

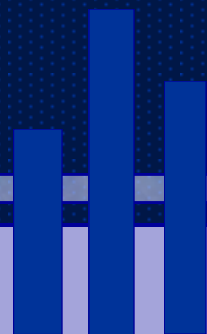


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Chief Commissioner and Commissioner (ENF), LTU Islamabad, Visited Library

Every visiting dignitary feels pleasant while visiting the library because of its architecture, resources, services and facilities. A comment in the visitor's book and verbal admiration at the end of each visit has become a norm as far as the library is concerned.

20th April 2011 was no exception when same kinds of remarks were made by Chief Commissioner (LTU) and Commissioner (ENF), LTU (Islamabad), while they were visiting different sections of the library.

Rector CIIT, Dr. Syed Muhammad Junaid Zaidi (S.I.) accompanied them during their visit and Raja Muhammad Ibrahim (Senior Librarian) briefed them about the role and services of different sections of the library.



Federal Minister of Science and Technology Visited CIIT

Mir Changez Khan visited COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (Islamabad Campus) on 20th April 2011. He took charge as Minister of Science and Technology in February 2011 with the aim of making best use of science and technology for accelerated growth of country.

Rector CIIT, Dr. Syed Muhammad Junaid Zaidi (S.I.) welcomed the honorable Minister on his arrival at CIIT. Dr. Zaidi briefed him about the historical perspective, achievements and future vision of CIIT in a meeting. Various CIIT officials were also present in this meeting which was held at the conference room of the library.

Before this meeting, the honorable Minister took a round of the lush green campus and saw computer and engineering labs and library. He specially appreciated the library, its beautiful architecture, environment and services.

Raja Muhammad Ibrahim, Senior Librarian briefed the honorable minister about the resources, services and facilities being offered by the library for students and faculty members during his visit to the library.



NCRD Course Participants Visited CIIT

User's education and 21st century libraries, was the topic of discussion, when more than 45 library professionals from all over the country visited Islamabad Campus library on 29th April 2011.

Raja Muhammad Ibrahim (Senior Librarian, CIIT) gave a detailed presentation on user education and its importance for libraries in the 21st century keeping in view the sweeping changes in the field of ICT and Knowledge Management. He discussed his experience about ways and means being adopted by CIIT library team for user education and information literacy in recent years. Besides this he described it, the need of the hour, and encouraged all professionals to emphasize the user education and information literacy programs in their respective institutions and organizations.

This visit was a part of course being organized by NCRD for library professionals as part of their continuing professional education program.

Course participants also visited the library and saw its different sections where Hafiz Abdur Rehman (Deputy Librarian) briefed them about the services and role of each section in detail.



Kamran Lashari Visited the Library and Delivered a Lecture on Preservation of Cultural Heritage in Pakistan

Mr. Kamran Lashari visited CIIT Islamabad Campus Library on 19th May 2011 and delivered a lecture on preservation of cultural heritage in Pakistan. Mr. Lashari is a distinguished bureaucrat and is well known for his work and achievements in promoting culture, heritage and tourism in Pakistan.

Mr. Lashari along with CIIT officials took a round of the library and saw different sections. During his visit, he was received by Raja Muhammad Ibrahim, who briefed him about the resources, services and facilities provide by the library for educational community of CIIT.

Later on, he delivered a lecture on the preservation of cultural heritage in Pakistan.

The lecture was organized by the Department of Architecture and Design at the conference room of the library in which large number of CIIT faculty members and students participated.

An invigorating question and answer session followed the lecture providing an excellent opportunity to the audience to share their views with Mr. Lashari, who also shared his initiatives and achievements and personal experience with them.



Academics of Dhaka University Visited CIIT Library

A delegation of academicians from Bangladesh's Dhaka University visited the library on 31st May 2011. During their visit they saw different sections of the library and took keen interest in the services and resources offered by library for the students and faculty members of CIIT.

Syeda Nasreen Sultana (Librarian) took them to the different sections and briefed them about library. She also answered many of their questions about the use of resources and related policies of library information services.



Delegation of Foundation University Islamabad (FUI) Visits CIIT Library

A delegation of Foundation University Islamabad (FUI), which is a project of Fauji Foundation, visited CIIT Islamabad Campus on 18th May 2011. The delegation comprising of Rector, Registrar, Deans, Principal FUMC and other senior members of educational community of FUI was at CIIT to discuss issues of mutual interest.

