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About this Issue

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In publishing the second issue of the UTAS-Salah Library Newsletter, we look forward to providing you an additional medium to diversify your knowledge and update you with news and library activities.

Also, we endeavor to serve as a link between the library and the beneficiaries of its services, apart from being a channel of communication with the University's academic community.

Finally, we included new topics in this issue so that we can progress with each other step by step.

BACKHIT MASSAN
HoS-Library



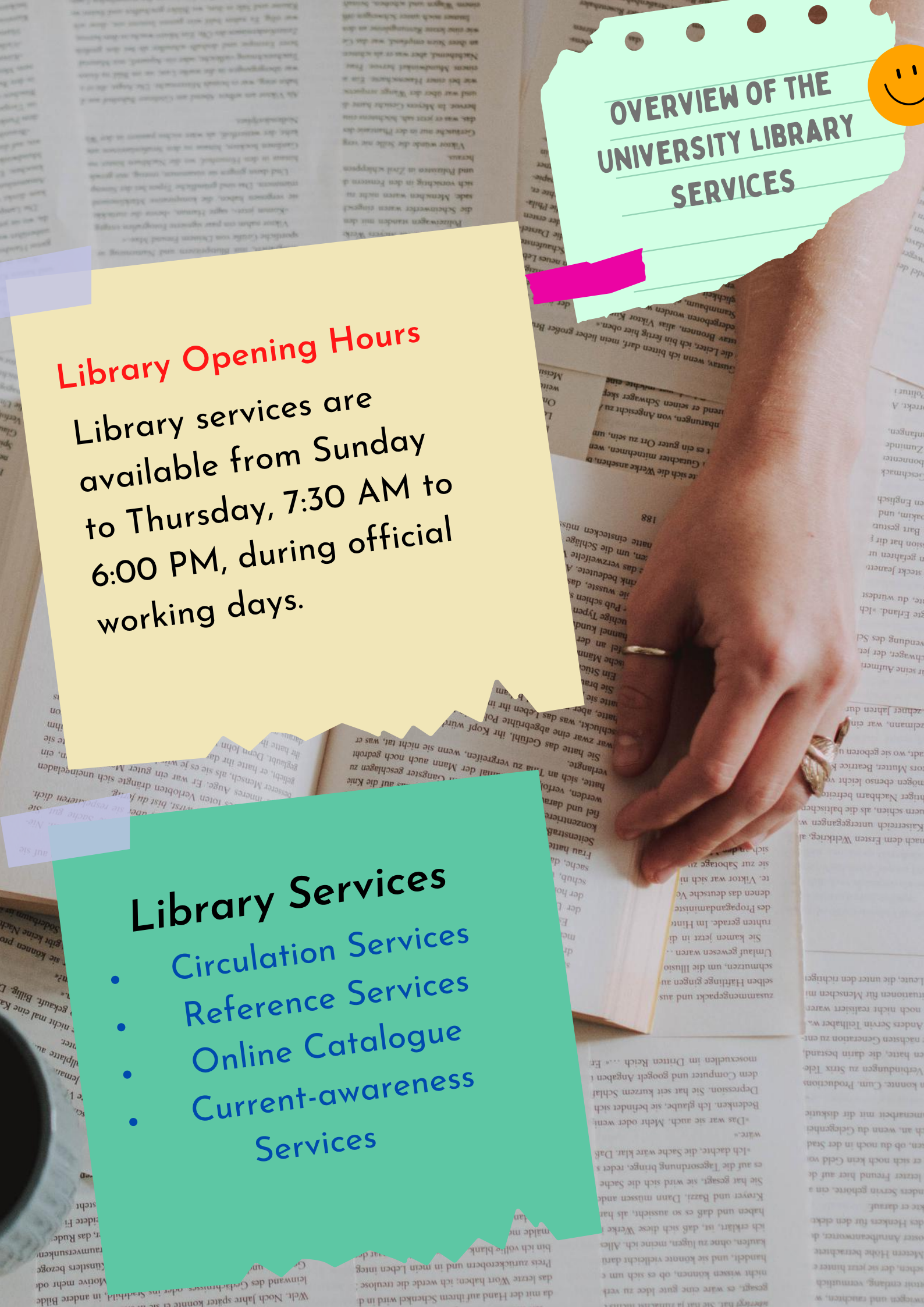
OVERVIEW OF THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY SERVICES

