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# HUMAN LIBRARY EVENTS

A Human Library (A person rather than book) session was organized on Wednesday February 23, 2022 at LRC. Prof Abid HK Shirwani (DG/Co-Founder/ Head ORIC-UMT) was the speaker of the session. He shared his tacit knowledge on Kitaab Aur Arooj-e-Zindagi. He also shared his life experiences with the participants about how to make a successful person in life. The session was highly lauded by the participants.



A Human Library (A person rather than a book) session was organized on March 24, 2022. Prof Dr. Sohail A Qureshi (Department of Life Sciences) was the speaker of the session. He shared his tacit knowledge on Us & Them. The session was highly appreciated by the participants.



A Human Library (A person rather than a book) event was organized on June 01, 2022 at the University of Management and Technology on philosophy of an entrepreneur's life. Dr. Max Syed, Chief Executive Officer, Odyssey Group of Companies was the resource person of the event. Prof. Dr. Sohail Ahmad Qureshi, Department of Life sciences welcomed the participants and said that LRC is starting series of events of Human Library in which intellectuals will talk about their life experiences and tacit knowledge in order to produce a well informed and knowledge based society.



A Human Library (A person rather than a book) event was organized on Friday, October 28, 2022 at Main Building (MC-03) of University of Management and Technology. Topic of discussion was "What Money cannot Buy". Dr. Sohail Ahmed Qureshi was the speaker of the event. The Chief Library Officer received the speaker and presented him a bouquet. The program was started at 10:30am with recitation of holy Quran by Muhammad Razzaq, Library Officer. Mr. Zaheer Ahmad, Chief Library Officer, LRC introduced the programme and the speaker. Dr. Sohail Ahmed Qureshi discussed his topic in detail with examples in his presentation. In Q/A session participants asked the questions regarding the topic of discussion.



A Human Library event was organized on November 30, 2022 in the University of Management and Technology (UMT), Lahore. The topic of discussion was How Creative Writing Changes Life and Career. Ms Sara Naveed, Author/Entrepreneur/Sr. Content Writer, Digital Transformation Solutions & Consulting Services was the Human Library of this event. Mr Zaheer Ahmad, Head LRC, introduced the program and said that LRC has initiated a human library in order to promote positive human interactions and management of tacit knowledge.



The Learning Resource Center (LRC) of UMT organized a seminar on Iqbal's Thought and its Importance in the Present Era to mark the birth anniversary of poet and philosopher Dr Allama Muhammad Iqbal on November 10, 2022 at the University of Management and Technology (UMT), Lahore. Dr. Pir Syed Tariq Sharifzada (Renowned Scholar and CEO Seerat TV) was the speaker of the seminar. The speaker shared his thoughts on Iqbal's work, message and application of his ideas in society.



# LRC Resources and Services Awareness Sessions

Learning Resource Center (LRC) of University of Management and Technology (UMT) conducted a seminar on LRC Resources/Services and their Effective Utilization for the faculty members and students of UMT Raiwind Campus on February 22, 2022. Mr Zaheer Ahmad, Chief Library Officer/Head LRC, in a comprehensive way, briefed the participants about the resources and services which is being offered by the LRC to its patrons and how these can be availed to fulfill the information needs.

Learning Resource Center (LRC) of University of Management and Technology (UMT) conducted a seminar on LRC Resources/Services and their Effective Utilization for the students of UMT Quaid e Azam Campus on March 31, 2022. Muhammad Azeem Naz, Director, UMT QAC welcomed the resource person Mr Zaheer Ahmad, Chief Library Officer/Head LRC in the campus. The resource person, in a comprehensive way, briefed the participants about the resources and services which are being offered by the LRC to its patrons and how these can be availed to fulfil the information needs.



Learning Resource Center (LRC) of University of Management and Technology (UMT) conducted a seminar on LRC Resources/Services and their Effective Utilization for the students of Institute of Liberal Arts (ILA) Dept. of Linguistics and Communications UMT on April 01, 2022. Muhammad Ismail, Senior Library Officer delivered the lecture. The resource person briefed the participants about the resources and services which are being offered by the LRC to its patrons and how these can be availed to fulfill the information needs.

Learning Resource Center (LRC) of University of Management and Technology (UMT) conducted a seminar on LRC Resources/Services and their Effective Utilization for the MPhil scholars of Department of Clinical Psychology at UMT on April 12, 2022. Muhammad Ismail, Senior Library Officer, delivered the lecture. The resource person briefed the participants about the resources and services which are being offered by the LRC to its patrons and how these can be availed to fulfill the information needs.



Learning Resource Center (LRC) of University of Management and Technology (UMT) conducted a seminar on LRC Resources/Services and their Effective Utilization for the Mphil scholars of MIS on May 19, 2022. Muhammad Ismail, Senior Library Officer, delivered the lecture. The resource person briefed the participants about the resources and services which are being offered by the LRC to its patrons and how these can be availed to fulfill the information needs.





Learning Resource Center (LRC) of University of Management and Technology (UMT) conducted a seminar on LRC Resources/Services and their Effective Utilization for the Dept. of English and Literary Studies on May 24, 2022. Muhammad Ismail, Senior Library Officer, delivered the lecture. The resource person briefed the participants about the resources and services which are being offered by the LRC to its patrons and how these can be availed to fulfill the information needs.

