



B.U. Library Embarks on its Digitization Project

In early 2009 the new Vice Chancellor, Brother Peter Bray, FSC, EdD, set out to unfold his vision and goals of governance and leadership for Bethlehem University in the decade to come. He invited members of the academic community into a 'process of dreaming,' hopefully to transform BU into the "university of the year" in a decade's time.

The challenge was heard loud and clear by the Library Staff. Inspired by this call and empowered by its typical spirit of teamwork and sense of responsibility, the Library staff lost no time in working out details of the action plan to digitize library resources, starting day one after the convocation.

As this project of digitization comes into focus, we also take note that this idea of converting Library resources into digital format has been echoed by the teaching faculty especially those involved with academic colleagues overseas. Through digitization, such academic efforts will be made easy through internet exchange and mutually accessing each others' Library resources. .

This project envisions the provision of a two-way easy access and networking between those involved in research and publications on and about Palestinian issues and other topics of current interest in academia. Materials that deal with Palestinian topics (books, journals, research papers, and other formats) have now been listed as priorities to be included in the digitization project. In addition, work on archival materials is now going on to preserve the historical records of the University.

In this initial stage, we thank our Vice Chancellor, Brother Peter Bray, FSC, EdD, for his support and provision of the first source of funding—the Embassy of New Zealand in Ankara, Turkey, which has awarded a partial grant toward the purchase of a server. **THANK YOU!**

Photos below show (left) Sr. Rose Amacanin, Archivist, and George Maria, AV Centre staff, working on a digital conversion of archival materials; on the right are samples of local newspapers in a compact disc format.



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TIMETABLE OF LIBRARY SERVICES

The Library is open on class days from:

- * 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM as well as on official make-up days announced by the Administration.
- * It is closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and University holidays.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Off-campus users are welcome to the Library on Wednesdays and Fridays of the week.

A NEW TUTORIAL ON "HOW TO USE THE LIBRARY RESOURCES"

(In Arabic and English)

IS OFFERED ONLINE FOR A MORE PRODUCTIVE VISIT TO THE LIBRARY.

Go to our Library Website, at <http://library.bethlehem.edu/> and:

- * be informed of policies and procedures in the Library;
- * update yourself with the latest online journals and databases;
- * keep track about news on campus and in the Library.



LIBRARY STAFF IN ACTION—LIBRARY LIAISON TEAM MEETING FALL 2009



On the right, Hala Marzouka (at the podium), Vera Koussa, Rebecca Calaor, and Francis Sleibi (l-r), members of the Library Administrative Team and facilitators of the Library Liaison Team meeting, providing a venue for teachers and staff to share academic +experiences and current library issues.



A view of teacher-representatives for the Library Liaison Team meeting, Fall 2009.



Rebecca Calaor presents some novelties found at the Circulation Desk services.



Brother Robert Smith, FSC, PhD, Vice President for Academic Affairs, confers with Vera Koussa, Library Staff.



After a lengthy session of discussion, participants deserve a break — and a time for social interaction...



YOU ARE GRATEFULLY REMEMBERED...

"For it is in giving that we receive..."

Book Aid International

V I S
 Bro. Robert Smith, FSC, PhD
 Dr. Inge Tiemann
 An-Najah University
 De La Salle Christian Brothers Community at
 Bethlehem University, c/o Bro. Joseph
 Loewenstein, FSC
 Fr. David Neuhaus, SJ
 Aid to the Church In Need
 MICAD – Tempus, c/o Lucia Russo
 Gabriella Kattan
 Dr. Phillip Boille
 Institute for Public Policies-IPP
 Aman-Coalition for Accountability and
 Integrity
 Yousef Adawi
 Palestine Capital Market Authority
 Qader for Community Development
 Civic Coalition for Defending the Palestinian
 Rights in Jerusalem
 Muyassar Milhem
 Wael Kishek
 Australian Palestinian Association
 BADIL
 FAFO—Inst. for Applied International Studies,
 c/o Akram Atallah Alayasa
 Johannes Zang, c/o Max Von Danwitz
 Henri Diab
 Emirates Media and Studies Center
Bashir Barakat, c/o Dr. Mu'men Badarin
 Ali Khawaja
 Ismael Hammud, c/o Bro. Peter Bray, FSC,
 EdD
 Institute for Democracy and Electoral
 Assistance –IDEA
 Khalil Shokeh
 Abd El Malik Al-Rimawi
 Hammad Hussein, c/o Mousa Darwish
 Kifah Harb
 Jala Al-Dbeik
 The Palestinian Islamic Legislative Authority

