the disciplines of Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities etc. Which are accessible at GCU Network. It also has access to more than one lac electronic books. Terminals have been provided for accessing in the Central, Postgraduate and Life Sciences Libraries. Library has its own Multimedia collection which provides access to CD-ROMS, microfilms, audio and video cassettes etc. The official website of GCU Library (http://www.gcu.edu.pk/library) won the first prize among Pakistan Universities and was declared the Best Library Website of the year 2006,
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in the competition organized by Elsevier Publishing in collaboration with the HEC. In 2009, an international Impact Factor Journal “Program: Electronic Library and Information Systems” declared the GC University Library Website “the best library website of Pakistan”. GCU Library is the only partner of the World Digital Library (WDL) program, a cooperative project of the Library of Congress (LOC) and UNESCO. The Postgraduate Library has Arabic, Persian and Urdu manuscripts, typewriter of Saadat Hasan Manto, personal belongings of N.M. Rashid along with the original Nobel Prize of Prof. Abdus Salam, the only Nobel Laureate from Pakistan. GC University Lahore Library was recently honored with the “Best Library Award” by the International Society for Science and Religion (ISSR). The GCU Library was chosen for the award through a competitive and peer-review process based on present capacity, commitment to research and study in science and religion, institutional support for related projects and original and promising plans for scholarly activity related to the Library.

The details of the services and the facilities extended by the Library’s management to the users have been provided on the GCU Library Website.

Users may make queries through e-mail at: chieflibrarian@gcu.edu.pk

Directorate of Sports

The mental and physical health of a country can be judged from the standard of its sports and sportsmen. As a general rule, it is through sports that one develops a healthy body, which ultimately leads to a healthy mind. The importance given to sports by the developed countries is no less than education. They have planned systematically for the development of Sports, which has paid the dividends. Like-wise in the GCU, sports are considered an integral part of physical fitness and mental training. These activities have a profound effect on the physical fitness and mental health of the students, which has ultimately enhanced their capabilities and efficiency. The sports history of GC University can be traced from the 1931-32 session when GC became the overall champion and won the general trophy of the Punjab University for the first time.

The GC achieved supremacy by winning 12 times the overall general trophy and securing overall runners up positions 4 times between 1931-47. During this period, GC produced a number of outstanding sportsmen who not only brought honour and glory to their college but also had the distinction of representing India in the Olympics and various International Sports Events. After Independence, GC kept on its outstanding traditions in the field of sports and maintained its excellence and edge over the rival institutions. GC won the general all round trophy 20 times and remained runners up for 22 times from 1947-48 till (1988-89).

GC is one of the finest sports nurseries for producing and grooming sportsmen for National teams, and has been maintaining its tradition of excellence in sports and has produced hundreds of international sportsmen who represented Pakistan with distinction in Olympic/Asian/SAF Games and other International Sports Events since 1947. After getting the status of University in 2002, the GCU leadership started revamping the sports activities on higher level and re-established the Sports & Physical Education Department.

GC University has kept on the healthy tradition of excellence in the field of sports and takes pride in maintaining high standard in every field of sports activities. GCU always plays for the glory of sports and has the privilege to participate in all games organized by the Lahore Board, HEC Sports Competition with distinction.