

مكتبة قطر الوطنية

QATAR NATIONAL LIBRARY

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## Qatar National Library's Role in Supporting Qatar through its Journey towards a Knowledge Based Economy

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# VISION

# الرؤية

مد جسور المعرفة بين تراث قطر ومستقبلها

Bridging with knowledge Qatar's  
heritage and future

# MISSION

# الرسالة

نشر المعرفة، وصقل ملكات الإبداع، وتعزيز الابتكار،  
والحفاظ على تراث الأمة من أجل المستقبل

To spread knowledge, nurture imagination,  
cultivate creativity, and preserve the nation's  
heritage for the future

# نبذة عن مكتبة قطر الوطنية

## ABOUT QATAR NATIONAL LIBRARY



Qatar National Library (QNL) is a non-profit organisation established under the umbrella of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development.

مكتبة قطر الوطنية هي منظمة غير ربحية تأسست تحت مظلة مؤسسة قطر للتربية والعلوم وتنمية المجتمع.



# مبنى مكتبة قطر الوطنية المتطور

## THE STATE-OF-THE-ART QNL BUILDING



The QNL building was designed to encourage library visitors to explore the progression of knowledge from the past to the present.

تم تصميم مبنى مكتبة قطر الوطنية وفق أحدث معطيات التكنولوجيا الحديثة بما يحفز الزوار على استكشاف مسيرة تطور المعرفة من الماضي إلى الحاضر.

# Four pillars of Qatar 2030 Vision and QNL

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- 1. Human Development:** QNL supports education on all levels through providing free access to the world's knowledge and train Qataris with information literacy to better manage the multiple challenges of globalization and realize their potential in an information society
- 2. Social development:** QNL will help to preserve the country's national heritage and work closely with families, to foster heritage knowledge. QNL will provide special reading and learning opportunities to empower Qatari women.
- 3. Economic development:** QNL provides access to international databases of information and knowledge to ensure the competitiveness in the local and global business environment and support the development of a diverse knowledge economy
- 4. Environmental development:** QNL will support distribution of environmental knowledge through activities for young and old, and provide information about international research and development.

# Development of QNL departments and workforce

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- Public Services, Technical Services, Special Collections and Archives, Administration and Planning and IT
- Recruitment
- Total staff around 170
- Staff from different nationalities
- Development of Qatari librarians
- Branch Libraries

# وظائف مكتبة قطر الوطنية

## QATAR NATIONAL LIBRARY FUNCTIONS



# QNL collections and other services

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1. 1.2 Million Printed books (Main Library)
2. Over 500,000 E-Books (National License and Perpetual License)
3. Thousands of E-Journal and article databases ; different levels of access including NAG, NAP and Perpetual license)
4. Archive of Qatar websites and information about Qatar
5. Services to Children and Teens
6. 300 + Public computers
7. Gaming in library
8. Digitization
9. Workshop
10. Training



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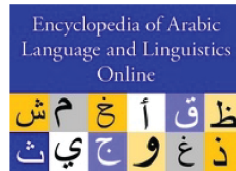
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## قواعد البيانات الإلكترونية

## ONLINE DATABASES



VOGUE



- English and Arabic Databases
- Cover different fields and disciplines
- Suit all ages and interests
- Provided free of cost
- Requires registration with QNL

- قواعد بيانات إلكترونية باللغتين العربية والإنجليزية
- تغطي مجالات مختلفة
- تناسب كل الأعمار والاهتمامات
- توفرها المكتبة مجاناً
- تتطلب فقط التسجيل بالمكتبة





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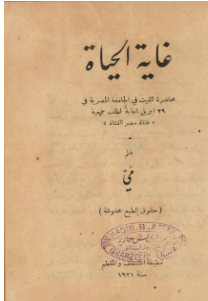
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## بعض مقتنيات مجموعة التراث العربي والإسلامي

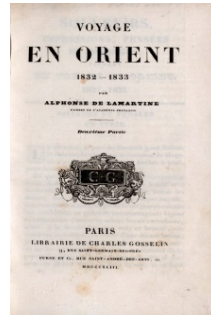
## ARAB AND ISLAMIC HERITAGE COLLECTION ITEMS



# Heritage Collections



Early Arabic printing



Books in European Languages



Manuscripts



Maps



Globes



Traveler's Instruments and Tools



# Research and Development

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- Qatar National Research Fund
- Various research projects with local and International universities
- Collection of research data sets and curation of data
- Local institutional Repositories vs. National Repository
- Development of EDUROAM and Research network

# QNL Collaboration

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- Dar Al Kutub and branch library
- British Library ([www.qdl.qa](http://www.qdl.qa))
- Library of Congress – World Digital Library (<http://www.wdl.org/en/search/?institution=qatar-national-library>)
- ELISQ – Electronic
- Qatar Computing Research Institute (QCRI)
  - Arabic OCR
- Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies (QFIS)
  - Islamic Economics and Finance databank
- Texas A & M University
  - Oral History Project
  - Usability testing
- Ministry of iCT Qatar
  - Digitization of Audio Visual Content

# QNL as National Digitization Centre for Qatar

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- Development of Digitization Policy of Qatar
- Digitizing Manuscripts and other Rare materials
- Digitization of Audio Visual Content -- <http://av.qnl.qa/>  
<http://www.avalonmediasystem.org/software>
- Long Term Preservation of cultural heritage
- Single Access Platform for all cultural heritage content and other born digital content in Arabic and English

# Support a sustainable knowledge society in Qatar

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- Need Help? Ask QNL Librarians (Question Point)
- Training of school librarians and other local librarians
- Academic English writing centre
- Creative writing activities in Arabic and English for young and old
- Story telling to develop creativity for new content.
- Social media, broadband, smart cities help to develop creation and access to digital content
- Encourage institutions and organizations to digitize and upload heritage material and enhance the content

# Future Plans

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- Move to the new building
- Open branch libraries
- Continue with developing Qatari workforce
- More partnership
- Qatar Union catalogue and linked data
- Identity Qatar
- Extend QNL services to the region



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For more information, please visit the library's website: [www.qnl.qa](http://www.qnl.qa)