The delegation praised the facilities being provided by CIIT, particularly the library. They saw different sections of the library and were briefed about the resources and services by Raja Muhammad Ibrahim, Senior Librarian.



Prime Minister of AJK Visited CIIT, Islamabad Campus

“In real sense of terms, it is so highly impressive to have visited this great institution that is beyond expectations. I wish some more facilities like this should be available in the country”.

These were the words written in the “Visitor's Book” by Sardar Attique Ahmad Khan, Prime Minister of Azad Jammu & Kashmir after visiting CIIT and the Library on 4th April 2011.

Dr. S. M. Junaid Zaidi, Rector CIIT, accompanied the honorable Prime Minister of AJK during his visit to CIIT and Library. They took a round of various blocks of the campus especially the library. In the library, Raja Muhammad Ibrahim (Senior Librarian) briefed the visitors about the available resources, services and facilities being provided to the users. In addition to this, they were shown the modern equipment like RFID System, EM Security System, Drop Box and Self Check In/Check Out System. Raja Muhammad Ibrahim explained the benefits and usability of these systems and told them that all systems will be installed and functional in near future.



Prof. Dr. Atta-ur-Rahman Visited CIIT, Islamabad Campus

Prof. Dr. Atta-ur-Rahman, former Federal Minister/Chairman, HEC visited CIIT Library with Prof. Dr. Haroon Rashid, Prof. Dr. Raheel Qamar and Prof. Dr. Arshad Saleem Bhatti on 7th April 2011 and took keen interest in knowing about the services and resources of this state of the art library. Raja Muhammad Ibrahim, Senior Librarian, CIIT briefed them about the development plans of the library and shared his experience of developing this masterpiece with them.

Pakistan Ambassador to China Visited CIIT Library

Pakistan ambassador to China, Mr. Masood Khan visited the library on 10th May 2011. During his visit he saw different sections of the library along with Dr. Junaid Zaidi, Rector CIIT. Later on a meeting was held at the conference room of the library where he was briefed about CIIT and educational programs being conducted by CIIT.

Senator Muhammad Saleh Shah Visited CIIT, Islamabad Campus

Senator Muhammad Saleh Shah, Chairman, Standing Committee on Religious Affairs and Zakat and Ushr and Minorities Affairs visited CIIT library on 08 April 2011. Raja Muhammad Ibrahim, Senior Librarian accompanied the guest during his visit and briefed about the development, functioning and future plans of the library. The visitor congratulated the whole team and conveyed their best wishes for future projects and plans.



Shifa College of Medicine Officials Visited CIIT Library

In continuation of the previous visit by top officials of Shifa College of Medicine a few months ago, Mr. Ahmer Nadeem (Manager MIS) and Mr. Muhammad Javed (Librarian) visited the Islamabad Campus Library on 12th April 2011. Raja Muhammad Ibrahim (Senior Librarian) took them to the different sections of the library and provided them all details about the functioning and working of latest technologies like RFID, Drop Box, and Self Check in/Check out terminal etc.



CIIT Library Celebrated “World Book and Copyrights Day”

“Books, Pathways to the Future” was the slogan for this year’s “World’s Book and Copyrights Day”, which was celebrated by Library Information Services at CIIT (Islamabad Campus) on 25th April 2011.

Today’s readers are tomorrow’s leaders, but, unfortunately precipitous decline in reading habits has been observed in recent past. Basic purpose of celebrating World Book and Copyrights day is to encourage people to discover the pleasure of reading and help them understanding copyright laws. World Book and Copyrights Day was designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and is marked all over the world for so many years now.

CIIT has a rich tradition of celebrating this day by organizing different activities and events for stakeholders. This time round, a walk and library mounted book exhibition were the main activities of the day.

Celebrations started with a Walk, which was organized for raising awareness about the importance and benefits of developing reading habits among students. Rector CIIT, Dr. S. M. Junaid Zaidi (S.I.) inaugurated the walk which was participated by large number of faculty members and students. Besides the honorable faculty members, this year, executive members of the CEC (Central Executive Committee), who were having a meeting at Islamabad Campus, also participated in the walk, despite the hot and humid weather conditions.



Participants of the walk were carrying banners and play cards on which different quotations were written about the importance of books and reading. They took a round of the campus and finished the walk at library, where, Rector CIIT along with Executive Members of CEC and Raja Muhammad Ibrahim, Senior Librarian inaugurated and opened the “Library Mounted Book Exhibition” for students and faculty members.

