



KFUPM Libraries Overview

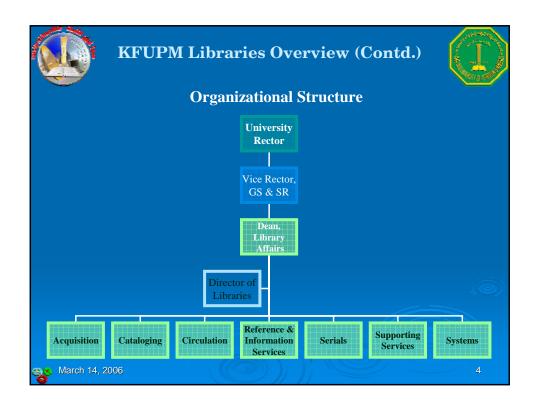


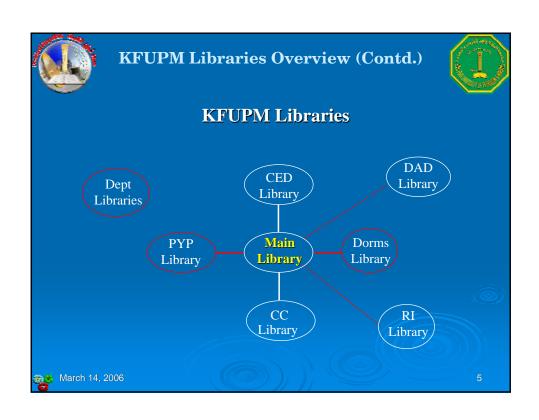
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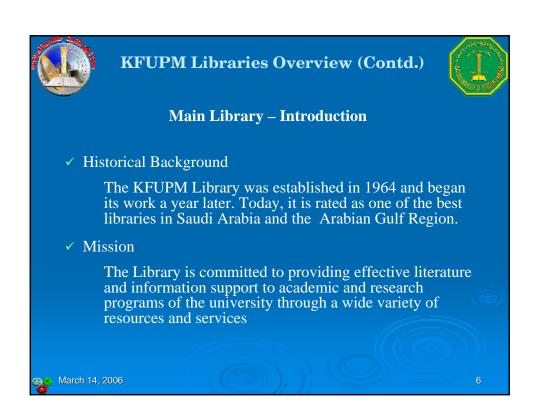
- ✓ The Deanship of Library Affairs (DLA) works under the Vice Rector for Graduate Studies & Scientific Research.
- ✓ DLA is managing the main library and the satellite libraries, which are linked with a sophisticated automation system "Horizon".
- ✓ DLA supports the programs of study and research of the University and provides materials and services, both print and electronic, in all subject areas to the faculty, researchers, and students.
- ✓ The focus of the DLA is on understanding the current and future needs of the KFUPM faculty and students and how best to meet those needs.
- ✓ DLA is located in building 8 (Main Library).

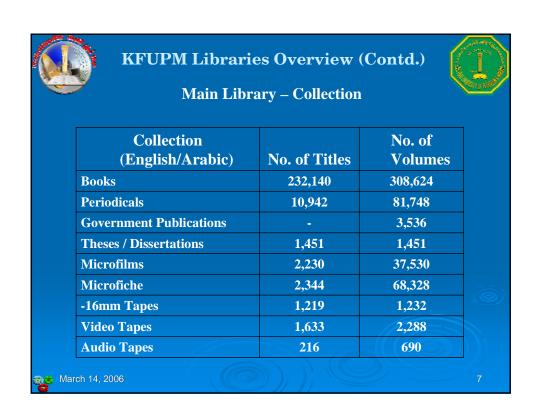
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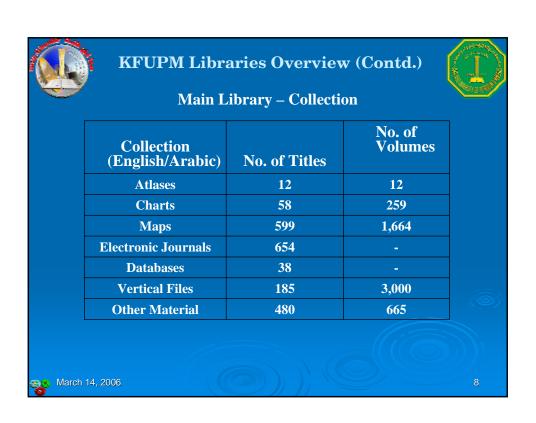
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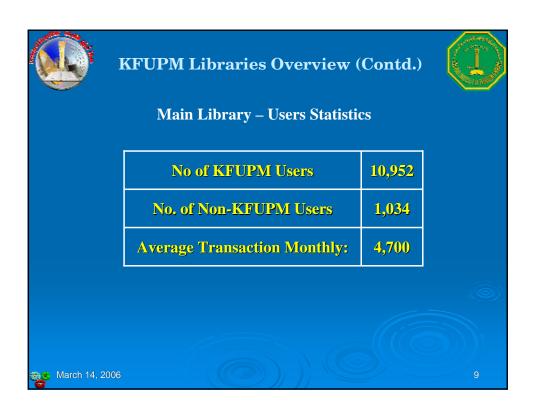














IT Use at KFUPM Libraries



- First University in the region that started online searching of more than (500) databases using the Dialog and Orbit search services in 1970.
- First University in the Kingdom to install a Computerized Library System (DOBIS/LIBIS) in 1982 and Arabizied it in 1989.
- One of the very few universities in the world that fully converted the card catalog into a computerized catalog in 1985.
- Providing access to local databases at KACST through GULFNET to in 1985.
- Used BITNET to access and utilize all available electronic services (e-mail, listsery, and discussion groups) in 1987.

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IT Use at KFUPM Libraries (Contd.)



- Introduced a Fiber Optics network in 1993.
- Installed and provided access to CD-ROM databases through stand-alone and networked PCs in 1994
- Started searching of CD-ROM-based Full-text databases using jukeboxes in 1995.
- Utilized the available web technologies and programming to create the library webpage in 1997.
- Introduced several on-line services through the library webpage in 1999.



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IT Use at KFUPM Libraries (Contd.)



- Established a faculty search lab in 1999 and students Internet lab in 2000.
- Began using e-forms to provide book renewal, books acquisition and other services, through the library webpage in 2001.
- Introduced electronic resources (e-databases and e-journals) in 2001.
- Installing Wireless Network in the library building in 2003
- Upgraded students and Faculty lab in 2005.
- Installed self-check out station in 2005.

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