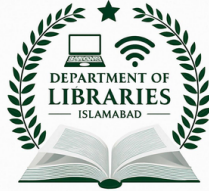




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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Libraries continued to make significant strides in 2025 by promoting knowledge, literacy, and lifelong learning across the community. This annual report highlights the Department's achievements, initiatives, and programs aimed at enhancing access to information, strengthening reading culture, and modernizing library services in line with contemporary technological and educational needs. During the year, the Department successfully organized a wide range of events and activities, including capacity-building workshops, seminars, book exhibitions, storytelling sessions, and interactive programs for children and adults. Key initiatives focused on the adoption of emerging library technologies, including Artificial Intelligence, Koha Integrated Library System, and DSpace, equipping library professionals with modern skills to manage digital and physical collections effectively. Seminars on copyright challenges, digital libraries, and knowledge management further enhanced professional development and knowledge sharing within the LIS community. Public engagement remained a core priority, with libraries hosting community-centric programs such as literary discussions, career counseling sessions, art and craft activities for children, patriotic events, and commemorations of national and cultural significance. Special attention was given to fostering early literacy and reading habits through dedicated children's sections, storytelling hours, and book reading sessions across multiple libraries.

The Department also continued to expand library resources and accessibility, offering comprehensive collections of books, periodicals, newspapers, and digital resources across all libraries, ensuring that residents of Islamabad and Rawalpindi have equitable access to information. Membership remains inclusive and affordable, promoting widespread participation in library services. In summary, 2025 was a year marked by innovation, community engagement, and capacity building. The Department of Libraries reaffirmed its commitment to fostering a culture of reading, supporting professional development, and leveraging technology to deliver efficient, inclusive, and sustainable library services to meet the evolving needs of its users.

INTRODUCTION

The Department of Libraries was established in 1973 to fulfil the information need of the society. Currently, the Department is working under the administrative control of Islamabad Capital Territory, Ministry of Interior and Narcotics Control. The Department has nine libraries including three public libraries and six community libraries situated in different sectors of Islamabad. The main objectives of the Department are: to provide easy access to diverse information resources and promote a culture of reading, learning, and research in the community, to integrate advanced digital technologies, such as e-libraries and digital cataloging systems, to build collaborations with educational institutions, research organizations, and technology providers for knowledge-sharing and resource enhancement, and to collect, preserve, and promote the region's cultural, historical, and literary heritage through curated archives and special collections.

LIBRARIES WORKING UNDER THE DEPARTMENT

Following libraries are working under the Department of Libraries.

ISLAMABAD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Islamabad Public Library serves as a vibrant public knowledge hub under the Department of Libraries, offering inclusive access to information, learning, and reading facilities for the community. The library holds a rich and diverse collection comprising 17,514 Urdu books, 26,948 English books, and 481 donated books in both Urdu and English, catering to readers of all ages and interests. Membership is free of cost for residents of Islamabad and Rawalpindi; however, members wishing to borrow books are required to deposit a refundable security of Rs. 1,000. The library provides a range of reader-focused services, including free Wi-Fi, internet access on desktops, reference and lending services, interlibrary loan facilities, readers' advisory support, and demand-based book purchases, along with professional seminars and educational activities. Islamabad Public Library remains open Monday to Friday from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, and Saturday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, ensuring convenient access for students, researchers, and the general public.



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QUAID PUBLIC LIBRARY

Quaid Public Library (QPL) is situated in the tranquil green environment of Fatima Jinnah Park (F-9 Park) at the Aiwan-e-Quaid Building near Mehran Gate. The library serves residents of the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) by providing access to knowledge resources in a calm and reader-friendly atmosphere. QPL houses a diverse and well-organized collection of books and monographs covering general reference works, philosophy and psychology, religion, social sciences, world languages, natural sciences and mathematics, technology, arts, world literature, history, biography, and geography. Special collections, including the Quaid-e-Azam Collection, Allama Iqbal Collection, and Children's Collection, are a distinctive feature of the library. In addition, the library provides access to leading English and Urdu newspapers, supporting informed readership. Core services include free Wi-Fi for members, reading and sitting facilities, reference and readers' advisory services, current awareness support, book lending, and membership facilitation.



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MODEL CHILDREN LIBRARY

Model Children Library (MCL), managed by the Department of Libraries, Islamabad, is a dedicated facility designed to promote reading habits, creativity, and learning skills among children. The library serves children aged 5 to 15 years from Islamabad and Rawalpindi, providing a welcoming and child-friendly environment that supports both educational and recreational learning. MCL offers a rich collection of approximately 19,000 books, including 8,000 Urdu and 11,000 English titles, carefully selected to support reading development, general knowledge, and creative thinking beyond the formal curriculum. The library regularly organizes storytelling sessions, reading activities, debates, and interactive programs to nurture intellectual, artistic, and practical skills in young readers. Key services include free Wi-Fi for members, desktop internet access, readers' advisory and user education services, interlibrary loan support, book lending, and book purchase on demand. Membership is free of cost for eligible children, reinforcing the Department's commitment to building informed, confident, and knowledgeable future citizens.



