11.2.2 Public Access to Libraries

2024/2025

The Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport (AASTMT) supported access to books, publications and research resources through public library engagement, the development of institutional library collections and digital knowledge dissemination. Activities included educational visits to the Alamein Public Library and participation in book-related events that encouraged reading and engagement with literary resources. Within the Academy, the Libraries and Information Services Center continued to provide access to printed and electronic collections, while specialized publications were added to the Main Library through the inauguration of a dedicated pavilion for the works of President Mahmoud Abbas. In addition, AASTMT supported wider digital access to academic knowledge through the public release of the SUMTS Project Baseline Study. Together, these initiatives demonstrate efforts to facilitate access to library resources, academic publications and digital research materials for students, researchers and members of the wider community.

Pioneers School Visit to Alamein Public Library Branch (8 December 2024)

On 8 December 2024, Pioneers School organized an educational visit to the Alamein Branch of the local public library. Students explored the library's book collections and information resources, browsed books covering different subjects, and accessed historical materials, including publications about the Battle of El Alamein. The library staff also introduced students to the online catalogue and demonstrated how to search for specific books and topics. This visit provided school students with an opportunity to access public library resources and encouraged reading, independent information searching and engagement with historical publications.



Pioneers School Visit to Alamein Public Library Branch (8 December 2024)

AASTMT Libraries and Information Services – Physical and Digital Library Resources

The AASTMT Libraries and Information Services Center provides access to a broad range of academic information resources through its library network and electronic services. Its collections include printed books, e-books and electronic journals, supported by services such as reading facilities, book borrowing, bibliographic searches and document delivery. Digital resources, including subscribed databases and e-journals, are accessible on campus and through the Egyptian Knowledge Bank. The Library also provides remote access to subscribed databases for authorized library users working off campus through a Virtual Private Network (VPN). These services support access to academic publications and research resources through both physical and digital library facilities.





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Book Fair at the Alamein Public Library Branch (1 December 2024)

The Alamein branch of the public library hosted a book fair on 1 December 2024, offering visitors of different age groups the opportunity to explore a diverse collection of books, including new releases, bestsellers, classic novels, children's books and non-fiction titles. The event also featured book-related activities, including trivia contests and literary scavenger

hunts, as well as opportunities to meet local authors, obtain signed copies and discuss their writing. The initiative supported public engagement with books and literary resources and encouraged reading among the wider community.

Book Fair at the Alamein Public Library Branch (1 December 2024)

AASTMT Participation in the 56th Cairo International Book Fair (25 January 2025)

The Libraries and Information Services Center at AASTMT organized a visit to the 56th Cairo International Book Fair on 25 January 2025. During the visit, Academy faculty staff selected recent publications across various academic disciplines for inclusion in the Academy's library collections. The 56th edition of the fair, held at the Egypt International Exhibition Center from 23 January to 5 February 2025, featured 1,345 publishing houses from 80 countries and more than 6,000 exhibitors.



AASTMT Participation in the 56th Cairo International Book Fair (25

Inauguration of a Special Library Pavilion for the Works of President Mahmoud Abbas (27 August 2025)

AASTMT inaugurated a special pavilion at its Main Library on 27 August 2025, dedicated to the literary and political works of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. The inauguration was attended by the AASTMT President and the Consul General of the State of Palestine in Alexandria, alongside the Director of the Information and Library Services Center and members of the academic community. The collection was officially deposited in the library to make the publications accessible to students and researchers. A historical map of Palestine was also presented for inclusion in the newly established pavilion. This initiative enriched the Academy's library collection with specialized publications and provided readers with access to additional historical and political resources.



Inauguration of a Special Library Pavilion for the Works of President Mahmoud Abbas (27 August 2025)

Public Release of the SUMTS Project Baseline Study (30 July 2025)

As part of its participation in the SUMTS Project, co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union, AASTMT announced the public release of the project's Baseline Study on 30 July 2025. The publication was made available for download through the official project website, providing access to research findings for academic institutions, policymakers, researchers and other stakeholders. The study focuses on digital transformation in engineering education and strengthening collaboration between academia and the labour market across the Mediterranean region. This initiative supports the dissemination of research publications and wider access to academic knowledge.



Public Release of the SUMTS Project Baseline Study (30 July 2025)