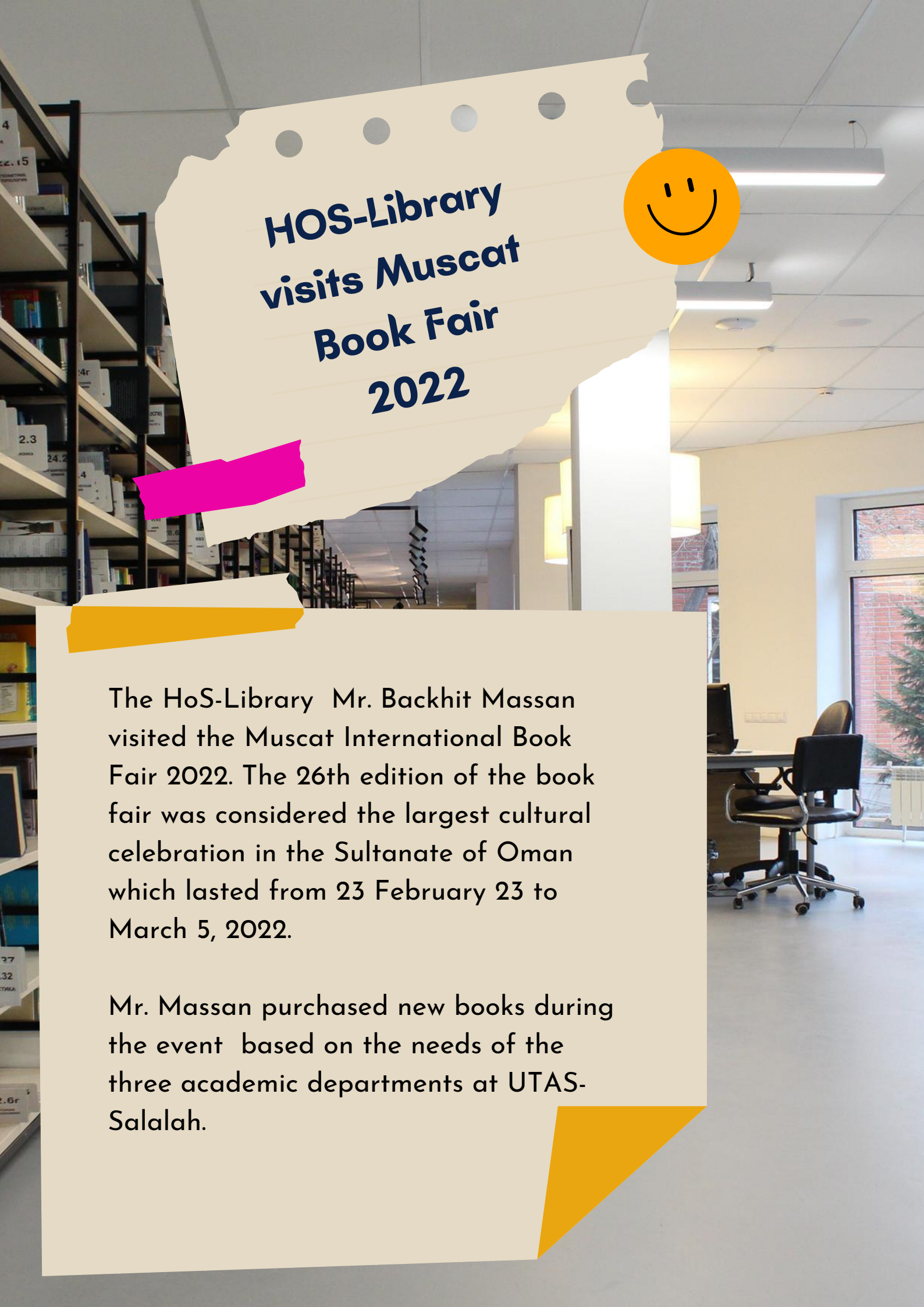
Library Opening Hours

Library services are available from Sunday to Thursday, 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM, during official working days.

Library Services

- Circulation Services
- Reference Services
- Online Catalogue
- Current-awareness Services





HOS-Library visits Muscat Book Fair 2022



The HoS-Library Mr. Backhit Massan visited the Muscat International Book Fair 2022. The 26th edition of the book fair was considered the largest cultural celebration in the Sultanate of Oman which lasted from 23 February 23 to March 5, 2022.

Mr. Massan purchased new books during the event based on the needs of the three academic departments at UTAS-Salalah.