Importance of Library Resources and Services, an awareness session was conducted by Learning Resource Center. Mr Muhammad Ismail, Senior Library Officer conducted the session on Thursday 9 June, 2022. Moreover, the participants were also guided "how to search smartly and effectively".



The Department of Islamic Thought and Civilization (DITC) organized a workshop on Thursday, September 8, 2022, for the MPhil and PhD research scholars on "Effective Utilization of LRC Resources and Services". Mr Zaheer Ahmad, Chief Library Officer/Head Learning Resource Center (LRC) was the resource person of the workshop. The resource person, in a comprehensive way, briefed the participants about the resources and services which are being offered by the LRC to its patrons and how these can be availed to fulfill the information needs.



The Department of Special Education organized a seminar on Saturday, November 19, 2022, for the Mphil research scholars on “Effective Utilization of LRC Resources and Services”. Mr Zaheer Ahmad, Chief Library/Head Learning Resource Center (LRC) was the resource person. Mr. Zaheer Ahmad, in a comprehensive way, briefed the participants about the resources and services which are being offered by the LRC to its patrons and how these can be availed to fulfil the information needs.



The School of Law and Policy organized a workshop on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, for the newcomers on “Effective Utilization of LRC Resources and services”. Mr Muhammad Ismail, Senior Library Officer was the resource person. Mr. Muhammad Ismail, in a comprehensive way, briefed the participants about the resources and services which are being offered by the LRC to its patrons and how these can be availed to fulfil their information needs.



The Learning Resource Center (LRC) of the University of Management and Technology (UMT) conducted a seminar on LRC Resources/Services and their Effective Utilization for the faculty members and students of UMT Raiwind Campus on December 20, 2022. In a comprehensive way, Mr Zaheer Ahmad, Chief Library Officer/Head LRC, briefed the participants about the resources and services offered by the LRC to its users and how these can be availed to fulfil their information needs. He was of the view that it is important for all new users to know about our services and what we might be able to do for them. We back up these sessions throughout the year with further training on all aspects of information skills—from using our print collections and making the best use of our electronic resources.



# Research Support Trainings

"Agile Searching Techniques: A hands-on training workshop" was organized for the research scholars of Media and Communication Studies on Friday 10 June, 2022. All the participants actively participated and showed the deep interest. At the end of the workshop, the participants were too much happy for the techniques they learned during the session.



Learning Resource Center (LRC) of University of Management and Technology (UMT) conducted a seminar on Preventing Plagiarism and Fostering Academic Integrity on June 21, 2022 for the students and faculty members of UMT School of Pharmacy, Health Science Campus. Mr Zaheer Ahmad, Chief Library Officer/Head LRC was the resource person of the seminar. In the session, Chief Library Officer, in a precise wide-ranging way, lime lighted the Academic Integrity and Ethical Issues in Academia.



Learning Resource Center (LRC) of University of Management and Technology (UMT) conducted a seminar on Citation Management: Tools and Techniques on July 5, 2022 for the students and faculty members of UMT School of Pharmacy, Health Science Campus. Mr. Zaheer Ahmad, Chief Library Officer/Head was the resource person of the seminar. While highlighting the importance of citation management, Mr. Zaheer said that creating references and citing published work in research writing is one of the most critical areas in producing a well-rounded piece of paper. Adopting a specific style of creating references is required by the publishers. Mr. Zaheer practically guided the participants about Mendeley features, making a library, and citing sources within the manuscripts. He also conducted a mock session to answer the queries of the attendees.



The Department of Islamic Thought and Civilization (DITC) organized a workshop on Thursday, September 8, 2022, for the MPhil and PhD research scholars on "Citation Management, Tools and Techniques". Mr. Zaheer Ahmad, Chief Library Officer/Head Learning Resource Center (LRC) was the resource person of the workshop. The resource person said that creating references and citing published work in research writing is one of the most critical areas in producing a well-rounded piece of paper. Adopting a specific style of creating references is required by publishers. Mr. Zaheer practically guided the participants about Mendeley features, making a library, and citing sources within the manuscripts. He also conducted a mock session to answer the queries of the attendees.



The Department of Special Education organized a Hands-on-Training Workshop on Saturday, November 19, 2022, for the MPhil research scholars on “Agile Searching Techniques: How to search smartly”. Mr Muhammad Ismail, Senior Library Officer was the resource person. He delivered the lecture on Agile searching Techniques. The resource person demonstrated the participants along with hands-on practice that how to search the literature smartly and efficiently. The participants were much excited by learning the advanced searching techniques. MS Javeria, the class supervisor thanked the participants. He also thanked the resource person for delivering the valuable session with the students.



# LRC Signed MoUs

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the University of Management and Technology (UMT) and Nearpeer. Nearpeer is a digital learning platform that aims to make quality education affordable and accessible throughout Pakistan and the Middle East using technology.