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ISLAMABAD COMMUNITY LIBRARY (F-11)

Islamabad Community Library (F-11), established in 2008 in collaboration with the Capital Development Authority (CDA), serves as a neighborhood-based learning hub aimed at promoting reading culture and lifelong learning within the community. Located in the calm and green surroundings of F-11 Markaz, the library provides easy access to knowledge resources for residents of Islamabad and Rawalpindi. The library maintains a diverse collection covering reference and general books, newspapers and periodicals, Islamic literature, social sciences, fiction in both English and Urdu, as well as books on history, geography, and autobiographies, catering to readers of all age groups and interests. Membership is free of cost, with a refundable security deposit of Rs. 1,000 required for members who wish to borrow books, ensuring inclusive access while supporting lending services.



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ISLAMABAD COMMUNITY LIBRARY (G-7)

Islamabad Community Library (G-7) provides accessible reading and information services to the local community and actively promotes lifelong learning through a welcoming, inclusive, and reader-friendly environment. Situated at Khushal Khan Khattak Road, G-7/3, Islamabad, the library offers residents of Islamabad and Rawalpindi a calm and conveniently located space for reading, study, research, and intellectual engagement. It plays an important role in strengthening reading culture and community learning by supporting users from diverse educational, professional, and social backgrounds. The library maintains a comprehensive and well-balanced collection comprising reference and general books, newspapers and periodicals, Islamic literature, social sciences, fiction in both English and Urdu, as well as books on history, geography, and autobiographies, addressing a wide range of academic, cultural, and recreational interests.



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ISLAMABAD COMMUNITY LIBRARY (G-8)



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Islamabad Community Library (G-8) was established in 2008 in collaboration with the Capital Development Authority (CDA), Islamabad, with the objective of providing accessible reading and information services to the local community and promoting lifelong learning. Situated in a calm and green environment in the vicinity of G-8/2, the library serves residents of Islamabad and Rawalpindi by offering a welcoming space for reading and study. The library holds a well-rounded collection covering reference and general books, newspapers and periodicals, Islamic literature, social sciences, fiction in English and Urdu, as well as books on history, geography, and autobiographies, catering to diverse interests and age groups. Membership is free of cost, with a refundable security deposit of Rs. 1,000 required for members who wish to borrow books, ensuring broad community access while supporting lending services.

ISLAMABAD COMMUNITY LIBRARY (G-11)

Islamabad Community Library (G-11), established in 2008 in collaboration with the Capital Development Authority (CDA), Islamabad, provides convenient access to reading and knowledge resources for the local community, promoting lifelong learning and intellectual growth. Located in a calm and green environment near G-11 Markaz, the library serves residents of Islamabad and Rawalpindi by offering a welcoming space for study, research, and reading. Its collection includes reference and general books, newspapers and periodicals, Islamic literature, social sciences, fiction in English and Urdu, as well as books on history, geography, and autobiographies, catering to a wide range of interests and age groups. Membership is free of cost, with a refundable security deposit of Rs. 1,000 required for members who wish to borrow books, ensuring accessibility while supporting lending services.



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ISLAMABAD COMMUNITY LIBRARY (I-8)



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The library is situated in I-8 Markaz, a centrally accessible area that enables easy public access for residents of the surrounding sectors. It plays an active role in supporting the educational, cultural, and informational needs of the community by providing a calm, welcoming, and reader-friendly environment for study, research, and recreational reading. The library also features a dedicated children's section, designed to encourage early reading habits and learning through age-appropriate books and a friendly space for young readers. Through its diverse and carefully developed collection and a range of user-oriented services, Islamabad Community Library (I-8) contributes to strengthening reading culture, promoting lifelong learning, and encouraging intellectual growth across all age groups, in line with the broader objectives of public library services.

ISLAMABAD COMMUNITY LIBRARY (I-10)

Islamabad Community Library (I-10) serves as an important neighborhood-based learning facility, providing easy access to reading and information resources for the local community. The library plays a key role in promoting reading culture, lifelong learning, and informed citizenship by offering a welcoming and peaceful environment for study, research, and recreational reading. It houses a well-balanced and diverse collection that includes reference and general books, newspapers, periodicals, Islamic literature, social sciences, fiction in both English and Urdu, as well as books on history, geography, and autobiographies, catering to the educational and intellectual needs of readers from all walks of life. Through its services and resources, Islamabad Community Library (I-10) continues to support community learning, knowledge sharing, and personal development in line with the Department of Libraries' vision of accessible public library services.

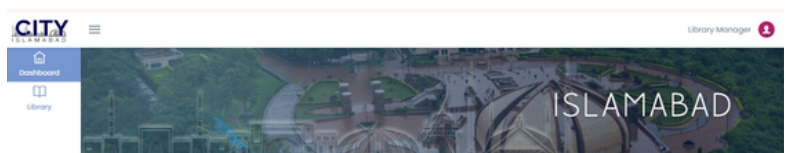
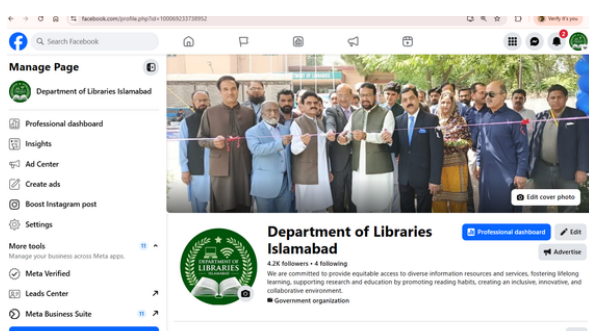
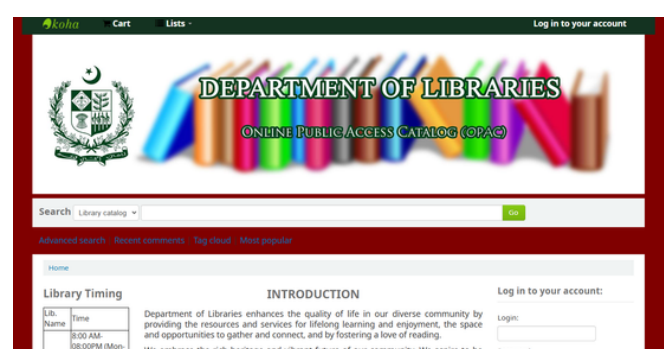
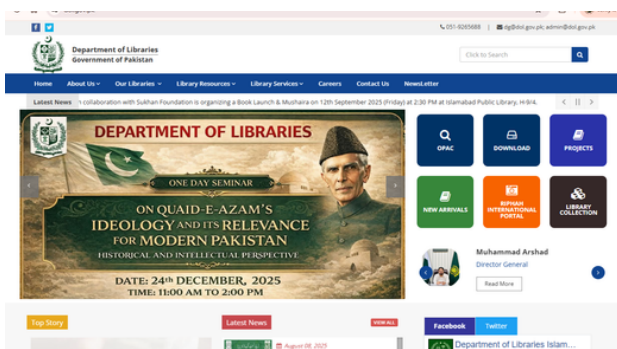