Throughout the day, number of students and faculty members were seen visiting the exhibition and taking interest in the books which were displayed inside the library premises.

Raja Muhammad Ibrahim Attended IEEE Workshop , Dubai

Raja M. Ibrahim, Senior Librarian visited Dubai to participate in IEEE Workshop held from June 18-21, 2011 along with other Librarians and IT experts working in different Universities and Research Centers of Pakistan.

This workshop not only helped the participants to grasp innovative ideas and better exposure of IEEE digital library but also strengthened and enhanced IEEE efforts in Digital Library projects in Pakistan.



Professor Giorgio Poretti Visited Library

Giorgio Poretti, Professor of Mathematics in University of Trieste (Italy), visited the library on June 1, 2011. During his visit he was shown different sections of the library where he interacted with the students, present in the Library.



Expressing his views about the library, he termed it a wonderful resource for the students, researchers and faculty of CIIT. He also appreciated the facilities and services provided to the library users.

Germany's SES Expert Visited CIIT Library

Senior Expert Service's Dr. Ing Andreas Matzek visited the library on June 2, 2011. Senior Expert Service (SES) is the foundation of German industry for international cooperation and offers interested retirees the opportunity to pass on their skills and knowledge to others, both within Germany and abroad.



During his visit to the library he showed great interest in using the digital and e-library and appreciated the efforts of CIIT and library staff for providing this wonderful resource to the educational community.

LIS ISLAMABAD WINS INASP PROJECT

Under the supervision and guidance of Raja M. Ibrahim, Islamabad Campus participated in INASP Competition, "Promotion of Electronic Resources by Consortia and Libraries".

For this, a project proposal was prepared by Tasawar Hussain, Deputy Librarian and later a completed form was submitted to Anne Powell, Programme Officer, Information Delivery, INASP before the deadline of 30 April 2011. Competition result was notified by 1 June 2011 and our proposal was selected to award a grant of \$500 from INASP to support our project as it was felt to be one of the best promotional plans.

Celebrations of World Book Day

Library Information Services CIIT Lahore celebrated World Book Day on Friday April 29, 2011. COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, Library Information Services Lahore: celebrated the World Book Day on Friday April 29, 2011. The main purpose of this day is to develop students with wider outlook and a balanced view towards science and humanities, because we strongly believe that half mind is a dangerous thing. It is our intent desire and effort to inculcate reading habits in our students.

COMSATS has made significant strides in the domain of education. Considering the fact that COMSATS is a relatively young organization, we have developed reasonably good libraries and a wide collection of books. We are by no means narrow in prospective our library holds books of fiction, Islamic studies and general reading.

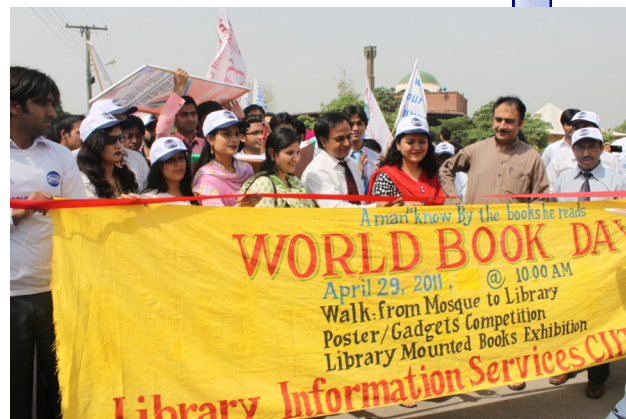
Thus activities like World Book Day help us enormously in achieving our ultimate goal i.e. developing knowledgeable and compassionate citizens for the society.

Main events organized on this day were:

- Walk
- Poster Competition
- Gadget Competition
- Departmental Publications Stalls
- Library Mounted Books Exhibition

Celebrations of this day started with the walk at 9:45 am inaugurated by Convener Library Affairs Committee and Incharge of academics Dr Talat Afza and Incharge library information services Tariq Najmi arranged by "World Book Day Organizing Committee".

The path of this journey started from Lahore campus mosque and ended at the library. Head of all departments, faculty/staff members and all students participated in this walk very excitedly. After the completion of this walk Dr Talat Afza inaugurated the Library Mounted Book Exhibition and Departmental Publications Stalls. They also watch the posters / gadgets with great interest and admire the endeavor of students.





