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The Gad and Birgit Rausing Library at Lahore University of Management Sciences serves as a centre for information resources and knowledge for the faculty, researchers, and students through its wide range of collections, competent staff, and high-quality infrastructure and innovative services.



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Collection Development

The Library enriches its print and electronic collections regularly through purchases and donations. The recommendations of faculty, students, and staff play a pivotal role in strengthening the Library resources. The collection development depends on the following sources:

Purchase

Publishing of books remains a regular part of the academic and research community. We acquire the books through different sources, including purchase, to keep the collection current and updated. The Library acquired 905 books through purchase from renowned vendors such as Pak Book Corporation, Progressive International Agencies, Allied Book Company, SAB Books, Readings (Elan Vita), Liberty Books, etc., during the fiscal year 2023-2024.

Donation

Donations are one of the primary sources of the Library's collection building. The Library receives donations regularly from prominent scholarly personalities. Syed Babar Ali, Faqir Syed Aijazuddin, Irfan Ahmad Imtiazi, Samina Hamid Imtiazi, Eruj Mubarak, Dr. Mustafa Kamal Pasha, Nigahat Sattar & Ghazi Salahuddin, Marker Family of Quetta, Ahmad Zafar Faruqui, Khalid Saeed, Dr. Ghufran Ahmad, Tayyab Noor Gandhi, Dr. Sahibzada Anwaar Ahmad Bugvi, Syed Mujahid Ali, Punjab Institute of Language, Art & Culture (PILAC), Zahid Hussain, Dr. Mohammad Waseem, Dr. Ali Usman Qasmi, Wajahat Rafiq Baig, Mishaz Mudassar, Ghulam Moeen-ud-Din, and Dr. Zehra Waheed donated their valuable collections during the year. We added 3705 donated books to the collection.



Books Exhibition

Around the globe, conducting book exhibitions is part and parcel of reputed libraries. The purpose is to bring books to the doorstep of academicians and researchers. Such events help collect the latest titles and keep the community updated on the new editions. The Library also arranged a books fair for the LUMS community. A total of 30 well-known vendors from all over Pakistan participated in the event. The faculty, students, and staff from all the departments of LUMS showed enthusiasm and recommended 875 books worth PKR. 14.5 million for purchase. Besides this, the community also purchased a rich number of collections for their personal use.



Women in Public Service Pakistan Oral History Archive

The Library has acquired a rare audio-visual collection on Women in Public Service Pakistan Oral History Archive. A system placed on the Library's first floor (near the Reading Lounge) has been dedicated to storing and managing this collection. The system is password-protected. Therefore, the patrons need to ask the Library staff for Login and, if needed, headphones.

Accessing and Using Turnitin

The Library supports faculty, RAs, TAs, and staff in accessing and using the Turnitin accounts. During the year 2023-2024, the Library conducted sessions regularly (one-on-one/in groups) to ensure smooth access and use of Turnitin.



Sharing Similarity Reports & Certificates

The Library also provides similarity reports to the LUMS community seven days a week. We provided more than **13500** similarity reports during this fiscal year. The students have to get a similarity certificate for their research work before the final submission of their theses/projects. The Library checks such research work through the Turnitin software in light of the HEC plagiarism policy. This process aims to ensure the originality of the research and implementation of the HEC policy. In this connection, the Library checked all graduating students' theses/projects and issued them the certificates.



Subscription to Electronic & Print Journals

Subscription to well-known and rich research databases plays a pivotal role in ensuring access to the content of well-reputed research journals. The Library subscribes to over **40,000** electronic journals through reputed databases. It also has access to above **220** print journals. The Library ensured renewals of all such resources during the year.

Document Delivery

The Library staff supports the LUMS community by downloading the needed content on their behalf and sharing it with them. The staff also entertains requests for ebooks/articles that are not available through our subscribed resources. The Library shared approximately **10,000** ebooks and articles (worth millions of PKR) for faculty, students, and staff. The professionals managed such documents through professional friends working in Pakistan and abroad.

Information Literacy/Research Skills Enhancement Sessions

The Library conducts orientation and training sessions frequently for the LUMS community to equip them with the expertise necessary for their academic and research journey at LUMS. During 2023-2024, the Library conducted over 100 sessions (one-on-one/in groups) on different topics, such as searching the Library portal, exploring e-databases, experiencing citation management tools such as EndNote, understanding and avoiding plagiarism, using MS Office, conducting a literature review, developing the questionnaire, using Grammarly, exploring Nexis Uni, and performing effective literature search. The Library also conducted orientation sessions for LUMS each School's freshmen.

National and International Delegates

The Library regularly conducts briefings for the delegates visiting LUMS Library. Briefing to the accreditation bodies such as the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan, the Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC), the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) etc., remains an integral part of the Library activities. This activity aims to let people know and understand the Library's resources and services. Hence, we briefed the national and international delegates representing different forums such as MOFA, HEC, PEC, AACSB, Ghazi University, Saidu Medical College Swat, attendees of the SDSB conference, NOP students, etc., during the year. Moreover, the Secretary of Archives, DG of Punjab Public Libraries, and Chief Librarians of different universities and public libraries of Pakistan visited us to witness the resources and services of the Library.