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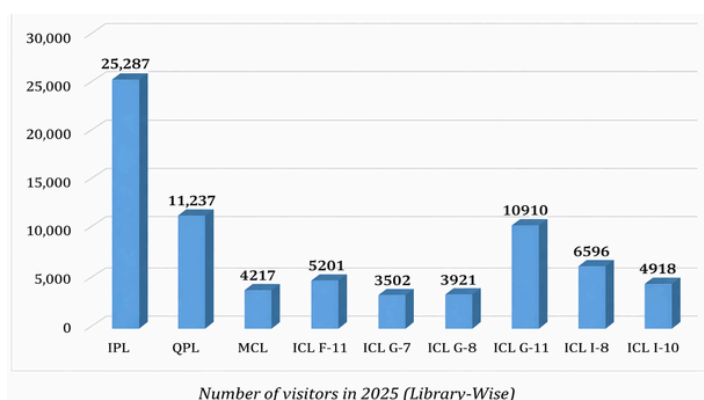
Above mentioned libraries are working under the Department of Libraries and are committed to providing diverse and comprehensive services to meet the needs of their users. These services are designed to foster a culture of learning, support research activities, and promote community engagement. The following major services are offered:

1. Conducive Environment and Reading Spaces
2. Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC)
3. Membership Services
4. Mobile Application
5. Website (www.dol.gov.pk)
6. Document Delivery Services
7. Plagiarism Checking through Turnitin
8. Collection of Well-Known Newspapers
9. Diverse Collection of Books Across All Disciplines
10. Dissemination of Information through Social Media (i.e WhatsApp Group, Facebook)
11. Programs and Seminars to Promote Reading and Learning

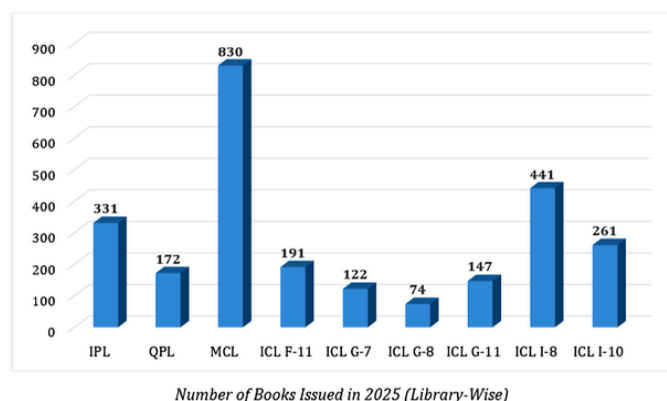


STATISTICS OF LIBRARY USGAE

The visitor statistics for the year 2025 reflect the level of public engagement with libraries functioning under the Department of Libraries. During the reporting period, Islamabad Public Library (IPL) recorded a total of 25,287 visitors, indicating sustained public utilization of its reading spaces, collections, and library services throughout the year. Quaid Public Library (QPL) received 11,237 visitors in 2025. The recorded footfall represents continued public access to the library's resources, including reading materials, reference services, and study facilities. The Model Children Library (MCL) documented 4,217 visitors during the year. The library continued to serve children through its age-appropriate collections, reading activities, and learning-oriented environment designed to support educational development. Visitor data from the Islamabad Children Libraries (ICLs) show active participation across various sectors. ICL F-11 registered 5,201 visitors, while ICL G-7 and ICL G-8 recorded 3,502 and 3,921 visitors, respectively. ICL G-11 documented 10,910 visitors, reflecting regular attendance by children and accompanying guardians. Similarly, ICL I-8 and ICL I-10 reported 6,596 and 4,918 visitors, respectively, during the year. Overall, the recorded visitor figures for 2025 provide an overview of library usage across public and children libraries and serve as an important reference for institutional documentation, planning, and record-keeping purposes.