Posters and gadgets included in the competition are judged by The Mr. Shahnawaz Zaidi and finalized the first, second and third position holders. Prizes and certificates are distributed to contestants. Among the departmental publication, IRCBM department secured the first and computer sciences got the second position, judged by Dr. Talat Afza, Convener Library Affairs Committee.



At the end Dr. Ghulam Qamar Abbassi concluded this ceremony. He said that books can play an important role in our lives and we should connect with the reading, wherever we are. He also admired and appreciated the “World Book Day Organizing Committee” library staff, participated students and departments for organizing this walk and made this event successful.

The Organizing committee of these events did a remarkable job to make these events successful. All the members particular, Bilal Javed, Lecturer-MS, Jawaria Fatima, Lecturer- MS, Amna Jahabgir, Lecturer- A & D, Sadaf Ehsan, Lecturer-MS, Sardar Muhammad Zahid, Lecturer-MS, Muhammad Ishtiaq, Assistant Librarian and last but not least Khurram Shehzad, Lecturer-MS, who did his assignments with commitment and vow. The library staff was also there to make the necessary arrangements to celebrate the world book day, enthusiastically.



For pictures, please access the following links

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Information Literacy Program for Library Professionals

To equip the library staff with latest tools and technologies, Library Information Services have planned to arrange the short presentations by the library staff and for the library staff. This series of lectures / presentations not only provided the latest knowledge but also enhanced the confidence level to deliver the information to library users in a proper way. During the presentations, the library's services remained continue without any break.

The lecturer / presentation were held on every Friday, at 3.00pm, in the office of the Library In-charge. With following details:

□ 1st Presentation delivered by Mr. Muhammad Ishtiaq on "ENDNOTE: software for Citations" on April 1, 2011.

□ 2nd Presentation delivered by Ms. Nasira Munir on "Acquisition Policy of CIIT Lahore with purposed budgeting of library resources" held on April 8, 2011

□ Ms Fatima Usman presented her 3rd presentation on "Comparison Resources of Lancaster University with CIIT" on 15 April 2011

□ 4th Presentation, presented by Mr. Abdul Rahim on "HEC digital Library Resources: a scholars approach" on 22 April 2011

□ 5th Presentation presented by Mr. Sajjad Ahamad on "Quality Services and How we can Improve our Services" on 7th May 12, 2011

□ Mr. Naveed Sabar presented a on "Library Management" on 20th May 2011

□ 7th Presentation were presented by Ms. Raiqa Parveez on "Marketing of Library Service" 27 May 2011



This continuing education not only enhance the professional skills of the library staff but also the opportunity for the library staff to share their resource with each other.

LANCASTER block will be shifted soon in Main Campus of CIIT Lahore



For the dual degree program, a separate building has been acquired and started the three courses as per agreement with LANCASTER University UK. Now the authorities has decided to shift the Lancaster Block in Main Campus to facilitate the students in a proper way. The library in Lancaster Block will also be shifted and merge in main library of CIIT Lahore. With the shifting the resources of the both library will be strengthen and the services will be enhanced to faculty and students.



PEC Team visited CIIT Lahore Library

For degree accreditation purposes, the team of the Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) visited CIIT Lahore Library on 28 April 2011. The team members inspected the all library resources particular chemical engineering books, journals, magazines, HEC digital Library, databases, function of Electronics Resources Section. The team member was also very much interested to know the SOPs of different sections of the library. They are very much appraised to know the online library services provided to faculty and students of CIIT Lahore.



Seminar on Information Literacy

In collaboration with the Department of Library & Information Science, University of the Punjab, Pakistan Automation Group (PAKLAG), , organized a seminar on the topic “Information Literacy in Academic Libraries” on May 27, 2011. Mr. Tariq Najmi, Incharge Library & Information Services, CIIT Lahore was the coordinator of this seminar.

A good number of professionals from different institutions participated in this seminar. Dr. Kanwal Ameen, Chairperson, DLIS, University of the Punjab, delivered a lecture and highlighted the importance of information and digital literacy. She also discussed the barriers and issues related to providing information literacy to library users. During his presentation, Dr. Khalid Mahmood described the history, tools and techniques, issues and problems, strengths, weaknesses and opportunities for library professionals to provide information literacy. He also discussed the following models for information literacy with the participants:

- Part of regular faculty courses.
- Independent curricular courses
- Extra curricular courses
- Independent short courses
- Course for faculty / teachers
- Online information literacy instructions

After both lectures, all participants participated in the question / answer session enthusiastically and agreed that they will try to launch the information literacy program in their respective institutes.

