



✦ Who Are We?

Children and their parents, caregivers, and teachers are invited to enjoy exploring and learning about the Children's Library. We provide an inspirational learning space for children to not only fall in love with reading, but also explore their curiosity by engaging with the Library's space and collections.

We have a specialized library space that houses educational toys and fun electronic resources for children, as well as a collection of more than 30,000 children's books. The Library hosts numerous activities for children and their families, such as:

- Interactive story time
- Creative workshops
- Art activities
- Book clubs



✦ How Do We Search for Books?

Looking for a book to read? Our collection includes more than 30,000 children's information and educational materials, including print books, eBooks, audiobooks, educational e-resources, magazines, multimedia, and more.

To find what you are looking for, use the following link:
<http://balis.bibalex.org/EN/OPAC/Home/SearchOPAC>.

On the results page, you can refine your search results using various filters. Use advanced search to specify whether you are searching for an author, title, subject, call number, or the barcode of the book.



✦ What Do We Offer Children throughout the Year?

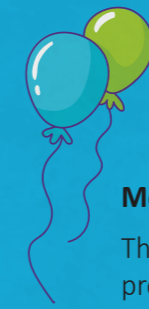
School Visits: The External Adventures of the Biblio Bee

The Children's Library plays a big role in promoting reading to children from 6–11 years old (junior grades). This program mainly aims at spreading the culture of reading in schools through workshops made by the Library in different schools all around the country. These workshops are divided into three types:

- My Book Digital and Printed: which explains the six steps of binding paper (scanning, selecting, printing, assembling, cutting, and reading)
- Storytelling (Arabic, French and English language)
- Book club: after coordinating with a venue, the visit provides a group of 20 children with a member of the staff to give them a presentation about a celebrity's biography and work or about a famous subject.

Schools' Competition

The Children's Library organizes a school competition that includes both Arabic and language schools. The Library chooses a specific topic that the young students would have to present. The topic can be presented through an artwork, a presentation, or a drama show.



Mother Goose on the Loose Program

The Children's Library offers a program for babies and preschoolers. This program aims to introduce early learning for children aged 1 day to 3 years, and develop their reading, listening, and learning skills. The program comprises 11 sessions distributed over a month and a half.

New Year

The whole world celebrates the New Year and the Children's Library contributes with them through celebrating the New Year in the second half of December. During the celebration, the Library offers many activities and games.

Orphan's Day

The Children's Library, in cooperation with the Young People's Library, celebrates Orphan's Day in April by inviting children from orphanage institutes. The celebration differs from one year to another through its activities and games.

Universal Children's Day

The Children's Library celebrates Universal Children's Day by inviting several schools to participate in several creative cultural and sports activities.

Science Festivity

Every year, the Children's Library participates in the Science Festivity, organized by the Planetarium Science Center with some activities and programs that fit the theme.

Children Celebration

One of the Children's Library's traditions is to hold a celebration to celebrate the end of summer activities and workshops. In this celebration, the children present different shows, such as: dancing, singing, acting, poetry reading, and comedy shows.





❖ How Do We Make Mid-year and Summer Vacations Useful for our Children?

The Children's Library offers two main programs:

Summer and Mid-year Activities Programs

The basic role of the Children's Library is to enhance and improve the child's mental, communication, artistic, and creative skills through workshops and activities that develop these skills in a fun and creative way. Through the past years, the Children's Library upgraded the relationship between the child and the library through different scientific, artistic, sportive, educational, and outreach workshops. Only children with membership cards can register in these workshops through the following link: www.bibalex.org/libraries/chprograms.

Summer and Mid-year Reading Area Programs

The Children's Library organizes two programs: one is held during the mid-year vacation and the other during the summer. These programs are valuable, cultural, and educational tools that fulfill children's needs and suit their specific stages of mental development. The Children's Library also offers several activities, such as reading and storytelling activities, art work, behavioral programs, cartoon theater, etc.

Registration Link: https://www.bibalex.org/Libraries/Presentation/CH_Registration/11CHreg.aspx



❖ How Can I Volunteer in the Children's Library?

The Children's Library offers a great opportunity for committed undergraduates to volunteer during summer and mid-year vacations, where they receive a great learning experience. Through this experience, volunteers present different topics to children in a fun, interesting and creative way through games, workshops and much more. What you need to do is wait for our announcement on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/bibalexchildrenlibrary/.

❖ Can I Help in the Library as a Child? How?

Yes, of course you can. We appreciate your help to make our library neat and organized. That is why we created Ch Friends. Ch Friends are a group of children aged from 9–11 years old who go through exams, tests and training to be qualified to help us. Their main role is to reshell all the books in the Library and keep the shelves and the Library organized. They also help children and parents to search for the books they need according to their age and the subject they want. Moreover, they help both the volunteers and staff in supervising the children.

❖ How Can You Contact Us?

You can find all the announcements regarding our events on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/bibalexchildrenlibrary/

If you have any inquiries, please call us: Tel.: +(203) 4839999 Ext.: 1628

Or, you can send us an email: childrenlibrary@bibalex.org