Supporting LUMS Community's Scopus Indexed Publications-related Record Management

The Library remains ready to help wherever it can contribute. The Office of Research records and maintains the Scopus-indexed publications of the LUMS community. The Library staff supported the Office of Research in preparing such publications-related records throughout the year. Moreover, the staff supported the LUMS community regarding correction in their Scopus-indexed publications-related record.

Press Clipping & Newspaper Archives

Press clipping is an integral part of reputed libraries. The Library maintains press clippings on 51 subject categories related to the subjects being offered at LUMS. This record is collected from four English newspapers: Business Recorder, The News International, The Nation, and Dawn. The Library also maintains newspaper archives for Business Recorder & Dawn (1989 onward) and The News International (1999 onward). The users, especially those interested in the history of their fields and candidates appearing in competitive exams, benefit from this facility.



Systems Upgradation

The use of technological devices is an integral part of the Library. The Library has managed computer systems, scanners, and projectors for Library users to help them meet their academic and research needs. Keeping in mind the innovations in the technological sector, the Library has upgraded the systems to ensure smooth access to resources.

Screens in Discussion Rooms

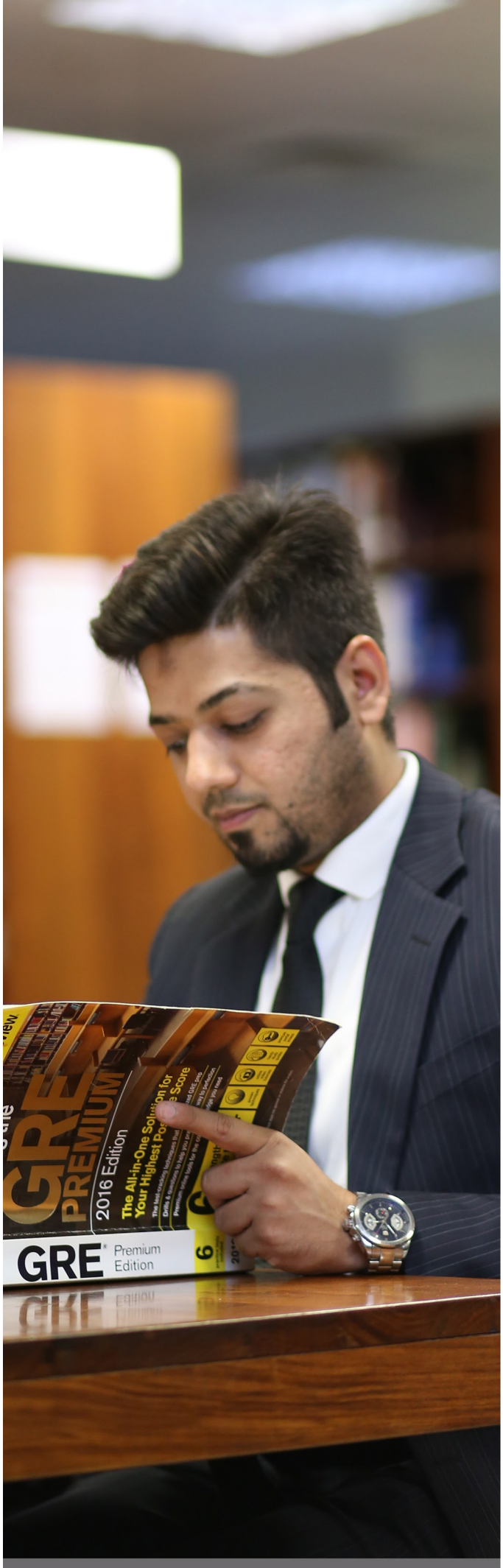
It was felt that screens are needed in the Library's Learning Commons. Equipping the technology with the facility can contribute to evidence-based discussion among academics and researchers. Therefore, the Library has installed two new screens in the Learning Commons facility.



External Memberships

Due to the Library's vast resources and conducive environment, individuals (other than the LUMS community) from different parts of the country show their keen interest in using the Library's resources and services. The Library considers such requests very carefully and tries to accommodate as many requests as possible depending on the availability of space, as the LUMS community is the Library's first priority. The Library entertained most of the external membership requests, especially during the summer break.





Reserved Library Facilities

The LUMS community needs to reserve Library facilities such as the Reading Lounge, Researchers and Scholars Commons, and Learning Commons for discussions, meetings, presentations, interview recordings, etc. The Library facilitated the community to meet their needs throughout the year.