Palestinian Centre for Human Rights
 Hamoked Center for the Defence of the
 Individual
 Heinrich Boll Fdn./Arab Middle East Office
 Palestine Monetary Authority
 Enrique Daccarett
 Bro. Jean Manuel, FSC
 United Nations
 Korean Foundation
 French Consulate, Jerusalem
 Fr. Peter Dubrul, SJ
 Ahmad Fares Odeh
 MAS—Palestine Economic Policy Research
 Institute
Na'an Development
 Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of
 Global Dialogue and Democracy
 Palestinian Woman Center for Research and
 Documentation
 UNDP
 Ms. Marlene Rock
 Palestinian Red Cescent
**Palestinian Women's Research Center
 B'Tselem**
 Mohammad Al-Hanini
 Ahmad Kayed
 Representative Office of Japan
 Prof. Dr. Edgar Kössler
 School of Communication, Dublin City
 University, c/o Dr. Norma Masrieh
 Fr. Thomas Stransky, csp
 Bishop Michel Dubost, Bishop of the Diocese
 D' Evry, France
 Teresian Association
Muzain Jacob Burqain, BU'93
 Mr. Csaba Czibere & Gergely Arató of the
 Ministry of Education and Culture,
 Hungary
 Mr. Andrew Mackinlay, House of Commons,
 UK
 Iram Siraj-Blatchford, The Open University,
 United Kingdom
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Fr. Jamal Khader
 Dr. Sami Basha
 Republic of Cyprus, Press and Information
 Office
 Center of Arab Unity Studies
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Qasem Al Harb, BU'84
 Bro. Daoud Kassabreh, FSC, c/o Bro.
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 and Paul," Jerusalem**
 Edmund Durst, c/o Fr. Peter Dubrul, SJ
 Albayyara Publishing House, U.A.E.-A.D. - The
 Emirates Center for Strategic
 Studies and Research
 The British Council
 Prof. Moin Halloun
Wafa' Abd el Karim AlZagha
 Attache de Cooperation pour le Francais
 Service de Cooperation et d'Action
 Culturelle, c/o Mrs. Chantal Juge
 Mustard Seed Fund, c/o Elias Hazin
 Noah Salameh
 Wild Life Society in Palestine
 Lutfi Zaghul
 Adwan Nimr Adwan
 The Christian Islamic Commission in support
 of Jerusalem and the holy sites
 Suzan Al-Rasikh
 Ahmad Al-Alami
 Al Naysak for Supportive Education and
 Scientific Innovation
 Mada al Carmel
 Ayyoub Abu Dayyeh
 Dina Hamamreh
 Ministry of Education and H. Education
 International Academy of Arts
 Arab Center for Applied Social Research
 Dr. Ken Stenstrup

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You must be the change you wish to see in the world.

Mahatma Ghandi

Remember 'the old farmer who spent hours in the parish church of Ars, and when asked by St. Jean Vianney, the Curé of Ars, what he was doing, replied, "I look at the good God and the good God looks at me."

OUR STUDENTS' CORNER...

Fall 2009 Student Activity

Ms. Raphaela Fischer-Mourra, BU'07, Lecturer of English, speaks to our student-assistants of her experiences as a student in BU and her success story as she successfully completed her Master's degree at Georgetown University, USA.



A view of our student workers as they listen to Raphaela give her inspirational talk in the presence of Brother Robert and the Library staff.

Br. Robert Smith, FSC, PhD, Academic Vice President, hands Amal Shuabat, BU'11, her certificate for Best Student-Assistant at the Library, Fall 2009. while Ms. Mary Claire Habash looks on.



Spring 2010 Student Activity



Ms. Rebecca Calaor, Deputy Library Director, welcomes staff and students.



Ms. Elsa Hazboun, Director of Personnel Management, shares her story of generosity and philanthropy, as Vice Chancellor Brother Peter Bray looks on.