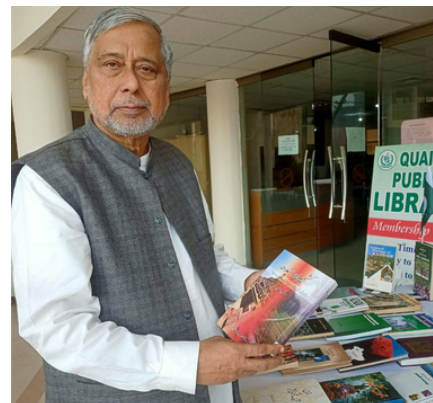


The library-wise data on the number of books issued during the year 2025 reflects the circulation activity across public and children libraries under the Department of Libraries. During the reporting period, the IPL issued a total of 331 books, indicating regular use of its lending services by registered members. The QPL recorded the issuance of 172 books over the course of the year, representing continued utilization of its lending collection. The MCL issued 830 books in 2025, reflecting active borrowing by children and young readers supported by the library's specialized collections. Among the ICLs, ICL F-11 issued 191 books, while ICL G-7 and ICL G-8 recorded the issuance of 122 and 74 books, respectively. ICL G-11 documented 147 books issued during the year. Additionally, ICL I-8 and ICL I-10 issued 441 and 261 books, respectively, indicating ongoing circulation activity at these locations. Overall, the book issuance figures for 2025 provide a consolidated record of lending activity across libraries and serve as an important indicator for institutional documentation, record maintenance, and annual reporting purposes.



BOOK EXHIBITION ON THE EVE OF KASHMIR DAY

As part of its awareness-raising and literary promotion activities during 2025, the Department of Libraries organized a Book Exhibition on the eve of Kashmir Day at Quaid Public Library. The exhibition showcased a diverse collection of books highlighting the historical background, political context, and contemporary developments related to Kashmir, aimed at fostering informed understanding among readers and visitors. The exhibition was honored by the visit of Sardar Muhammad Masood Khan, former President of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, and Sardar Ateeq Ahmad Khan, former Prime Minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir. Both distinguished visitors expressed solidarity with the people of Kashmir and emphasized the vital role of books and literature in raising awareness and shaping informed public discourse on the Kashmir issue.



INTERACTIVE SESSION ON CAREER COUNSELLING

As part of its ongoing educational and youth-oriented initiatives in 2025, an Interactive Session on Career Counselling was held at Islamabad Community Library, I-8, in collaboration with the Department of Libraries and the National Youth & Development Society (NYDS). The session aimed to guide participants in identifying career opportunities, enhancing employability skills, and planning future academic and professional pathways. The interactive discussion provided participants with a platform to engage with experts, explore emerging career trends, and gain practical insights into skill development aligned with market demands. The session encouraged active participation, allowing attendees to share their concerns and receive constructive guidance. The event contributed to strengthening the role of public libraries as community learning hubs, supporting youth empowerment, informed decision-making, and lifelong learning through collaborative initiatives.



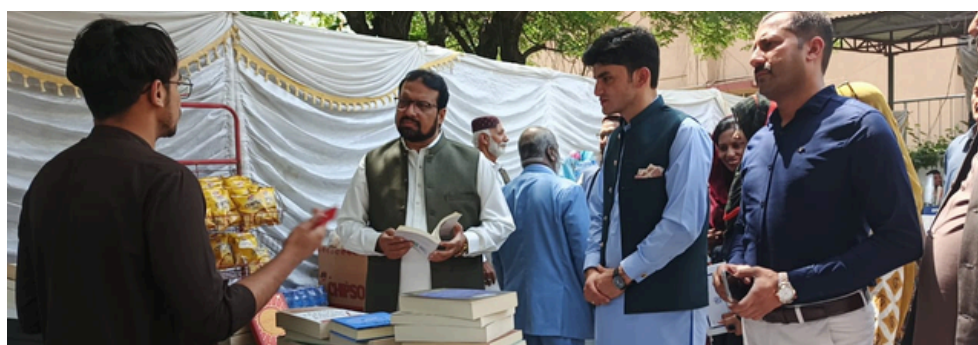
PAKISTAN DAY BOOK EXHIBITION

To commemorate Pakistan Day, the Department of Libraries organized a three-day book exhibition at Islamabad Public Library from March 23, 2025. The exhibition showcased a diverse collection of books, encouraging visitors to explore literature while promoting national pride and fostering a culture of reading. The event provided an engaging platform for literary interaction and strengthened the community's connection with knowledge and learning. The event aimed to promote national pride, cultivate a reading culture, and provide an interactive platform for learning and literary engagement. It attracted students, researchers, and community members who actively participated in discussions and explored the curated collection. The exhibition highlighted the Department of Libraries' commitment to creating meaningful opportunities for public learning and knowledge sharing, while celebrating the spirit of Pakistan Day.