Consultancy

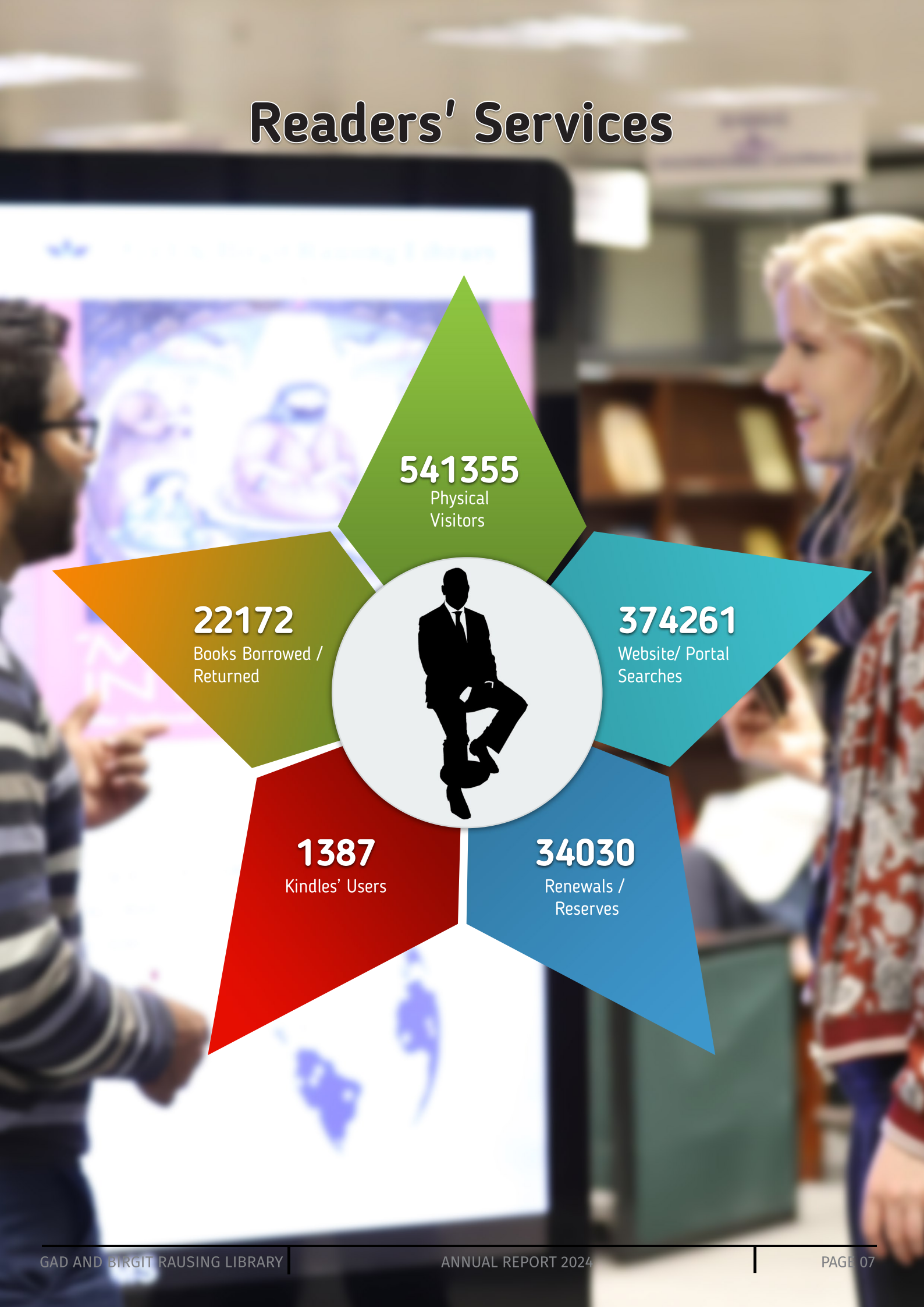
The Library staff also show enthusiasm towards facilitating the other Pakistani institutions as well. In this regard, we facilitated the setting up and management of a functional library for the Punjab Police Special Branch in Lahore. The team of LUMS library professionals facilitated automation and the setting up of the physical environment of the library. The training was provided to the staff regarding the professional processing and management of the collection. The LUMS Library team also contributed to the development and implementation of the library management system.

Research Publications

Preparing and publishing research doubtlessly helps in understanding the research process, current trends, and, consequently, the needs of the researchers. It also contributes to the ranking of the organizations. The Library professionals not only facilitated students and researchers in their research work but also produced 11 impact-factor publications during the year.



Readers' Services



Research Support

01

13500+
Similarity Reports Shared

02

3438394
Articles & Books Downloaded/Searched

03

100+
Sessions Conducted

24922
Per User Searches/Downloads

04

11
Impact Factor Publications by Library Staff

05

10,000+
E-Books & Articles Delivered

06



General Statistics

01

400+

Books Procured Through Exhibitions

02

900+

Books Purchased

03

3700+

Books Added Through Donations

04

233+

Live Chats

05

55738

LibGuides Hits

06

407

External Memberships

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