In the end, Dr. Khalid paid special thanks to Mr. Tariq Najmi for this effort to make the successful. Refreshment was served at the end.

Official Visit @ Lancaster University, UK

To study and get benefit from the library management system of Lancaster University and make plans to optimize the use of online library resources of CIIT and LU, the group of 10 officials from different sections of CIIT Islamabad and Lahore are going to visit the Lancaster University UK on July 17-24, 2011. Dr. Mahmood Ahmed Bodla, Director Lahore Campus will be the group leader of this visit. Mr. Tariq Najmi has been nominated as library representative for this one week official visit.

The purpose of this visit are as follows

- To gain international exposure and vision for running a hi-tech library
- To work and learn in actual international library environment
- To see, observe and learn the latest tools and techniques with their actual operation.
- Apart from lectures, discussion, the library staff will interact with other professionals having different responsibilities.
- CIIT staff will get an opportunity to work in developed and hi-tech library, having latest tools and techniques
- Interaction partnership with international library professional agencies.

With this visit, the professional skills of Library Incharge will be enhanced and CIIT Lahore will get benefits from his professional training, accordingly.

WORLD BOOK DAY @ LIBRARY

On the occasion of World Book day, a Book Fair was arranged in the COMSATS Institute of Information Technology Abbottabad.

In the book fair, books on all the subject areas like; Computer Science, Information Technology, Computer Engineering, Electronic, Telecom Engineering, Software Engineering, Telecommunication, Physics, Design and Architecture, Business Management & Administrations, Bioinformatics and Leisure Reading has been displayed for selection.

Book exhibition was inaugurated by The Director Prof. Dr. Khan Gul Jadoon and visited the stalls and selected the books for the library. Faculty and students participated in this books fair very warmly and selected and purchase lot of books for library and for their own.

National Book Foundation has given 40% discount on its publication during the book fair



Sri Lankan Students Visited CIIT Abbottabad Library

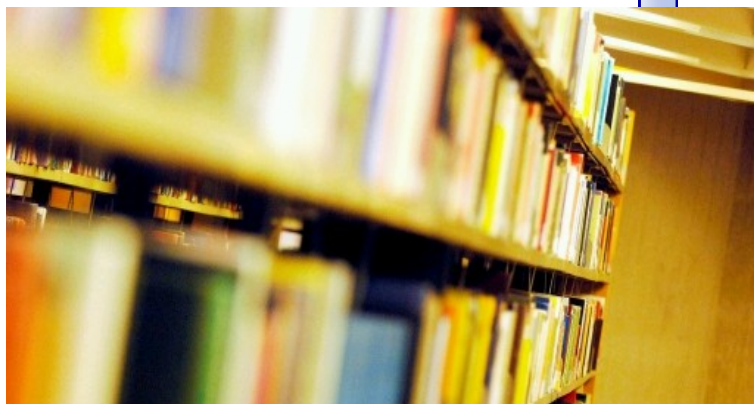
Youth delegation from Sri Lanka, visited COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (CIIT), Abbottabad on June 3, 2011. Delegation comprised 17 people, including members of the Youth Parliament, who visited Pakistan as part of Youth Exchange Program. Purpose of their visit to CIIT Abbottabad was to enhance cooperation and coordination in all areas of education and learning.

They visited Library, and take keen interest in library services, especially in digital library and its services. The visitors appreciated the library staff for providing the remarkable services to the users.



New Arrival @ Library

During the last three months, more than Two Hundred books were added to the Library stock on variety of subjects, e.g. Electrical engineering, computers science, pharmacy, chemistry , geology etc. These were processed and now available for issue. More than 35 rare books were import from Singapore and America for the students of Department of Earth Sciences.



PEC VISIT

For the accreditation of Electrical Power Engineering (EPE), Pakistan Engineering Council Team Visited the COMSATS Institute of Information Technology Abotabad on 17th May, 2011.

The team comprised of Prof. Dr. Tahir Izhar UET Lahore and Engr. Osaf Mehmood Malik, Deputy Registrar (Accreditations). The deputy Librarian gave the detail presentation on Library Information Services, Collection Development, Books on Power Engineering, Bookshop HEC Digital Library. They appreciated the library services and also suggested to purchase more books on power engineering.



