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Library plays a key role in fulfilling the information needs of the users and helps them to pursue for academic excellence. The mission of the GC University Library Lahore is to support the educational goals and instructional needs of the programmes by providing professional reference services and information resources to supplement classroom and laboratory learning as well as participating in the teaching and learning environment of the academic departments and online operations. GCU Library traces its genesis back to 1872. Apart from the Central Library a postgraduate library started functioning in 1999 which is capable of accommodating nearly 500 readers at a time. Many developments in services and infrastructure have been made since 2002. In year 2008 Life Sciences Library was also established by merging libraries of Botany, Zoology and Institute of Industrial Biotechnology.

The library has acquired and developed variety of resources to support the teaching and research programmes

holds a rich collection of information resources comprised of 310,681 books and a number of reports, theses, working papers, etc. The library's current subscription for the academic journals exceeds 236 print journals and 21,000 electronic journals covering all academic disciplines. These are well organized and easily accessible, arranged into various sections according to the specific nature of material and the requirements of the users.

GCU Library offers a wide spectrum of information services especially tailored to address the information needs of heterogeneous segments of library users. The library has more than 5000 digitized letters of literary personalities and a collection of the original scripts of articles published in the Naqoosh Magazine during the period 1948 to 2005.

The GCU Library is providing access to more than 21,000 peer-reviewed journals, databases, articles and 45,000 e-Books across a wide range of disciplines through GCU Digital Library. Multimedia section provides access to CD-ROMS, microfilms, audio and video cassettes etc. Terminals have been provided for accessing the digital library.

archival material and periodical collections. Furthermore, GCU Library is the house of 47 personal collections of noble literary figures. The list includes names of Prof. Sufi Tabassam, Prof. Qayyum Nazar, Ashfaq Ahmad, Bano Qudsia, Dr. Ebadat Brailvi, Dr. Waheed Qureshi, Abdullah Malik, Dr. Sohail Ahmed Khan, Dr. Zaheer Ahmed Siddiqui, Malik Meraj Khalid, Dr. Khalid Aftab, and many others.

Recently, Prof. Nosheen Khan, the Chairperson, Department of English donated Rs. 3 million to the GCU Library Lahore. The library has named one reading room as Amtul-Arifa Reading Room in Postgraduate library of the University. Amtul Hayee was the wife and Arifa Khan was the daughter of Prof. M.A. Khan former Principal Government College Lahore. The library will purchase books on the topics in the disciplines of History, Political Science, Psychology and English Literature. It is worth mentioning here that Amtul Hayee was the alumni of the Department of History, GCU in 1945-1947.

Centre for Special Students

The year 2008 brings great news for visually challenged students in Pakistan as GCU established a Centre for Special

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impairment. This is the first ever, such centre at college or university level established in Pakistan which aims at assisting the visually challenged students in order to eliminate their educational barriers. The CSS is attached with GCU Library for IT based services and administrative affairs. GCU Library received a number of national and international recognitions in recent years.

The official website of GCU Library <http://www.gcu.edu.pk/library> was declared the best library website for the year 2006, in the competition organized by Elsevier Publishing in collaboration with the HEC. In 2009, an International Impact Factor Journal "Program: Electronic Library and Information Systems" declared the GCU, Library Website "the best library

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