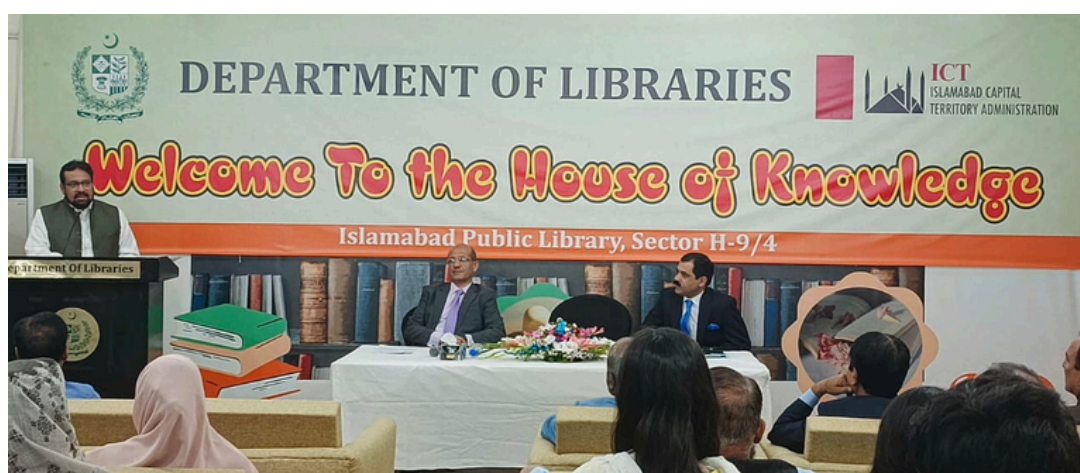
WORLD BOOK AND COPYRIGHT DAY BOOK FAIR

The Department of Libraries Islamabad proudly organized a two-day Book Fair from April 22 to 23, 2025, on the occasion of World Book and Copyright Day. The event was designed to celebrate the love for reading, promote knowledge, and encourage creativity among students, researchers, and the general public. The Book Fair featured an extensive and diverse collection of books, including literature, academic texts, reference materials, and contemporary works, offering something for readers of all ages and interests. Visitors had the opportunity to browse, explore, and engage with a wide range of reading materials, fostering a culture of reading and intellectual curiosity. The event also provided a platform for book lovers and literary enthusiasts to connect, exchange ideas, and discuss various topics, thereby creating an interactive and vibrant learning environment. Through this initiative, the Department of Libraries aimed to raise awareness about the importance of books, reading, and copyright knowledge, while reinforcing its commitment to promoting literacy, education, and lifelong learning in the community.



SEMINAR ON COPYRIGHT CHALLENGES IN DIGITIZING LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

Under the dynamic leadership of Muhammad Arshad, Director General, the Department of Libraries Islamabad organized a two-day seminar on Copyright Challenges in Digitizing Library Collections in conjunction with the World Book and Copyright Day Book Fair, held on April 22-23, 2025. The seminar aimed to address the critical issues surrounding copyright in the digital age, particularly in the context of libraries' evolving roles and the integration of digital technologies. The first day, April 22, featured keynote speeches from eminent professionals, including Mr. Saleem Ahmad (Chief Librarian, Supreme Court of Pakistan), Mr. Kazim Syed (Director, Allama Iqbal Open University), Dr. Att-ur Rehman (Professor, Sarhad University), and Mr. Nasir Abbasi (Chief Librarian, Air University). Discussions revolved around strategies for preserving and expanding digital collections, navigating copyright in the era of AI, and enhancing library services in the digital environment. The second day, April 23, continued with engaging presentations by distinguished speakers, including Dr. Gulnaz Akhtar (Chief Librarian, Rawalpindi Women University), Mr. Muhammad Jawad (Lecturer, Allama Iqbal Open University), Mr. Waqas Aziz (Media Professional), Mr. Khizar Saleem (Joint Secretary, Islamabad), Dr. Shahzad Qaisar (Assistant Professor, NUML), and Mrs. Sadia Kamal (President, Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists), who graced the occasion as Chief Guest. The discussions highlighted key copyright challenges in digital environments and emphasized the vital role of policy, media, and education in supporting libraries' digital transformation.



The seminar concluded with the Director General presenting commemorative shields to the guest speakers in recognition of their valuable contributions. The event was highly appreciated by participants, fostering meaningful dialogue on copyright issues and strengthening the Department of Libraries' commitment to advancing knowledge, digital literacy, and innovation in library services.

ONE-DAY ONLINE SEMINAR ON TRANSFORMING LIBRARY SERVICES THROUGH INTEGRATED EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

The Department of Libraries Islamabad successfully organized a one-day online seminar on “Transforming Library Services Through Integrated Emerging Technologies.” The seminar aimed to highlight the impact of emerging technologies on library services and provide a platform for knowledge sharing, professional development, and innovation in the field of library and information science. The event received an overwhelming response, with around 300 library professionals, students, and members of the general public registering to participate. Over 150 attendees joined the live session, engaging actively in the presentations and discussions. Distinguished resource persons, including Muhammad Arshad (DG, Department of Libraries), Mr. Muhammad Naveed (Librarian, Forman Christian College University), Mr. Rustam Ali Brohi (GBDC, Hyderabad), and Dr. Sajid Mirza (Principal Librarian, International Islamic University), delivered insightful presentations on the integration of innovative and emerging technologies in libraries.

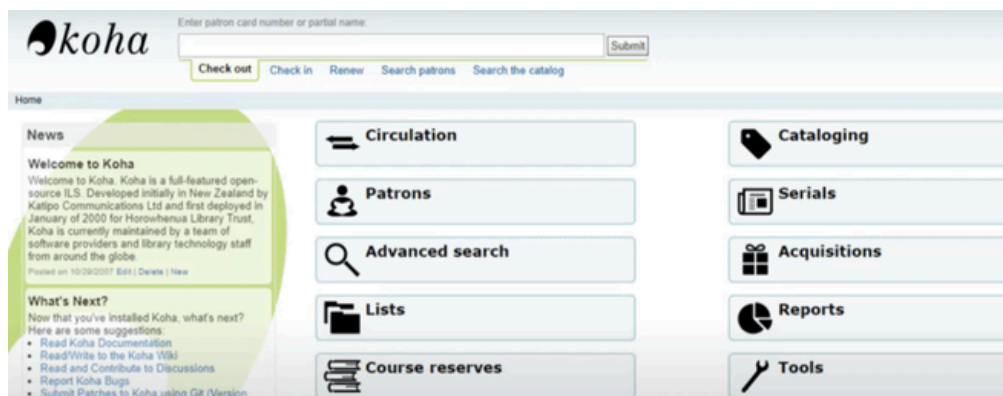


The seminar provided participants with valuable insights into modern tools, strategies, and best practices for enhancing library services, streamlining operations, and improving user experience. It reinforced the Department of Libraries' commitment to fostering digital literacy, technological adoption, and continuous professional growth among library professionals in Pakistan.

