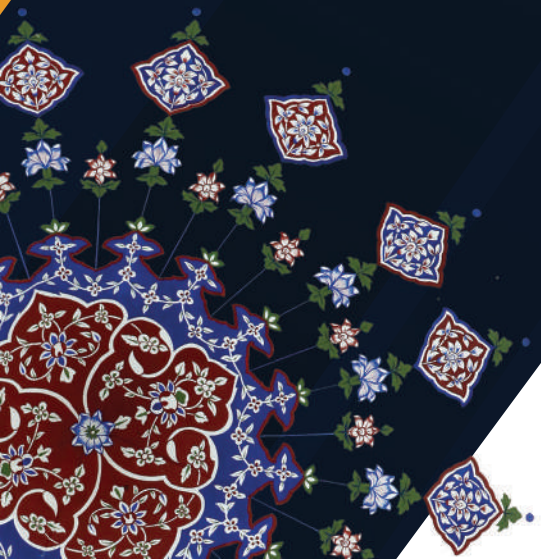
LUMS | Gad and Birgit Rausing Library

2025

ANNUAL REPORT

July 2024–June 2025

The Library regularly enriches its print and electronic collections through purchases and donations. The recommendations of faculty, students, and staff play a pivotal role in strengthening the Library's resources.



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PURCHASE

Publishing books remains an important activity for the academic and research community. We acquire books through various sources, including purchases, to keep the collection current. The Library acquired **1,616** books through purchases from renowned vendors, including Pak Book Corporation, Progressive International Agencies, Allied Book Company, SAB Books, Readings (Elan Vita), and Liberty Books, during the fiscal year 2024–2025.

DONATION

Donations are one of the primary sources of the Library's collection development. The Library regularly receives donations from prominent scholars and individuals. Syed Babr Ali, Ahmed Rashid, Athar Hussain, Basma Khan, Dr. Junaid Ashraf, Iqbal Ahmed Khan, Irfan Ahmad Imtiazi, Maryam Alvi, Najam Sethi, Qasim Anwar, Samina Imtiazi, Shamim Arif, Sidra Haleem, Nadhera Shahbaz, Gurmani Centre, and Zahid Husain donated their valuable titles during the year. We added 7,486 donated books to the collection.

BOOKS EXHIBITION

Conducting book exhibitions is an important activity of reputed libraries around the world. The purpose is to bring books to the doorstep of academics and researchers. Such events help libraries acquire the latest titles and keep the community updated on new editions. The Library also arranged a book fair for the LUMS community. A total of 31 vendors participated in the event. Faculty, students, and staff from all departments of LUMS showed enthusiasm and recommended 1,400 books worth PKR 12,311,616 for purchase. In addition, community members purchased a substantial number of books for their personal use.

















ACCESSING AND USING TURNITIN

The Library supports faculty, RAs, TAs, and staff in accessing and using Turnitin accounts. During 2024–2025, the Library regularly conducted sessions (one-on-one and in groups) to ensure smooth access to and effective 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 21,000 similarity reports during this fiscal year. Students are required to obtain a similarity certificate for their research work before submitting their theses/projects to the Office of Research. The Library checks such research work using Turnitin in accordance with the HEC plagiarism policy. This process aims to ensure the originality of research and compliance with the HEC policy. Accordingly, the Library checked the theses/projects of all graduating students and issued the required certificates.



SUBSCRIPTION TO ELECTRONIC & PRINT JOURNALS

Subscriptions to well-known research databases are pivotal to accessing content from reputable research journals. The Library subscribes to more than 45,000 electronic journals through reputed databases. It also has access to more than 200 print journals. The Library renewed all such resources during the year.



DOCUMENT DELIVERY

The Library staff supports the LUMS community members by downloading and sharing the content they need. The Library also handles requests for e-books/articles that are not available through our subscribed resources. Library professionals facilitate access to such materials through professional contacts in Pakistan and abroad. The Library shared approximately 12,000 e-books and articles (worth millions of PKR) with faculty, students, and staff.