The Best among our Student-Workers



Brother Peter Bray (right) is seen with Ms. Elsa Hazboun (left) as they pose for a picture with Khawla Al-Hajahja, BU'11, and Muna Masad, BU'11, who received their awards for Best Library Student-Assistants.



Brother Peter Bray, FSC, EdD, Vice Chancellor, shares his words of encouragement with the students of Community Service and the Work-Study Program.



OUR STUDENT-WORKERS SPEAK...



I'm Omar Abu Ihlayel an English Literature major at B.U. I'm in my third year now and I'm striving to do my best this semester. Any kind of university studies has lots of expenses and costs a great deal of money. Luckily, B.U. Library is an indispensable department that helps students to have tuition reduction. Furthermore, by means of WS (Work Study) program, the Library enables me to subsidize my university fees and lessen my financial burdens. Finally, I thank the Library staff of B.U. for their assistance and their efforts in carrying out the B.U. educational mission and especially in developing the resources that help my country to develop and flourish. Special thanks to Ms. Rebecca (my supervisor) for her help in giving order to my work.

My name is Ahmad Younis a student of business administration at Bethlehem University. I work in the Library of B.U. I need to share with my friends and all the students at B.U. my experience of working 6 hours per week, in addition to my studies.

I am really very proud of working in one of the biggest institutions and buildings that is B.U. Library. In addition to learning how to shelve books properly and arranging everything in an orderly way in the Library, I have learnt a very important thing in life, that is, systematic organization and punctuality in my job.

My thanks to all the B.U. Library staff.



As a Bethlehem University student I believe it was a good opportunity to have my Community Service course done at Bethlehem University Library. I thought working at the Library would be so boring and simple, but my idea has completely changed especially when I was given many tasks to do at the Library such as book shelving, shelf reading, assisting freshmen students in using the Library, assisting librarians in preparing new books for the library, and putting things in order or (PTO) that I used to do at the end of each day.

In addition to the work experience that I gained, I believe my personality has been

A Reflection from Community Service Student, Lara Hazou



changed significantly since I became more respectful of others and served most of the students, staff and faculty members of B.U who know me more **because I've been assisting them at the Library.** I also learned how important time is; therefore I learned how to be very punctual aside from managing my time for work and study as well.

Finally I would like to thank all librarians who have stood by me; thanks to those who were patient in teaching me how to work. Mainly I would like to thank Ms. Rebecca and Juana who were always supportive.

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DONATIONS IN PICTURES



Circulation Statistics, 2009 – 2010

L.C. Class	Summer 2009			Fall 2009			Spring 2010		
	Arabic	English	Total	Arabic	English	Total	Arabic	English	Total
A	0	0	0	5	6	11	3	10	3
B	324	16	340	1178	79	1257	1136	175	1311
C	1	0	1	7	1	8	6	6	12
D	641	19	660	956	68	1024	913	98	1011
E-F	10	1	11	7	2	9	18	42	62
G	34	2	36	210	19	229	177	36	213
H	153	28	181	1189	332	1521	1317	320	1637
J	93	4	97	209	19	228	128	47	175
K	1	0	1	17	9	26	4	27	30
L	218	14	232	902	127	1029	1041	147	1188
M	0	0	0	6	1	7	6	4	10
N	1	1	2	93	13	106	88	12	100
P	360	109	469	2656	658	3314	3417	844	4261
Q	63	21	84	143	315	458	220	355	575
R	104	62	166	92	389	481	288	382	670
S	5	0	5	11	5	16	25	6	31
T	31	19	50	49	95	144	55	94	149
U	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	9
V	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Z	14	0	14	4	5	9	0	2	2
Total	2053	295	2348	7734	2143	9877	8846	2612	11459
Daily Average	68	10	78	105	29	133	132	39	171

Observation:

Note: The above table shows the usage of books borrowed according to the Library of Congress. The Fall and Spring Terms coincided in the same subject fields loaned out by both undergraduate/graduate students and teaching staff. The most borrowed are from Language and Literature(P); Social Sciences(H); Psychology, Philosophy, and Religion(B); Education(L); History(D); Nursing(R); and Science(Q). In Summer the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th most borrowed coincided with the regular Fall and Spring Terms. Evidently, there is a much greater use of resources in Arabic than those in the English language.

