



Academic Support

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The mission of the GCU Libraries is to support information literacy among students. This is done by using conventional and electronic modes of libraries, and by providing teaching resources, space for tutoring and information and referral services side by side. GC University Library 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 accommodate almost 500 readers at the same time. The Life Sciences Library (LSL) is located in the premises of the Institute of Industrial 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 (GCU) Lahore established a Centre for Special Students (CSS) in 2008. The Centre is attached with GCU Library. This is the first centre at College or University level established in Pakistan which aims at lending a hand to the visually challenged students in order to diminish their educational hurdles. 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 on campus take their exams in the Braille format. The Centre provides a scanning facility which allows blind students to read their course material independently.

GC University Libraries have 314,720 books and 236 current academic journals in stock. All theses and dissertations completed by the students are placed in the Central Library and bibliographic details of the same may be accessed via the University's Website. The library has more than 10,000 letters of literary figures and collection of 400 original scripts of articles published from time to time in Nuqoosh. It has outstanding reference collections, British government documents section and periodical collections. Periodical Section of the GCU Library has a rich collection of national and international refereed/reviewed journals, magazines, institutional reports and research articles. The Library subscribes to leading national and international newspapers. GCU library is in possession of the personal collection of 49 reputed figures including Prof. Sufi Tabassam, Prof. Qayyum Nazar, Ashfaq Ahmad, Bano Qudsia, Dr. Ebadat Brailvi, Dr. Waheed Qureshi, Abdullah Malik, Prof. Dr. Sohail Ahmed Khan, Prof. Zaheer Ahmed Siddiqui, Malik Meraj Khalid, Prof. Khalid Aftab, Abu-Al-Najib Haji Muhammad Arshad Qureshi 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. 23 electronic databases (25,000 electronic

journals) including American Institute of Physics, American Mathematical Society, ACS Publications, Association of Computing Machinery, Emerald, and JSTOR covering the disciplines of Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities etc. which are accessible at GCU Network. The Library has also access to more than one lac electronic books. Terminals have been provided for accessing digital collections in the Central, Postgraduate and Life Sciences Libraries. Library has its own Multimedia collections. Multimedia section 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 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 World Digital Library (WDL) program, a cooperative project of the Library of Congress (LOC) and UNESCO. The Postgraduate Library houses Arabic, Persian and Urdu manuscripts, typewriter of Saadat Hasan Manto, personal belongings of N.M. Rashid (A distinguished Old Ravian) along-with the original Nobel Prize of Prof. Dr. Abdus Salam, a distinguished old Ravian and the only Nobel Laureate in the field of science from Pakistan. GC University Lahore Library was 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 staff of the Library comprising Chief Librarian, Senior Librarians, Librarians, Library Assistants, IT experts is fully equipped to fulfil the information needs of library users. They provide conventional as well as electronic services. The details of the services and the facilities provided by the Library to users have been uploaded on the GCU Library Website which can be accessed from the following URL: <http://library.gcu.edu.pk/Home.htm>.

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