



Library Facts:

3 Reading Rooms, **400** seats, **100** total computers, **5** book scanners, **1** document scanner, **2** self check-out stations



NAZARBAYEV
UNIVERSITY
LIBRARY

About our Library

Nazarbayev University Library prides itself on being part of the scientific, educational, informational, and cultural infrastructure of Kazakhstan. The library provides the largest English-language collection of scientific and scholarly information resources in print and electronic formats in Kazakhstan. In addition, the library provides a wide range of modern and technologically innovative library and information services.

Principle Activities:

- Develop and acquire high-quality and valuable print and electronic collections
- Instruct & promote of information literacy skills
- Create an information culture for library patrons
- Design and implement development programs for skilled and qualified library personnel

At the end of 2012, there were 3,165 registered patrons and 38,756 library visits (an average of 110 per day), 16,588 virtual visits via Library Portal, and 33,600 total books checked out.

The number of patrons increased 1.5 times from 2011 to 2012 while the number of total circulated items increased twofold. Librarians held twice as many training sessions in 2012 and gave a total of 4,675 library consultations to various patrons.

Promoting our Library

The Library promoted its services and highlighted its collection in a variety of ways such as:

- The Library Digest Newsletter
- Facebook & Twitter
- Monthly themed book exhibitions
- Social media games
- Reading and Movie clubs
- Library Portal
- LibGuides

COLLECTIONS

The library collection is universal in content, and is developed in accordance with the instructional curriculum and the scientific and research activities of the university.

Collection Development

The library systematically develops print periodical collections. Subscriptions to the most important academic and scientific foreign periodicals, national newspapers, and magazines are available for patrons.

To further develop the library collection, the library acquired a collection of "Central Asia" microfiche publications which consists of 232 items that are published on 4,710 microfiche.

Largest English-language collection

NU Library has the largest collection of scientific and scholarly information resources in print and electronic formats in Kazakhstan.

"On 1 January 2013, the Library had a total of 59,538 books "



Cataloging Manual

NU Library created a manual which describes in detail, the steps for bibliographic descriptions of all material and cataloging standards. This manual is an important tool not only for new employees of the cataloging department, but also for future librarians of Kazakhstan who use an Online Library Management System or those who plan library automation purchases.

Electronic Resources

Nazarbayev University Library is a leader in the acquisition of electronic information resources and provides students, faculty, and staff with access to 56 academic databases which contain millions of articles from thousands of top-ranked journals. The archival coverage of some academic sources in the databases ranges from 4 to 300 years. Many of these academic databases were available not only in Kazakhstan, but also in Central Asian, for the first time.

In 2012, the library took major steps towards improving its electronic resource access. The work was conducted in two ways:

- Provide users with remote access
- implement of one search engine (Summon) across all electronic resources.



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The Digital Centre began creation of a Central Asia collection that includes books, journal articles, and archival materials.

In 2012, the library renewed subscriptions of 40 databases, retained 4 national databases, and subscribed to 12 new databases from well-known global publishers and professional societies like Cambridge University Press, Wiley-Blackwell, IEEE, American Psychological Association, American Mathematical Society, and others.

Institutional Repository

A major project for 2013 is the Institutional Repository which will include scientific and research projects by NU faculty, scholars, researchers and librarians. All documents in this electronic collection will be available through open access.

Our Librarians

University Library Committee & Subject Librarians

The University Library Committee, which is chaired by the provost, includes representatives from all Schools, Research Centers, and library administration. The committee allows resolution of many issues including the coordination of scientific and academic literature orders, subscriptions to electronic resources, and budget allocations for the purchase of information resources for each school.

Each school and research center works individually with subject librarians. These librarians act as liaisons between faculty, TAs, students, & researchers. The librarians assist students with their academic needs and provide ongoing library support to individual classes.

Information literacy

The continuous development of librarian's professional skills allows us to provide information literacy sessions to:

- Teach patrons about the library's collections and services
- Orient users to library electronic resources
- Give effective instruction sessions on search methods using the library's e-resources and tools

Professional Development

Library training programs were held throughout the year to enhance the librarians' professional skills. Among the programs were:

- Summer programs at American University libraries
- Online training programs
- Workshops & conferences
- Webinars



Effective cooperation with faculty, staff, and students

During the reporting year, work with faculty was conducted in several directions including working with library committees, developing presentations for the various schools and departments, negotiated with publishing and database representatives, and subject librarian work.

In 2012, librarians conducted more than 100 training sessions for over 1,400 patrons.

In 2012, there were 33 Librarians at NU Library of which 17 have master's or bachelor's degrees in Library & Information Science.