The Accidental Middle East Librarians

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Comments
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MELCom International
the European Association of Middle East Librarians
Naples, Italy
June 18 - 20 2019
Collection Development

Faculty-Librarian Collaboration

- Collection development
  - Direct communication with Faculty involved
    - Book/DVD selection
    - Vendor selection
  - Use of the balanced budget allocation
  - Prioritized budget /General fund
  - Received faculty donation in support of Arabic Studies program
Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Arabic Studies Program
Faculty-Librarian Partnership

- Partnership
  - Institution level (University)
    - Outreach and publicizing
  - Library/Program level (Arabic Studies)
    - Interaction through meeting
    - Assessing the collection
    - Possible showcases/displays
  - Informal/Individual level
    - Personal connection
    - Deeper engagement
Arabic Studies Movie Nights
Diversity and Inclusion at Chapman

Chapman University Statement on Diversity & Inclusion

Chapman University is deeply committed to enriching diversity and inclusion through on-going efforts to cultivate a welcoming campus climate for all members of the Chapman community. We strive to provide an inclusive academic curriculum, promote equity and access in recruitment and retention and develop meaningful outreach programs and partnerships with our diverse local communities. We value diversity and inclusion in the learning environment and believe it is vital to the fulfillment of the university mission. It is our conviction that an inclusive learning environment facilitates complex, critical and creative thinking and that differences in identities, values, beliefs and perspectives are fundamental to a comprehensive education.

At Chapman the term diversity implies a respect for all and an understanding of individual differences including race, color, religion, sex, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, national origin, ancestry, citizenship status, age, marital status, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, sexual orientation, military or veteran status, genetic information and any other characteristic protected by applicable state or federal law, so that all members of the community are treated at all times with dignity and respect.

Chapman University Diversity Strategic Plan

Leatherby Libraries

Cultural Hub and a Marketplace of Ideas, 2012

PORTRAIT OF A PEOPLE: A Jewish Heritage Exhibit

Reception and Program
March 14, 2012
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
International Exhibit and Program in Honor of the Egyptian Revolution & the Arab Spring, 2014
Empowering Muslim Women, 2014
Interfaith Display for the WinterFest December Campus Event, 2014
A Country Called Syria, 2015
International Display in Honor of Omar Sharif, 2015
Quran cabinet dedicated at the Interfaith Center, 2017
Quran Collection, 2017
Celebrates National Arab-American Heritage Month, 2019

Safi Nazzal, Arab-American student and Film Production major
Reaching beyond the Middle East
Sikhs and Sikhism in American Story Room
Reaching beyond the Middle East

The Italian Heritage Archive Story Room
ILLUMINATING THE LEATHERBY LIBRARIES
Thank you
Any Questions?