

The New One Search platform

We have launched a new Library website with its new one search platform – **NexusSearch**. The link to the Library is still the same but the library catalog has moved to its new URL <http://catalog.buid.ac.ae>. A link to the main catalog is available on the top right of the page.

Here are the new features of the platform:

1. **One search box** – how to conduct these search options can be found on the Research help page, Finding books.

2. **Interlibrary/ Document/ Article request** – such requests should be done online. On the Quick links, click 'Interlibrary/ Document request' and will direct you to the information page. Click the link to place a request.

3. **Study room booking** – if you wish to have a group discussion, you can book a study room online. To reserve a room, click 'Reserve a Study Room' and you will be directed to the policy and procedures for reserving a study room.

4. **Single sign on to access BUID e-resources** – there are no more individual logins to EBSCO databases and Dawsonera e-books. Using one search tool will allow you to search across all resources. Click the title to view more information about the item then click the source name to direct you to the item on the database.

5. **Off-campus authentication** – before you can access an item on databases, you will be directed to an authentication page that will require you to enter your BUID username and password. This is the same as your Blackboard/ Computer account details.

6. **Direct access to specific databases** – if you wish to conduct a complex search using specific databases, you can do so by going to the E-resources page, Databases or E-books, click the database name, then the connection type either on-campus or off-campus.

7. **Online support using Ask-a-Librarian** – this will save you time sending an email to the library if you have any questions related to the Library. Online support is available during Library hours.

8. **Course Reserve/ Module Search** – this will allow you to search the availability of core texts and suggested readings for a module. Refer to the Research help page.

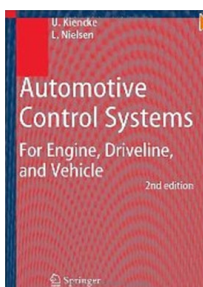
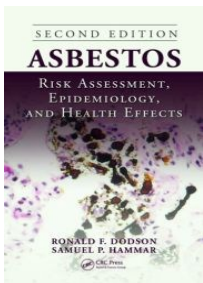
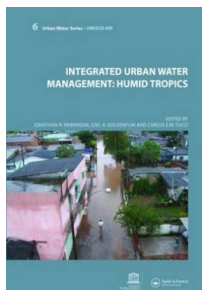
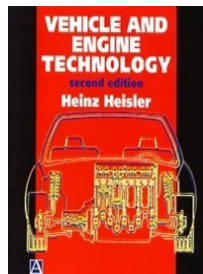
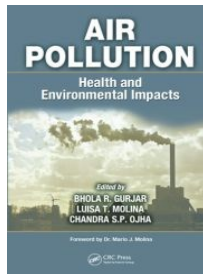
9. **Bspace** – BUID's institutional repository (coming very soon) – an online open access repository of BUID's dissertations.

10. **Online Feedback** – you can place your feedback and suggestions on the Contact Us page.

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New Titles for Engineering



Search these books through our [Catalogue Search page](#)

'October' was Library Month

BUIID Library celebrated October as the Library month. This month long celebration was to create awareness of the new developments, new services and new resources available in the library.

Every week had different activities that includes

- ◇ awareness week on "Using Your Library"
- ◇ e-resources access week
- ◇ workshops and training for databases
- ◇ individual mini training sessions
- ◇ feedback corner, and
- ◇ book sale up to 70% discount



The feedback corner inspired us on why students like BUIID Library. Here are some of the comments posted on our iPhone poster:

"Best service you can get in the University. Kind, nice, polite and friendly staff" - *Amro Dabash, MSc Information Technology Management*

"Library staff is awesome. One search platform would be great!", *Neha Sharma, Master of Education*

"The improvement in the Library is very good especially having the study rooms where students can discuss" - *Mubarak Raji, MSc Information Technology Management*

"Big or small they help through all" - *May Al-saffar, MSc Sustainable Design & Built Environment*

"All staff members are extremely helpful" - *Farzana Asad, MSc Project Management*

"Library improved a lot and all staff are very nice" - *Aishah Al Yalaylah, Master of Education*

"Staff are very helpful" - *Abu-bakr Kijo, Master of Education*

"It's getting better and better" - *Arghavan Nik, MSc Sustainable Design & Built Environment*

With the feedback corner, a lucky winner was drawn to receive a gift voucher from the Library. The winner is **Neha Sharma from Master of Education**. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

We would like to thank everyone for making this event a successful one.