NEW ACQUISITIONS

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New books are shelved on the "New Arrival Section" for a limited amount of time to enable library users browse and read the books.

NEW BOOKS

In **Python Programming for Beginners**, kids will start off with the basics, learning all about fundamental coding concepts and putting these concepts together in Python to build their own games and programs. Each chapter focuses on a different coding concept like variables, data types, and loops .

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Python PROGRAMMING for Beginners

A Kid's Guide to Coding Fundamentals

ages 10-14



Simulation Modeling and Arena is an ideal textbook for upper undergraduate and graduate courses in modeling and simulation within statistics, mathematics, industrial and civil engineering, construction management, business, computer science, and other departments where simulation is practiced. The book is also an excellent reference for professionals interested in mathematical modeling simulation and arena.

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SIMULATION MODELING AND ARENA®

SECOND EDITION

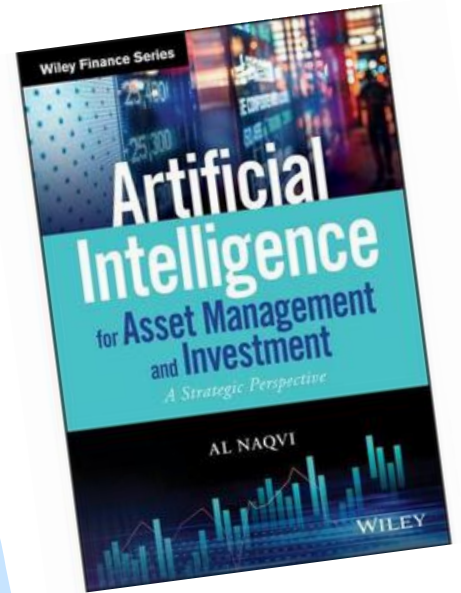
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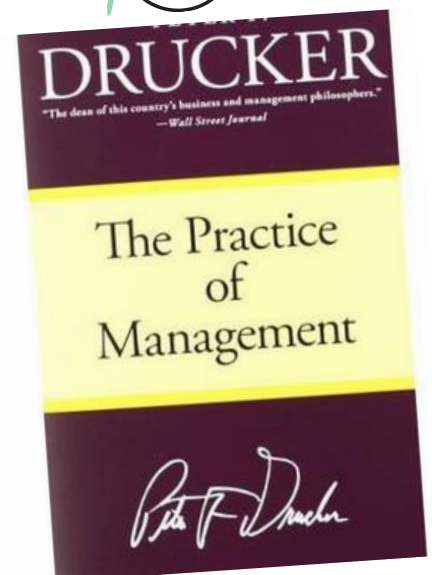
No other book on the market takes such a wide-ranging approach to using **Artificial Intelligence in Asset Management**. With this guide, you'll be able to build an asset management firm from the ground up—or revolutionize your existing firm—using artificial intelligence as the cornerstone and foundation. This is a must, because AI is quickly growing to be the single competitive factor for financial firms. With better AI comes better results. If you aren't integrating AI in the strategic DNA of your firm, you're at risk of being left behind.

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A classic since its publication in 1954, **The Practice of Management** was the first book to look at management as a whole and being a manager as a separate responsibility. The Practice of Management created the discipline of modern management practices. Readable, fundamental, and basic, it remains an essential book for students, aspiring managers, and seasoned professionals.

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**Library staff
attend training
workshop on
networking
basics**


Some of the library employees attended a 2-day training workshops, which was organized by UTAS-Salalah in one of the computer labs in the English Language Center.

Mr. Backhit Massan, along with other staff, participated in the networking basics workshop aimed at honing their computer and administrative skills.


The workshop was presented by Mr. Khaled Mufleh, the Head of the Educational Technology Center.



LIBRARY & STUDENT EXAMS AT THE END OF SECOND SEMESTER



During the exam period, the library received a large number of UTAS-Salah students preparing for their exams and completing their research and graduation projects. The library catered to students' needs by offering them a calm and an ideal educational environment. Also, library staff were readily available to answer students' questions about references and books.



In addition, the library published advertisements on the university's social media channels about library working hours during evening in order to provide students an opportunity to benefit from library facilities for their scientific and research undertakings.

The Character Issue

In this issue, we highlight Mr. Khalid Mufleh's life to learn about his professional responsibilities and interests.

Personal Information:

Name: Khalid bin Abdullah Mufleh, born on 12th August 1979 in Salalah.