EBSCO USAGE

Sessions	8840
Searches	34575
Total Full Text	8756
PDF Full Text	6463
HTML Full Text	2292
Abstract	9090
Smart Link To	863
Smart Link From	858

JSTOR STATISTICS JAN-MAY 2010

	browsing				viewing		printing			searches	total
	title-list	vol/Iss	TOCs	citations	pages	(articles)	jprint	pdf	ps		
2010/01	3	1	0	3	480	213	0	139	0	364	990
2010/02	12	11	7	2	686	421	0	165	0	539	1,422
2010/03	10	17	8	19	2,193	997	0	366	0	1,369	3,982
2010/04	17	22	7	32	2,018	992	0	319	0	1,424	3,839
2010/05	55	19	14	6	1,039	476	0	194	0	824	2,151

POTPOURRI

Feedback from YOU...

Your web site presentation is beautiful, I admire it. Please accept my congratulations.

Prof. Katarzyna Dybel, Universite Jagellonne de Cracovie, Poland

We come back here to borrow books because we know our Library has very rich resources.

Nael, B.U.'95

Thanks for keeping the faculty and staff updated. God bless,

Dr Adnan Musallam, BU Humanities Dep't.

Thank you ...I know I can count on your generous cooperation. All the best,

Fr. Jamal Khader, BU Dean of Arts

Thank you for your support and kind care (for Berlanty) Sincerely,

Francoise Daoud, BU Nursing Faculty

Our THANKS to...

- * *our Administrators—especially Brother Peter Bray and Brother Robert Smith—for their continuing support.;*
- * *the Library Liaison Team Representatives and their Deans, Directors, and Chairpersons—for their great spirit of cooperation;*
- * *students of the Work-Study Program; and participants of the Community Service group coordinated by Elias Hazin; they are a tremendous help in carrying out our educational mission;*
- * *Elsa Hazboun and Raphaela Fischer for their support and assistance during our Student-Assistants' Activity;*
- * *our generous donors, for remembering us and contributing toward the enhancement of our library resources, facilities, and services;*
- * *to all our colleagues and friends in the academic community who have, in one way or another, facilitated the smooth running of the library—for their patience and understanding !*

*"LIFE IS LIKE RIDING A BICYCLE,
TO KEEP YOUR BALANCE YOU MUST KEEP MOVING."*

ALBERT EINSTEIN IN A LETTER TO HIS SON EDUARD, FEBRUARY 5, 1930

More from Albert Einstein—physicist and Nobel Prize winner... who became one of the most brilliant scientists, and who, through his studies of science, was drawn closer to God... He wrote:

"Curiosity has its own reason for existing...One cannot help but be in awe when one contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality."

Taken from "Einstein, His Life and Universe", by Walter Isaacson, London: Pocket Books, 2007, p.548

MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR ...

This year, I am celebrating two decades of service at Bethlehem University. When I look back, sentiments of gratitude, joy, and elation fill my heart.

Most of all, I have an awesome feeling at how much God has given me through persons, events, and tasks entrusted to me by former Vice Chancellors. In giving and receiving we can never gauge who gives or receives more. There is no quantifying the quality of social/work relationships. But one thing is sure, we grow and are enriched by the values and good examples we receive from, and give to, each other.

Twenty years is a long time. However, twenty years here at the University seemed to have been speeding by as I have had the privilege of serving the University in a variety of capacities.

I am grateful for the magnanimity and generosity of the Brothers I have worked with all through the years; I am edified by their modest witnessing of selfless, generous service and the fraternal support they offer to all.

I have been blessed with the joy of forming friendships that have stood the test of time with those I have worked. From these friends, I have learned loyalty and sincerity; and with them, I have formed strong bonds so that our work here at BU will be more enduring, enriching, and evermore fruitful.

This academic year has been different. Echoing the headline story, we have dreamed, dared, and are prepared to take the risk so that B.U. can move, in a globalised world, with firm and sure steps toward joining an increasingly digital information-sharing era in education.

I thank and congratulate my colleagues in the Library who share this same passion and have irrevocably answered the challenge of digitizing our Library resources.



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