EBSCOhost database workshop

Every term the Library is arranging for database training facilitated by our EBSCO representative on the functionality and different features of EBSCOhost research databases. This workshop aims to provide information literacy skills to students on how to use databases including search strategy and more. Here are some of the student comments who attended the workshop:

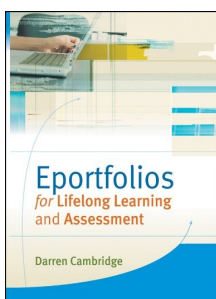
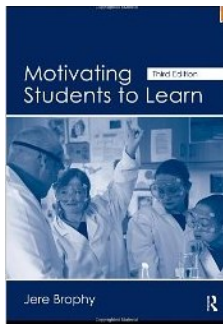
"I found the training helpful in general being a huge storage of data base where you can easily retrieve the information related to your course or programmes, save it and even share it with others at any time in a more user friendly manner. I found it good for academic search and it has also some useful information related to our course although being minimum but useful." - *Mohammed Bayad, MSc Construction Law & Dispute Resolution*

"I'd like to thank you for the effective workshop about EBSCO database.. Actually It was great, and added a lot to me" - *Marwa El Tanahy, Master of Education*

If you haven't attended this workshop, we hope to see you register on the next workshop in September 2013.

Facts & Figures

Top e-book downloads



Top Borrowers Here are the top five borrowers for 2012:

1. Rehab AlBakri, *Doctor of Education*
2. Emad Abu Ayyash, *Doctor of Education*
3. Kaltham Rashed Al Mehairi, *Doctor of Education*
4. Seema Nambiar, *Master of Education*
5. Nayela Talib Mohammed, *Doctor of Education*

New titles Library has purchased **289 new titles** added to the collection. Total library collection has reached to 9,775 volumes.

Document requests Library has received a total of **407 article requests** through our Document Delivery Service from September 2012-January 2013.

Catalogue Search Tip

Find a book

If you want to search for a book either print or electronic, use One Search. Narrow the results by selecting Main Catalog or Dawsonera e-books on the database list.

Module Search

If you are looking for books in the reading list, use Main Catalog search. Select 'module' as your search type.

Course Reserve

If you want to know the required text for your module, use Course Reserve search. Enter either instructor name or the module code.

FREE E-journals

SAGE Open is a peer-reviewed, open access journal from SAGE that publishes original research and review articles in an interactive, open access format. Articles may span the full spectrum of the social and behavioral sciences and humanities.



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ASU: The Virtual Choice

Academic Success Unit is now online! Apart from the skills audit which was launched as an online test last September, some workshops are also available online.

Workshops currently available online are both Referencing Parts 1 and 2, and Writing introductions & Conclusions. These courses are available as asynchronous, replacement models so that students can complete them at their own pace and time. The courses are highly interactive containing videos, discussion forums, wikis and tests or activities that give you instant feedback. Even if you have attended the Referencing or Writing introductions workshop, you can try these for more practice or to refresh your skills.

In March 2013, ASU hopes to release Writing a Literature Review. Many students find writing literature review extremely challenging so it is hoped that an interactive course with tasks and activities will help students develop the skills and language nuances required to write a good literature review. One of the earlier aspects of this online course will briefly look at critical thinking skills and how to develop criticality when reading and writing.

Other online workshops planned for release in March 2013 are: OSCOLA Referencing for CLDR students and Writing Data Commentary and Analysis. ASU is at the stage of piloting workshops so any feedback comments on any issues will be welcome so that the online versions can be enhanced further.