The MoU was signed through the Office of Corporate Linkages and Placements (OCLP) and Learning Resource Center (LRC) to strengthen the Industry and Academia linkages and to facilitate UMT students specifically in CSS exam preparation and provision of free of cost Digital Learning Platform.



A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between Learning Resource Center (LRC) of the University of Management and Technology (UMT) and COMSATS University Islamabad, Lahore Campus in order to provide information resources, services and exchanging professional expertise.



# LRC-UMT Team's Contribution in DDC

UMT Library is one of the best university libraries in private sector universities of Pakistan. Its state of the art infrastructure, rich collection, conducive environment and other attributes all are indebted to personal interest and enthusiasm of late **Dr. Hassan S. Murad**. He always granted openhearted budget to the library and never fixed its upper limit. The library management also took keen interest in developing a rich collection.

With phenomenal increase in Islamic literature, its subjects' depth and diversity at UMT library the international classification scheme, Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC), used to classify the books fell short in accommodating this rich collection. Furthermore, **Prof. Muhammad Nawaz Dogar**, a renowned scholar, ordered to classify and automate his personal Islamic library. With DDC's limitations, particularly regarding Islam, in mind the UMT library professionals decided to get this issue resolved.

**OCLC**, a global library organization, was approached with the suggestions for review in **DDC** by an email in April 2019. The response was overwhelming and encouraging that there began the cumbersome process. A lot of communication then happened through email with the concerned **OCLC** team for sharing suggestions, drafts, arguments, fulfillment of their prerequisites, etc. Our accepted suggestions were then further shared with the Bibliotheca Alexandriana Egypt for review and approval. After nearly a three years of continuous efforts and patience the first draft approved on December 1 st , 2021. It was a great success and a memorable moment to have contributed to an international work of that stature. The total five suggestions/ exhibits from UMT library professionals have been approved and added in **DDC 24th** edition.

The details of five approved exhibits are as follows.

## **First Exhibit (1-EPC-S29.1a)**

1. Islam and Secular Disciplines
2. Islam and Technology
3. Islam and political science
4. Islam and Natural Sciences, Mathematics
5. Islam and the arts and recreation
6. Islam and economics



## Second Exhibit (2-EPC-S29.1b)

1. Gusl, Tayammum and wudu
2. Adhan/ azan

## Third Exhibit (3-EPC-S29.1c)

1. Naqshabandiyah
2. Chishtiyah
3. Qadiriya
4. Suhrawardiyah

## Fourth Exhibit (4- EPC-S29.1d)

1. Zakat al.Fitr

## Fifth Exhibit (EPC Exhibit 143-S29.1d)

1. Itikaf (staying for a time in a mosque)

Few more suggested drafts for review in Pakistan, South Asia and Central Asia, related classification numbers are under consideration for approval. Team LRC is in communication with the OCLC and quite optimistic for their approval and incorporation in DDC in near future.

UMT Library is one of the best university libraries in private sector universities of Pakistan. Its state of the art i

Team involved in this responsibility from national and international level

### Pakistan



### Egypt



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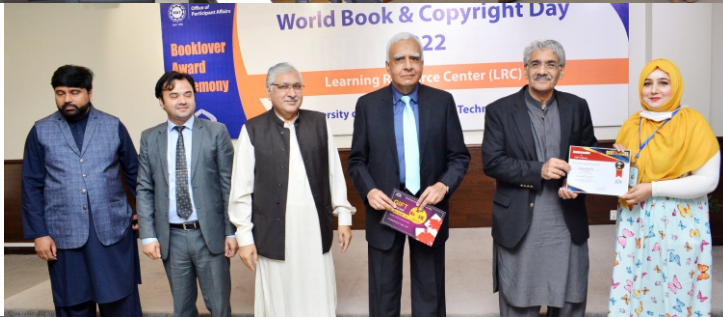
All the changes have been made in the 23rd edition of DDC and it is also available in the web edition of DDC. For reference, details can be accessed from the below-mentioned link.

<http://oc.lc/DeweyExhibits>

# World Book and Copyright Day Celebrations

Learning Resource Center (LRC) of the University of Management and Technology (UMT) in collaboration with the Office of Participant Affairs (OPA) celebrated World Book and Copyright Day 2022 on April 01, 2022 at UMT, Lahore in order to highlight the importance of book reading and how it plays an important role in the development and progress of nations. This celebration consisted of three parts, which are as under:

- 1- Book Walk
- 2- Debate among students (Books in hard form versus Books in soft form)
- 3- Book lover Awards Ceremony



# LRC 1st Floor Renovation

Renovation for the first floor of Learning Resource Center was initiated upon the special approval from the President UMT Mr. Ibrahim Murad. This action shows his keen interest towards library.

Major features driving the current design include state-of-the-art infrastructure comprising beautiful discussion rooms, individual study areas, a newspaper reading area, a digital library section, an automated circulation area, creating large information commons, rationalizing library offices, improved aesthetics, new furniture and much more.

Additionally, we are installing access control systems with entrance turnstiles to manage and control entry into LRC autonomously and efficiently. LRC is excited about the plan that is fastly being executed, and the ways that it will enhance teaching, learning, and scholarship at Learning Resource Center (LRC) of UMT.

