

Bethlehem

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Library Update

Spring 2003



From the Library Director

Bethlehem University Library continues its mission of serving as a vital component of providing a quality education to the students of Bethlehem University. Many books are purchased annually that support the academic curriculum. Old and out-of-date materials are withdrawn. Many new books are received through donations. The total number of volumes is increasing. Circulation statistics reflect high usage. New up-to-date technology is available in the Audiovisual Center.

Different staff members have taken advantage recently of opportunities for professional development. The Reference Librarian answers an average of 31 questions per day. No books in English are waiting cataloging and classification. Activity at the circulation desk at times is non-stop.

This update is a report of the work of the library during the academic year 2002-2003. Even with all the days of closure by the occupying forces much has been accomplished. Our facilities continue to improve and our resources continue to increase. However, our strategic planning and program review documents indicate that much still remains to be accomplished in the future.

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ARCHIVES

The university community welcomed Sister Rosalinda Amacanin, SPC as Archivist at the beginning of the academic year. Sister Rose's work in the Archives includes collecting programs, documents, photographs and other memorabilia and organizing them in a way that they are available as sources of information about the university. The Archives located on the third floor is opened daily from 10:00-12:00 and 2:00-4:00 PM. Faculty and staff are invited to visit. In addition, Sister Rose works three hours daily at the circulation desk.

BEST STUDENT ASSISTANTS' AWARDS

Fall 2002-2003

Hazem Musleh, Hotel Management III
Khadiya Sabbah, Education IV

Spring 2002-2003

Joseph Qumsiyeh, Accounting II
Wafa Younis, Sociology II



DONORS

Lucia Loren from Australia has sent books and videos for our library collection. With the donation she writes "I have read with great interest about the various faculties at the University of Bethlehem. I am filled with admiration for your students and for your vision for the future and for your university teachers. God bless you and your work." Other donors include:

Applied Research Institute Jerusalem
Christian Brothers, San Francisco
Council for Cultural Cooperation
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Franciscan Printing Press
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Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute
Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics
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These donations contribute to our library collection and are greatly appreciated.

TURATHUNA

*Bethlehem Wedding Dress
(Thob Malak)*

*Worn by Mrs. Butros Elias Tuma Michel from
Bethlehem in 1870*

*Bethlehem Wedding Dress (Thob Malak):
This queenly garment was worn on the night of
a young woman's wedding. The dress
originated in Bethlehem and became
fashionable throughout southern Palestine.*

*Taqsiroh: Worn over the wedding dress, made of
green velvet, richly embroidered in gold.*

*Shatwafi: Embroidered with orange and velvet
silk, decorated with silver Ottoman coins.*

*On Loan to Turathuna
Center for Palestinian Heritage
at Bethlehem University
BY*

Mrs. Odette Sara Michel From Bethlehem



ثوب الزفاف لمنطقة بيت لحم
ثوب الملك
لزوجة السيد الياس توما ميكيل من بيت لحم
عام ١٨٧٠

ثوب الزفاف (ثوب الملك) :
كانت العروس تلبس ثوب الملك الفاخر يوم زفافها. أصل
الثوب من بيت لحم ثم أصبح يلبس في أنحاء جنوب فلسطين.

تقصيرة : تلبس فوق ثوب الزفاف مصنوعة من المخمل
الأخضر ومطرزة بالخياطة الذهبية.

الشطوة : مطرزة بالحريز البرتقالي والبنفسجي ومزينة بالنقود
الفضية من العهد العثماني.

إعارة من السيدة أوديت سارة ميكيل من بيت لحم
إلى مركز تراثنا في جامعة بيت لحم

Also Mrs. Elizabeth Moley visited again and donated another fine gift, a Bethlehem area necklace called Saba' Arwah (seven spirits). It was given to the bride as a part of her dowry and symbolized her groom's wish for a long life.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE LIBRARY

One of the projects completed during the year was the cataloging and classification of all the books in foreign languages. They are now on the shelves ready for use. Books in French and Spanish are primarily works of literature and language and are located in the special foreign language section on the second floor. Books in Italian, German, Russian, Hebrew, Latin and Greek are shelved with books in English. The records are included in the English language catalog.