QEC VISIT

The QECs (Quality Enhancement Cells) Team visited the CIIT Abbottabad May 25th 2011. The QEC team comprise of Dr. M. Zafar iqbal Dr. Khalid Rashid Dr. Akhtar Hussain along with addition Registrar COMSATS Abbottabad, visited the library.

They visited different sections of the Library. The Deputy Library gives detail presentation about Library Information Services, HEC digital Library, Audio Visual Section, Book Bank etc. They appreciated the exiting Library Services and also gives suggestion for further improvement in these Services.



VISIT TO ISLAMABAD FOR THE PURCHASE OF BOOKS

The Deputy Librarian along with Dr. Shahid Khattak HOD Electrical Department, Dr. Rashid Ahmed and Mr. Tahir visited Different Bookshop in Islamabad for the purchase of books on the subjects of Electrical, Power Engineering. Lot of books has been selected for library collection development.

RECTOR COMSATS VISITED CIIT SAHIWAL LIBRARY

Dr. S. M. Junaid Zaidi Rector COMSATS along with Dr. Arshad S. Malik, Registrar CIIT and Dr. Haroon Rashid Director external Campuses visited COMSATS Institute of Information Technology Sahiwal on 20th January 2011.

During his visit he also visited CIIT Sahiwal Library Information Services and asked some questions about library collection and library services. The Honorable Rector CIIT directed Incharge Library Information Services to establish a digital library and proposed to convert reference section of the library into the digital library.

He appreciated the seating plan within the library to accommodate maximum numbers of readers. The delegation was satisfied with the development process in the library. The library staff thanked the worthy Rector and other delegation members for their visit to the library.

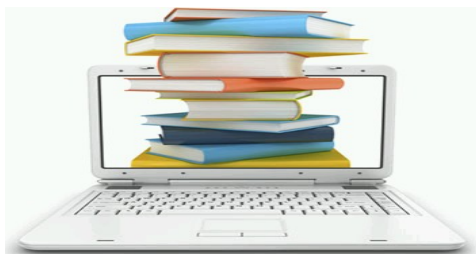


Appointment as Assistant Librarian

Mr. Waris Ali Arslan has joined COMSATS Institute of Information Library Sahiwal as Assistant Librarian/ Incharge Library Information Services on June 1, 2011. Before joining this library he was associated with Shirkat Gah Women's Resource Centre Lahore and Centre for Information Technology Lahore. He has done his Master in Library and Information Science from University of the Punjab Lahore. He is committed and a skilled library professional.

Digital Library @ CIIT Sahiwal

CIIT Sahiwal Library has procured 30 computers for its digital library setup. As per direction of the Rector CIIT Dr. S.M Junaid Zaidi, the establishment of digital library is in process. The computers have been procured by purchase committee on request of Raja Muhammad Ilyas Janjua, Assist Controller Examinations/Incharge Library Information Services. The suitable furniture has also been acquired. The digital library set up is under process of installations. As soon as the external finishing work of the building is completed, interior painting process will be initiated immediately.



A cool reading environment for Library Users

CIIT Library Sahiwal has been provided with 3 heavy duty air conditioning units of four ton capacity each for library hall. With installation of these ACs library would have a new look as in hot summer season the temperature increases in the hall due to which readers feel uncomfortable. The installation of these units is under process and will be completed within a week.



Celebrations of World Book Day

Library Information Services, CIIT Physics CIIT, Islamabad along with Vehari celebrated the World Book Day on Friday May 06, 2011. The main purpose of this day is to develop the reading habits among students. Following events organized on that day.

Celebrations of this day started with the walk at 9:45 am inaugurated by chief guest Dr.Naseem Zafar Advisor

After the completion of this walk poster competition was judged by the guest from CIIT, Islamabad and announced the first, second and third positions. Prizes and certificates were distributed among participants.

At the end Dr. Moinuddin Ghauri say few words about the importance of book and about reading habits, he gave a message books are key of success. He also admired and appreciated the efforts of library staff, participated students for organizing this walk and made this event successful.



Rector's visited library Information Services, CIIT Vehari

Dr. Syed Muhammad Junaid Zaidi the honorable Rector CIIT visited COMSATS Institute of Information Technology Vehari along with Dr.Haroon Rashid director external campuses and Dr Arshad S. Malik Registrar, CIIT, Principal Seat on the occasion of inaugural ceremony of CIIT Vehari campus.

During his visit, he also visited the library information services CIIT Vehari and asked some questions about library collection, services provided to the users. The library staff thanked the worthy Rector for his visit in the library.

