

THE ARCHIVES DAP-NEDUET

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The Archives is active in supplementing the City Campus Library in collecting, preserving and providing access to multiple types of resources. Initially, Archives was a self-financed unit running under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Noman Ahmad and Assoc. Prof. Fariha Amjad Ubaid. In this year, a budget approval was received from the University and now all paper material will be purchased through university funds. This will be very useful in expanding the resources of Archives. A small group of highly motivated faculty and staff is involved in research activities, resource-build up, digitization of data and management of both Archives and City Campus Library. These include Lecturers Saadia Bano, Rabela Junejo, Sarah Ather Khan and Jr. Deo Azeem Ahmad Khan.

In June 2010, the Archives has more than 5000 holdings (For details refer to table) and eleven different sections have been developed according to types of material and resources available. These include sections on Books, Newspapers, Maps, Multimedia, Catalogues etc. Archives possess a range of material; 1764 books, 1163 periodicals, 870 Reports, 711 Thesis, 400 Newsletter, 300 maps, 745 Slides etc. to mention a few. The expansion of the Multimedia, Maps and Newspaper Section has been a major achievement of this year.

Multimedia Section is now fully functional with a diverse variety of digital resources. In addition to expanding the educational documentaries, more than 3000 e-books have been added to the resources. E-readers are also being developed on various subjects and the staff is engaged in assisting students and faculty members to carry out digital information based assignments and research.

Newspaper Section launched compilations of clippings in Urdu during June 2009-10 and five new subjects were added to cover important news items. The Archives collaborated with the NGO Shehri for collection of maps and through this a total of 337 maps have been added to the collection. These maps are scanned, digitized and catalogued. Editing work on a Bibliographic publication on Karachi is also ongoing and the publication is being designed.

In addition to the above mentioned all other regular activities of Archives also continued in this year. The staff was further developed through training and mentoring in several areas which range from proficiency in basic computer skills to complex functions of library management, administrative procedures and research works. In 2010, one more room was allocated to Archives to house the printing pool and material section. With this facilitation Archives DAP-NEDUET intends to expand the material section in the current academic year.