French	1,908
Spanish	569
Italian	27
German	41
Russian	8
Hebrew	6
Latin	44
Greek	9
Total Books=	2,612

BOOK COLLECTION

LC Classification		Number of English Books	Number of Arabic Books
A	General Works	461	211
B-BJ	Philosophy, Psychology	1,366	1,663
BL- BX	Religion	1,934	2,741
C	Auxiliary Sciences of History	224	238
D	History: General and Old World	2,979	4,945
E-F	History: America	273	122
G	Geography, Anthropology, Recreation	793	643
H	Social Science	5,366	3,873
J	Political Science	709	761
K	Law	194	193
L	Education	1,913	1,834
M	Music	188	111
N	Fine Arts	549	312
P-PA	General Philology and Linguistics Classical Languages and Literatures	830	262
PB- PH	Modern European Languages	1,320	13
PG	Russian Literature	122	84
PJ- PM	Languages and Literatures of Asia, Africa, Oceania American Indian Languages Artificial Languages	312	6,457
PN	General Literature	1,001	641
PR	English	2,390	110
PS	American	972	96
PQ	French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese	372	153
PT	German, Dutch, Scandinavian	97	21
PZ	Fiction	531	13
Q	Sciences	4,928	778
R	Medicine	3,435	1,005
S	Agriculture	256	216
T	Technology	1,904	554
U	Military Science	60	64
V	Naval Science	6	14
Z	Bibliography, Library Science	370	398
Total Books=		35,855	28,526

WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES, COURSES

Francis Sleibi
MS Access Database Workshop
Intel Channel Conference
Grant Proposal Writing Workshop

Valerie Rock
Power Point 2000 Course
Grant Proposal Writing Workshop

George Maria
Computer Maintenance Course

Mary Morcos
Grant Proposal Writing Workshop

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Congratulations to Mr. George Maria who received training on computer topics through the Kaizen Fund, and became a trainer at the Institute of Community Partnership. This is genuine professional development. Thank you for being receiver and giver as well.

DIGITAL MEDIA EDUCATION PROJECT

Renovations being made in the basement of the library will prepare for a new project, "The Digital Media Education in Palestine 2003-2005 – Pilot Training Programme in Self-Learning with Internet." The project is sponsored by Bethlehem University, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Finland, and the Diaconia Polytechnic in Finland. It is planned with Palestinian partners, Radio Bethlehem 2000 and Radio Net Café.

The main purpose as stated by the planners is to create a functional self-learning environment. It starts with a pilot training programme which will produce one ready training model including the making of web pages, digital audio, digital video and how to connect all these and put them into a web. Students will design courses on the web from the material they get from the professor of the course. From this material they will make also an education programme for radio, so that students can listen to the lesson from radio, read or listen to it from the web and watch videos of the subject.

A Media Center will be created with the required equipment and technology including digital video equipment, studio equipment, video edit/audio mixer, DV-recorder, video cassette recorder for copying, video/TV combo for viewing, training room/video studio, and software/hardware.



CIRCULATION STATISTICS 2002 – 2003

L.C.Class	Fall			Spring		
	Arabic	English	Total	Arabic	English	Total
A	6	0	6	11	3	14
B	1154	113	1267	1117	146	1263
C	15	3	18	8	8	16
D	523	102	625	672	28	700
E-F	19	5	24	4	4	8
G	285	27	312	278	48	326
H	1048	290	1338	1255	400	1655
J	373	12	385	210	5	215
K	5	0	5	66	6	72
L	818	126	944	787	126	913
M	45	41	86	29	26	55
N	101	11	112	116	4	120
P	2550	784	3334	3469	1129	4598
Q	287	210	497	225	427	652
R	284	396	680	270	463	733
S	16	12	28	24	9	33
T	137	210	347	140	81	221
U	7	0	7	0	0	0
V	0	0	0	5	0	5
Z	3	4	7	20	0	20
Total	7676	2346	10022	8706	2913	11619
Daily Average	115	35	150	121	40	161