FIVE-DAY ONLINE TRAINING WORKSHOP ON KOHA

Under the guidance of Director General, the Department of Libraries Islamabad organized a five-day online training workshop on Koha Integrated Library System from June 23 to 27, 2025, conducted via MS Teams from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The workshop aimed to enhance the technical skills of library professionals in library automation, cataloging, and management using the Koha software, thereby promoting efficiency and modernized library services across the country. The workshop received an exceptional response, with all seats filled instantly and approximately 300 requests submitted by participants wishing to attend. Recognizing the overwhelming demand, the Director General approved two additional workshops: the next 100 applicants were scheduled for the first week of July, and another 100 for the second week of July, ensuring wider participation and professional development opportunities for librarians nationwide.

The workshop sessions were designed to provide practical knowledge on Koha's functionalities, including cataloging, circulation, member management, reporting, and system administration. The workshop was facilitated by Mr. Muhammad Asim and Mr. Asif Ali as resource persons, who delivered interactive training sessions, provided real-time technical guidance, and shared practical insights based on their professional experience.



This initiative reflects the Department of Libraries' commitment to supporting continuous professional development, advancing technological skills, and promoting the adoption of library automation in Pakistan. The success of this workshop highlights the growing interest among library professionals in enhancing their digital competencies and embracing modern library management systems.

ART AND CRAFT ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

The Islamabad Community Library, I-10, organized a series of engaging art and craft activities aimed at fostering creativity, imagination, and artistic skills among children. The event provided a vibrant platform for young learners to explore various traditional and contemporary art forms in a fun and interactive environment. Children enthusiastically participated in activities such as ice cream stick crafts, traditional Lippan art, colorful paper crafts, and clay and mirror-based folk designs. Participants created a variety of items, including photo frames, greeting cards, decorative pieces, and intricate folk art designs, showcasing their creativity and attention to detail.



LITERARY DISCUSSION FOR CSS ASPIRANTS

The Quaid Public Library (F-9 Park) organized a literary discussion for CSS aspirants on July 24, 2025. The session was designed to provide students with valuable guidance on preparing for the CSS examination and to enhance their understanding of effective study strategies. The event featured distinguished resource persons, including Madam Rehana, Head of the House of Commons, along with CSP officers from the 42nd Common, who shared their expertise and practical insights. Discussions focused on key areas such as exam pattern awareness, strategic study planning, solving past papers, time management, and maintaining focus and consistency throughout the preparation journey.

The session provided a highly engaging and interactive platform for CSS aspirants, enabling them to clarify doubts, gain practical advice, and learn from the experiences of accomplished professionals. This initiative reflects the Department of Libraries' commitment to supporting educational advancement, knowledge sharing, and the professional growth of young learners in Islamabad.



INTERACTIVE STORYTELLING SESSION FOR CHILDREN

The Islamabad Community Library, I-8 hosted an interactive storytelling session for children. The event aimed to promote a love for reading, imagination, and creativity among young learners in an engaging and playful environment. Children participated with great enthusiasm, listening to captivating stories and taking part in creative activities inspired by the tales. The session encouraged their imagination, expression, and comprehension skills, while fostering a joyful atmosphere in the library.

The laughter, energy, and curiosity of the participants made the event a memorable and enriching experience for all attendees. This initiative reflects the Department of Libraries' continued commitment to promoting literacy, creativity, and a reading culture among children, positioning libraries as vibrant spaces for learning, exploration, and community engagement.



CELEBRATION OF PAKISTAN INDEPENDENCE DAY AND MA'RAKAH-E-HAQ

The Department of Libraries organized a grand and dignified event on August 14, 2025, at Islamabad Public Library, Sector H-9, to commemorate Pakistan Independence Day and Ma'rakah-e-Haq 2025. The occasion witnessed a large gathering of scholars, researchers, teachers, students, and members of the public. The ceremony commenced with a flag hoisting ceremony, symbolizing national pride and unity. Following this, participants visited a special book exhibition featuring rare and valuable publications and documents related to Pakistan's independence, the life and struggle of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, and the history of the subcontinent. The exhibition offered attendees a unique opportunity to explore historical texts and gain deeper insights into the nation's heritage and struggle for freedom. A seminar was held subsequently under the chairmanship of Sheikh Muhammad Arshad, Director General, who delivered the opening remarks. He emphasized the significance of Independence Day and Ma'rakah-e-Haq, highlighting the vital role of libraries not only as centers of knowledge and research but also as institutions that foster national awareness and educate future generations about Pakistan's history.