A Peek from our UK Partner University Repositories

Here are some useful resources that provide links to thesis and dissertation within our UK partner universities that are freely available.

[University of Birmingham Research Archive \[UBIRA\]](#)

This **ePrints repository** is an online service developed to host the full-text of published, peer reviewed research material produced by members of the University, and it contains the full text of articles, conference papers, book chapters and their refereed publications. It is an Open Access repository, aiming to make the material available to the widest possible audience.

[Online Research @ Cardiff \[ORCA\]](#)

A digital repository of Cardiff University's research outputs. The full text of publications is made freely available where possible.

[Edinburgh Research Archive \[ERA\]](#)

ERA is a digital repository of research produced at The University of Edinburgh. Here we present a selection of their best research including full-text digital Theses and Dissertations, book chapters, working papers, technical reports, journal pre-prints and peer-reviewed journal reprints.

[Manchester eScholar Services](#)

The My eScholar Service is a web based application that researchers and other individuals within the University can use to self-deposit their scholarly work, research outputs and publications (e.g. journal articles, books, book contributions, conference contributions) into Manchester eScholar (the University of Manchester's institutional repository).

What Works Literacy by KHDA

BUID is proud to work closely with the Dubai Knowledge and Human Development Authority (KHDA). Their recent “What works” symposium on Literacy provides access to several interesting resources.

Literacy is crucial to a global society’s economic and social well-being. It harmonises speaking, listening, critical thinking and increasingly, technology, making it pivotal to all learning. In Dubai, with its vast range of cultures, languages and communication styles, the skill and art of literacy is ever more crucial. Effective literacy is purposeful, flexible and dynamic. Its beauty and magic is that it continues to develop throughout our lifetime, and allows us to navigate our work, family and civic life in this highly complex and networked world.

Message from Dr Abdulla Al Karam, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Director General, KHDA

Books are unassuming objects. Many are small for you to hold in your hand; they can fit in your bag and can be read almost anywhere. Yet they hold within their pages the potential to change our lives forever. They equip us with the power to transform ignorance to wisdom, poverty to wealth and failure to success.

Literacy skills are required across all field of study, from science, to engineering, to technology and beyond. The ability to make sense of what we read, to apply this knowledge and succeed in our chosen careers, all rest on a solid grounding in literacy.

You will see the presentations of teachers who are driven by the need to share their love of books and reading with their students, to open their world to all possibilities and empower them with the knowledge and confidence to choose the right path in life for them.

We will share with you data from the 2011 Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) assessment which compares the reading levels of Grade 4 students in Dubai with those in the rest of the world.

What Works Literacy has been made possible by the four content advisors who work tirelessly to make sure that the presentations are engaging, informative, and above all, relevant to everyday classroom teaching. My thanks go to Nehad Saeed Al Shamsi of Al Itihad Private School Jumeirah; Dr Samia Al Farra of Taaleem; Ashok Kumar at the Indian High School; and Robert Stokoe of Jumeirah English Speaking Schools.

We are in indebted to the ‘event makers’ of What Works, the student volunteers who make sure the day runs smoothly, their enthusiasm for life and the future show us exactly what we are all working towards.

We are grateful to the teachers of Dubai, for supporting positivity and celebrating success, and for giving all you can make sure your students receive the high quality education they deserve.

What Works Literacy is the fourth event in the What Works series, following on from events focusing on next practice, Maths and Science. The momentum created by the first What Works in September 2012 continues to build. We are now seeing schools sharing resources, establishing partnerships and regularly going on school visits.

We look forward to welcoming you and your colleagues to further What Works event throughout the academic year, so that together, we can all continue to transform education in Dubai.

Community Partners:

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Ayaadi Etisalat
TESOL Arabia
The British Council
The British University in Dubai
Global Education Forum
The UAE Learning Network
Something Fishy About Arabic

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www.whatworks.ae