The Library and Information Association in Qatar (LIA-Q)
Qatar

- Qatar is located in the east of Arabia, bordering the Arab Gulf and Saudi Arabia.
- Area 11,437 sq km (4,416 sq miles)
- Population 2,559,267 (30 April 2016)
Qatar - Hamad International Airport
Qatar – World Cup 2022
International Top Ranked Universities Branches in Qatar

- Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar
- Georgetown University – School of Foreign Service in Qatar
- Northwestern University in Qatar
- HEC Paris in Qatar
- Texas A&M University at Qatar
- University College London in Qatar
- Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar

Others:

- Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies
- Hamad bin Khalifa University
Qatar Foundation – Education City

Research Institutions in QF

- Qatar Biomedical Research Institute
- Qatar Computing Research Institute
- Qatar Environment and Energy Research Institute
- Qatar Science & Technology Park
- Qatar Solar Technologies
- Sidra Medical and Research Center
Qatar National Library
Libraries in Qatar

- 1 National Library
- 26 Academic and Research Libraries
- 12 Special Libraries
- 10 Public Libraries
- 380 School (Libraries)
IFLA BSLA workshops with AFLI

Held in Doha in 12 June 2013 by Gillian Hallam

Representative From

- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- Bahrain
- Kuwait
- Oman
- Yemen
- Libya
- Lebanon
- Egypt
- Sudan
- Jordan
- Palestine
- Tunisia
- Morocco
IFLA BSLA workshops with AFLI

Goals for the workshops

• To introduce AFLI members to the IFLA BSLA programme
• To advance the participants’ understanding of the potential role of library associations in the Arab world
• To increase the participants’ commitment to building the influence of the individual associations
• To identify opportunities to build the profile of AFLI, and to support the goals of cooperation and promoting the LIS profession in the region
• To help participants to drive key advocacy initiatives at the local, regional and federated levels
• To develop the participants’ capabilities to establish and maintain effective relationships with strategic partnerships with business and government agencies.
Qatar has decided to build a library association

- 1st Nov 2014 First meeting for LIA-Q founder members
- LIA-Q has submitted first request on 10th Dec 2014
- March 2015 Review and modification to the request
- June 30, 2015 the request has been principally approved by the Ministry Of Labor & Social Affairs and forwarded to the General Secretariat of the Council of Ministers in Qatar.
To establish an association, the following conditions must be met:

a) The number of founders shall be no fewer than twenty (20) people;

A founding member or ordinary member must meet the following requirements:

a) Must be of Qatari nationality;

b) Must not be under the age of eighteen (18) years;

c) Must have not received a final sentence in respect of a crime involving moral turpitude or dishonesty, unless such person has been rehabilitated;

d) Must be of a good reputation and conduct.

The Council of Ministers may, when necessary, as the public interest so requires and on the proposal of the Minister, approve the establishment of Associations that do not meet certain conditions as set forth in items 1(a) and 2(a) of this Article.
Common Goals

Improve the profession, libraries, and library services

Common Roles

Leadership
Networking
A voice
Professional Development
Standards and Best Practice
Advocacy
Partnership
LIA-Q Vision and Mission

Vision
Leading the development of library and information sector in Qatar.

Mission
Advance the Library & information profession with the recent international trends & developments.

Foster an advanced intellectual environment for library specialists.
LIA-Q Objectives

- Leveraging the awareness of libraries & information sectors and development.
- Spreading knowledge of libraries’ value among the members and the Qatari community.
- Development of members with cultural knowledge and information literacy.
- Enhancing the relations among members and promoting the team work culture.
- Collaborating with libraries and library Associations and groups, both locally and globally.
LIA-Q Challenges

- Legal Establishment.
- Headquarters.
- Bank account.
- Sponsorship.
- Collaborative efforts.
- Attracting members.
- Membership fees.
LIA-Q Membership

• Number of members before 2014: **21 members**
• Number of members in 2016: **245 members**

21 founder members
50 LIA-Q First Forum
159 in Doha Book Fair
15 through emails
LIA-Q First Activity

LIA-Q Booth

Doha National Book Fair

January 2015
LIA-Q First Activity

First Symposium

“Role of Library Professionals in the Digital age”

January 2015
Attended by:
• LIA-Q Founders Members

Main Objectives:
• Discuss main components of a typical library association
• What LIA-Q needs to consider in order to establish a successful association.

Outcome:
• Decide on the next step for LIA-Q
IFLA BSLA workshops with LIA-Q

Held in Doha in 6th October 2015 by Randa Al Chidiac
LIA-Q Second Activity

LIA-Q First Forum
for Library Professionals in Qatar
7th October 2015 at Qatar University
LIA-Q Second Activity

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Exhibition

LIA-Q First Forum for Library Professionals in Qatar

7th October 2015 at Qatar University
LIA-Q Second Activity

LIA-Q First Forum for Library Professionals in Qatar

7th October 2015 at Qatar University
LIA-Q Activity

26th Doha International Doha Book Fair

December 2015
LIA-Q Activity

Lectures in align to Doha Book Fair
“The role of Social Media in spreading knowledge”
“Importance of Reading in Developing Communities”
LIA-Q Activity

Representing Qatar in

Arab League meeting for the Arabic Library Associations

18th Jan 2016 in Egypt
LIA-Q Activity

LIAQ has participated in the 2nd reading exhibition organized by Al-Bayyan Educational Complex
LIA-Q Activity

The New Members Orientation Meeting

9th April 2016 at SFBQ Museum
LIA-Q Activity

LIAQ participation in the SLA Arabian Gulf Chapter in Kuwait
April 2016
LIA-Q Activity

LIAQ participation in METLIB 2016
“LIA-Q establishment, challenges and future aspirations”
April 2016
LIA-Q Activity

Library Trends: Leading into the future
Dr. Clara M. Chu. Mortenson Center for International Library Programs
8-10th May 2016 at QF
LIAQ in Media

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions

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تحدي أول جمعية للمكتبات والمعلومات في قطر قريباً
Thank you