Renowned researchers, including Professor Dr. Z.A. Qureshi, Professor Dr. Shahzad Qaisar, and Dr. Sajid Mirza, presented their scholarly papers during the seminar. Their presentations focused on the freedom movement, the personality and leadership of Quaid-e-Azam, and the significance of Ma'rakah-e-Haq, offering thought-provoking insights that were highly appreciated by the audience. The event concluded with a ceremonial cutting of the Pakistan Independence Day cake, followed by prayers for the continued prosperity and stability of Pakistan. The celebration successfully combined historical reflection, scholarly discussion, and cultural engagement, reinforcing the Department of Libraries' commitment to promoting knowledge, national consciousness, and patriotic values among citizens.

In connection with the Independence Day and Ma'rakah-e-Haq 2025 celebrations, the Quaid Public Library, F-9 Park also organize a Book Exhibition. The exhibition was inaugurated by Sheikh M. Arshad, Director General, Department of Libraries, and attracted a large number of library users, researchers, and community members who showed keen interest in the displayed collections. The exhibition featured a wide range of books covering diverse topics, including the Pakistan Movement, history of Pakistan, and biographies/autobiographies of prominent freedom fighters. The event provided visitors with an enriching opportunity to explore historical texts, gain deeper insights into the struggle for independence, and understand the lives and contributions of the nation's heroes.





The Islamabad Community Library, I-10 also organized a vibrant and well-curated book exhibition aimed at promoting historical awareness, patriotism, and reading culture among the community. The exhibition was formally inaugurated by Sheikh M. Arshad, Director General, Department of Libraries Islamabad. The exhibition featured a rich and diverse collection of books covering key themes such as the Pakistan independence movement, the visionary leadership and struggle of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, the literary and intellectual contributions of Allama Iqbal, and the history of the Indian subcontinent. In addition, a number of rare and valuable books and historical documents were displayed, offering visitors a deeper and more meaningful insight into the nation's historical and cultural heritage. As part of the Independence Day celebrations, a painting competition for children was also organized to encourage creativity and patriotism among young participants. The children enthusiastically expressed their love for the country through their artwork, reflecting both talent and national spirit. Certificates were distributed among the participants in recognition of their creativity, enthusiasm, and active participation in the 14 August festivities.

SEMINAR AND BOOK EXHIBITION ON SEERAT-UN-NABI ﷺ

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BOOK LAUNCH CEREMONY AND MUSHAIRA

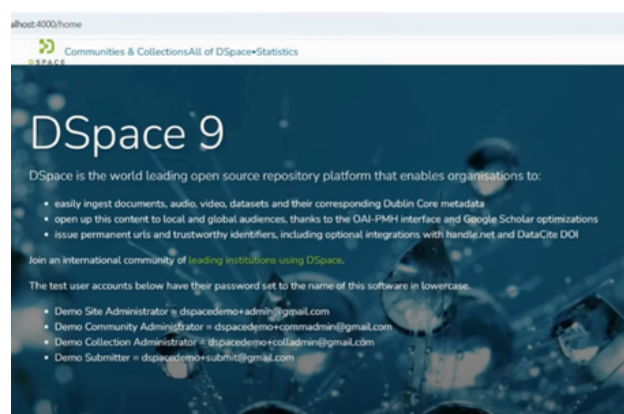
In collaboration with the Sukhan Foundation, the Department of Libraries Islamabad organized a prestigious Book Launch Ceremony and Mushaira on September 12, 2025, at Islamabad Public Library, Sector H-9/4. The event was designed to promote Urdu literature and provide a vibrant platform for literary expression and intellectual engagement. The literary gathering featured the participation of renowned poets from across the country, who captivated the audience with their poetic recitations. The Mushaira offered an enriching literary atmosphere, allowing poetry enthusiasts and scholars to experience the depth, beauty, and creative spirit of contemporary Urdu literature. The event attracted a large number of literary figures, students, and lovers of Urdu literature, who appreciated the opportunity to engage with distinguished poets in a refined and intellectually stimulating environment. This initiative reflected the Department of Libraries' continued commitment to promoting literary culture, supporting creative expression, and strengthening libraries as centers of cultural and intellectual activity.



TWO-DAY ONLINE TRAINING WORKSHOP ON DSPACE LIBRARY SOFTWARE

The Department of Libraries successfully conducted a two-day online Training Workshop on DSpace Library Software as part of its ongoing efforts to enhance professional capacity and promote digital library development. The workshop attracted library professionals and Library and Information Science (LIS) students from across the country, reflecting strong national interest in digital repository management. The training sessions comprehensively covered key components of DSpace, including software installation, metadata management, community and collection creation, submission workflows, and user administration, supported by practical demonstrations to facilitate hands-on learning. The workshop was facilitated by Mr. Muhammad Asim and Mr. Asif Ali, who served as resource persons and shared their professional expertise through interactive sessions and practical guidance.

A total of 347 participants registered for the workshop, with a large number actively attending the sessions to gain practical exposure and technical skills. The interactive format allowed participants to engage with trainers, ask questions, and better understand the implementation of DSpace for managing institutional repositories and digital collections. This workshop highlighted the Department of Libraries' commitment to capacity building, digital transformation, and continuous professional development, equipping library professionals with the necessary skills to support modern information services and strengthen digital library infrastructure across Pakistan.



IQBAL DAY BOOK READING SESSION

In celebration of Iqbal Day, the Model Children Library organized a special Book Reading Session aimed at introducing children to the literary and philosophical legacy of Allama Muhammad Iqbal. The event was designed to promote reading habits, creative expression, and an appreciation of national literary heritage among young readers. During the session, children actively participated by delivering speeches and reciting inspiring poetry of Allama Iqbal, reflecting their understanding of his message and vision. Participants also explored a wide range of books and engaged in a creative activity by designing bookmarks for their favorite titles, encouraging both imagination and a love for books. The young participants thoroughly enjoyed the activities and enthusiastically shared their experiences, creating a lively and engaging learning environment. This initiative highlighted the Department of Libraries' commitment to fostering literacy, creativity, and cultural awareness among children while strengthening the role of libraries as vibrant spaces for learning and intellectual growth.



