Seamless user experiences in a brand new library

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Outline

• KAUST Vision
• Library as a Space
• Born Online Library
• Technology
• Embedded Librarianship
• Lessons Learned
KAUST will be a globally renowned graduate research university that makes significant contributions to scientific and technological advancement, and will play a crucial role in the development of Saudi Arabia and the world.
A Campus within 3 years

Library Building: Construction
KAUST Library building

American Institute of Architects
American Library Association
Award Winner

2011
Library as a Space
Open 24 x 7

Self Check out/Check in

Group study rooms, Quiet area, Conference room and Computer Lab

150 workstations with popular software

Wi-fi and ethernet connectivity

Print/copy/scan/fax: self-service + staffed Copy Center
A “Born Digital / Online” library.

Ninety percent of our collection is online; they are purchased, organized and accessed online.

The right information, to the right person at the right time (24X7).
Search to Discovery

One stop search for all collection: ejournals, articles, ebooks, databases, printed books etc.

Search Library

Find King Abdullah University of Science and Technology Library electronic and print resources -- journals, books, databases, reference works, images, and more.

graphene

English | Arabic
Client Server to Cloud Architecture

Source: Branin, Al Zahrani and Yu, IATUL 2012
Library Goes Mobile

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Recently Introduced
Usage analysis (of different resources) shows the increase over two years, due to:

- Increased awareness
- Marketing/Outreach
- Improved technology

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First Library in Saudi Arabia to use LibGuide platform
Skills Trainings & Subject Specialists

- Scheduled workshops
- Class room teaching
- Semester orientations
- Research consultations
- Subject librarians
- Embedded librarians
Publication Profile (Since Sept 2009): Source Scopus
Huge amount of electronic resources = Ever increasing challenges.

Steps to Success:

- Good ILMS, supported with better ERM features.
- Well-designed user interfaces, supported with web scale discovery tools.
- Resource Organization and Quality Cataloguing.
- Marketing strategies, Outreach, Trainings, Orientations.
- Embedded librarians, subject specialist role.
- Periodic analysis of usage, Intelligent decisions on renewals and subscriptions.
- Effective and Fast Document delivery service.
THANK YOU

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Where inspiration is born

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