Qualifications: Bachelor of Systems and Networks, Institute of Technology Sligo; Master's degree in Cyber Security, National University of Science and Technology, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman.

Current position: Head of the Educational Technology Center, UTAS-Salalah



Mr. Khalid bin Abdullah Mufleh

What is your vision for the future of e-learning?

Considering our experience with the Corona pandemic, which resulted in the full implementation of distance education, the system has demonstrated its importance and success in the educational process at the university. It has become an integral part of the requirements for the success of the university's goals and visions. Efforts are still being made to develop and enhance the technical infrastructure to further reinforce this aspect, which has become vital for the education system's progress and flexibility.

What ambitious plans are you looking forward to at ETC?

Our view is to meet the needs and to improve the technical structure of UTAS-Salalah, as well as to stay up to date with the emergence of the current needs of this era regarding this field.

What are your favorite hobbies?

Despite job stress, one should keep eyes open on his hobbies and personal desires. As such, I love exercising and reading especially in technical topics, from which I can take advantage of in both personal and professional aspects.

Why are you so passionate about technology?

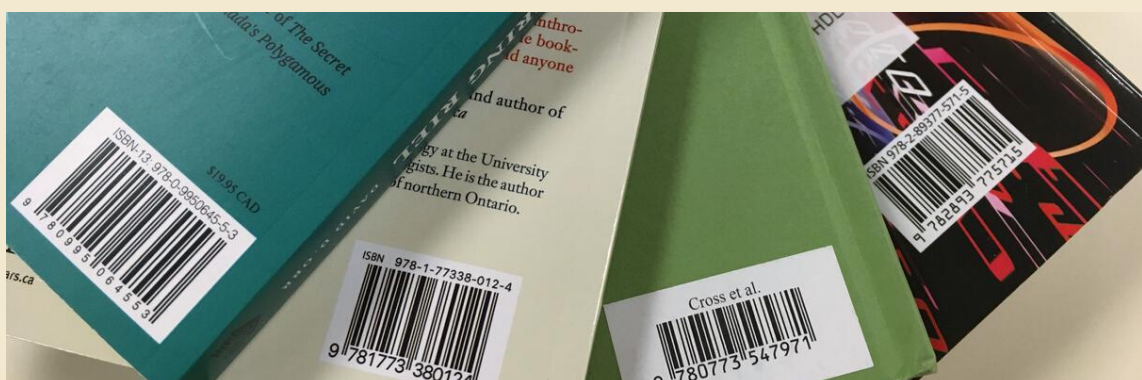
This relationship began from the school days, even though computers were limited and expensive at that time. I bought my first computer for 800 rials, which was considered too costly. I made a personal effort to optimize it and to install new components, although it was difficult to find some parts in the market during that stage. Just to let you know, I was one of the first people to use the Internet service when it initially became available.

Did You Know?

WHAT IS ISBN?

An ISBN is an International Standard Book Number. ISBNs were 10 digits in length up to the end of December 2006, but since 1 January 2007 they now always consist of 13 digits. ISBNs are calculated using a specific mathematical formula and include a check digit to validate the number. Each ISBN consists of 5 elements with each section being separated by spaces or hyphens. Three of the five elements may be of varying length as follows:

- **Prefix element** - currently this can only be either 978 or 979. It is always 3 digits in length
- **Registration group element** - this identifies the particular country, geographical region, or language area participating in the ISBN system. This element may be between 1 and 5 digits in length.
- **Registrant element** - this identifies the particular publisher or imprint. This may be up to 7 digits in length
- **Publication element** - this identifies the particular edition and format of a specific title. This may be up to 6 digits in length
- **Check digit** - this is always the final single digit that mathematically validates the rest of the number. It is calculated using a Modulus 10 system with alternate weights of 1 and 3.





AWESOME LIBRARY QUOTES

Civilized nations build libraries; lands that have lost their soul close them down. –**Toby Forward**

You build a thousand castles, a thousand sanctuaries, you are nothing; you build a library, you are everything! –**Mehmet Murat Ildan**

A library in the middle of a community is a cross between an emergency exit, a life-raft and a festival. They are cathedrals of the mind; hospitals of the soul; theme parks of the imagination. On a cold rainy island, they are the only sheltered public spaces where you are not a consumer, but a citizen instead. –**Caitlin Moran**

Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life. Libraries change lives for the better. –**Sidney Sheldon**

A library could show you everything if you knew where to look. –**Pat Conroy**

A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life. –**Henry Ward Beecher**