TWO DAY WORKSHOP FOR THE STAFF OF DEPARTMENT

The Department of Libraries Islamabad successfully organized a two-day capacity building workshop titled "Transforming Libraries through E-Library Solutions" on 25-26 November 2025, aimed at strengthening the professional and technical competencies of its staff in response to the rapidly evolving digital landscape of library services. Over the course of the workshop, participants explored a wide range of topics, including the fundamental concepts and components of E-Libraries, the advantages and limitations of digital library systems, practical E-Library software tools and their implementation, and best practices for digitization and preservation of library collections. The sessions also provided strategies for integrating print and digital resources, bridging traditional and modern library services, and enhancing overall access, efficiency, and user engagement. The workshop offered a valuable platform for interactive learning, hands-on experience, and professional development, equipping staff with the skills and knowledge necessary to support the Department's ongoing efforts to modernize and innovate library services across Islamabad.



SEMINAR ON QAUID-E-AZAM'S VISION AND ITS RELEVANCE IN MODERN PAKISTAN

A one-day seminar titled "Quaid-e-Azam's Vision and Its Relevance in Modern Pakistan: Historical and Intellectual Perspectives" was successfully held at Islamabad Public Library on the occasion of Quaid-e-Azam Day. In his opening remarks, the Director General highlighted Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah's intellectual vision, principled leadership, and historic role in nation-building, emphasizing the urgent need to familiarize the younger generation with his ideas. The seminar featured esteemed speakers, including Mr. Ashraf Ansari, Professor Dr. Z.A. Qureshi, Dr. Shehzad Qaiser, and Professor Dr. Adnan Sarwar, who discussed Quaid-e-Azam's struggle, personality, message, and its relevance in contemporary times. Renowned poet Mr. Umair Ali Anjum presented selected poetry. The seminar concluded with Professor Dr. Z.A. Qureshi distributing copies of the Holy Quran as gifts to the esteemed speakers.



FUTURE PLAN

The Department of Libraries is committed to expanding its services and enhancing access to knowledge and resources across Islamabad. The following initiatives outline the Department's vision for the future:

- 1. Establishment of Faiz Ahmed Faiz Public Library:** Plans are underway to establish a dedicated public library in the F-10 Sector of Islamabad, named in honor of the celebrated poet Faiz Ahmed Faiz. This library will serve as a hub for literature, culture, and community activities.
- 2. Formation of Street and Park Libraries:** To promote a culture of reading in open and accessible spaces, the Department aims to establish street and park libraries across Islamabad, allowing residents to enjoy books in a natural and relaxed setting.
- 3. Revival of Mobile Library:** The Department is working on reviving mobile library services to ensure the availability of books and educational resources for people in remote and underserved areas of Islamabad.
- 4. Expansion of Community Libraries:** A key focus is on making community libraries more accessible by establishing one library in each sector of Islamabad, fostering local access to information and cultural enrichment.
- 5. Development of Computer Labs:** To support digital literacy and provide modern facilities, the Department plans to establish state-of-the-art computer labs at the Islamabad Public Library, enabling users to access technology and online resources.
- 6. Establishment of E-Libraries in Parks:** Under the direction of Prime Minister, the Department of Libraries plans to establish e-libraries in all parks/sectors of Islamabad. The pilot project of e-libraries will be established at F-9 Park, Islamabad.
- 7. Renovation/Restructuring Islamabad Public Library:** The Department of Libraries plans to renovate and restructure the Islamabad Public Library to modernize its infrastructure, enhance user facilities, and strengthen its role as a central knowledge and cultural hub.

IMPORTANT LINKS

The important links of Departmental services are give below.

Website	www.dol.gov.pk
Facebook Page	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069233738952
Mobile Application	https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.gov.pk.ictadministration&pcampaignid=web_share
Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC)	http://175.107.15.219/
WhatsApp Group	https://chat.whatsapp.com/KyF37fshn3DI13pA5Sphvm

CONCLUDING REMARKS

The year 2025 has been a remarkable period of growth, innovation, and community engagement for the Department of Libraries Islamabad. Through a wide range of initiatives—including workshops, seminars, book exhibitions, capacity-building programs, and interactive community activities—the Department has strengthened its role as a hub of knowledge, learning, and cultural enrichment. Our libraries have successfully expanded access to diverse resources across all age groups and communities, fostering reading habits, lifelong learning, and intellectual development. Special attention to children’s programs, digital literacy, and emerging library technologies has ensured that our services remain relevant, inclusive, and forward-looking. The dedicated efforts of library professionals, in collaboration with educational institutions, civil society organizations, and community stakeholders, have enabled us to deliver high-quality services while promoting innovation in library management and information access. As we reflect on the achievements of 2025, the Department reaffirms its commitment to modernizing library services, enhancing community outreach, and providing an environment that nurtures curiosity, creativity, and knowledge. Looking ahead, we will continue to build on this foundation, leveraging technology, expanding collections, and fostering partnerships to meet the evolving needs of our readers and to sustain a vibrant culture of learning across Islamabad and the surrounding regions.

Thank you