INFORMATION LITERACY/RESEARCH SKILLS ENHANCEMENT SESSIONS

The Library frequently conducts orientation and training sessions for the LUMS community to equip members with the skills and expertise necessary for their academic and research journey at LUMS. During 2024–2025, the Library organized more than 100 sessions (one-on-one and in groups) on various topics, including searching the Library portal, exploring e-databases, designing queries for advanced searches, using citation management tools such as EndNote, understanding and avoiding plagiarism, using MS Office, conducting literature reviews, developing questionnaires, conducting systematic reviews, using Grammarly, exploring Nexis Uni, and conducting effective literature searches. The Library also conducted orientation sessions for freshmen in each LUMS School.



NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DELEGATES

The Library regularly conducts briefings for delegates visiting the LUMS Library. Briefings for accreditation bodies, such as the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan and the Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC), remain an integral part of the Library's activities. These briefings aim to help visitors understand the Library's resources and services. During the year, we briefed national and international delegates from the United Nations and HEC, as well as students from the NOP and summer camp attendees. Moreover, Chief Librarians from various universities and public libraries in Pakistan visited us to learn about the Library's



SUPPORTING LUMS COMMUNITY'S SCOPUS-INDEXED PUBLICATIONS-RELATED RECORD MANAGEMENT

The Library remains ready to help wherever it can contribute. The Library staff supported the LUMS community in correcting records related to their Scopus-indexed publications.

> *"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The man who never reads lives only one."*
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> *~ George R.R. Martin ~*

PRESS CLIPPING & NEWSPAPER ARCHIVES

Press clipping is an integral part of the services offered by reputed libraries. The Library maintains press clippings under 51 subject categories related to the disciplines offered at LUMS. These records are collected from four English newspapers: Business Recorder, The News International, The Nation, and Dawn. The Library also maintains newspaper archives for Business Recorder and Dawn (from 1989 onward) and The News International (from 1999 onward). Users, especially those interested in the history of their fields and candidates preparing for competitive examinations, benefit from this facility.





EXTERNAL MEMBERSHIPS

Due to the Library's extensive resources and conducive environment, individuals from across the country, as well as members of the LUMS community, show keen interest in using its resources and services. The Library carefully considers such requests and tries to accommodate as many as possible, depending on space availability, as the LUMS community remains the Library's first priority. The Library accommodated most external membership requests, particularly during the summer break.

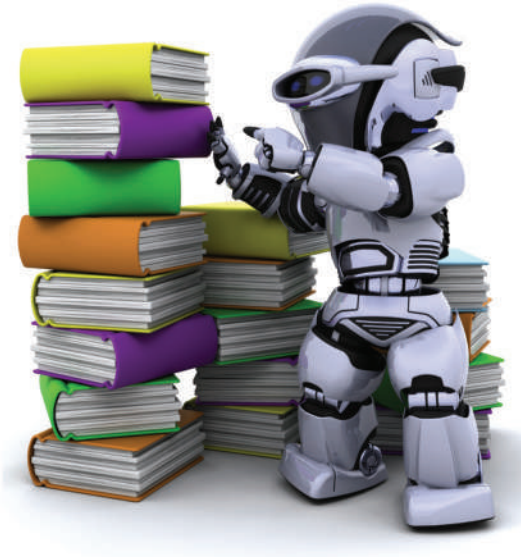


RESERVED LIBRARY FACILITIES

The LUMS community reserves Library facilities such as the Reading Lounge, Research and Scholars Commons, and Learning Commons for discussions, group meetings, presentations, interview recordings, job interviews, and similar activities. The Library facilitated these requirements throughout the year.

CONSULTANCY

The Library staff also remain committed to supporting the wider Pakistani library community. In this regard, we provided support for library automation and the development of libraries' physical environments. LUMS professionals also contributed to the development and implementation of library management systems.





RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

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



REPORT *at a* GLANCE

Readers' Services

Physical Visitors:
478458

Website/Portal Searches:
382452

Books Borrowed/Returned:
23611

Online Renewals/Reserves:
33436

Per User Searchers/Downloads:
597

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Research Support

Similarity Reports:
21000

Articles/Books Searched/Downloaded:
2510857

Documents Delivered:
12000

Training Sessions Conducted:
100

Impact Factor Publications:
6

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General Statistics

Purchase: **1616**

Donations: **7486**

Books Selected during the Book Fair: **886**

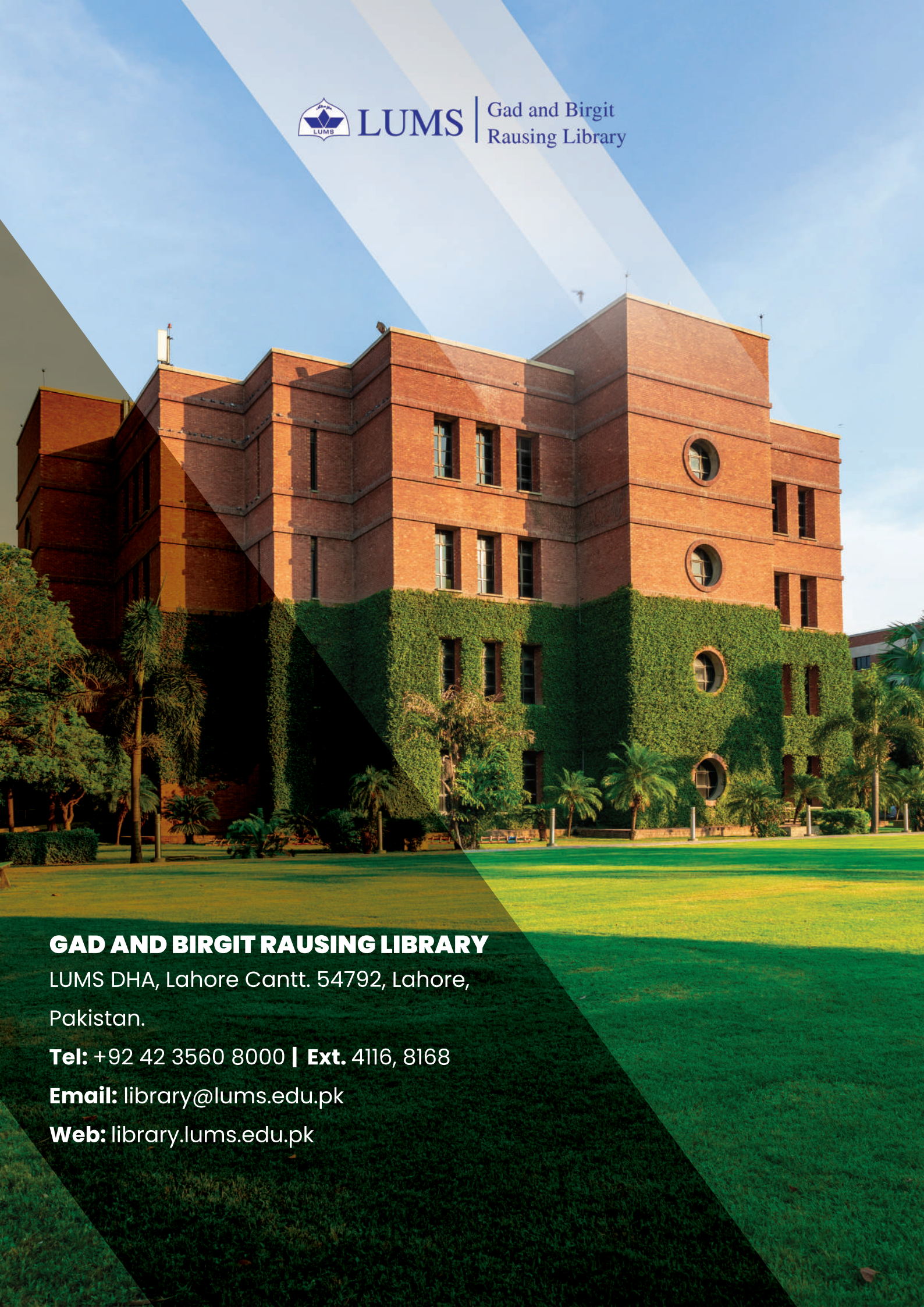
Libguide Hits: **57135**

Live Chats: **178**

External Memberships: **139**

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