

PURPOSE

The Collaborative Partnership and Outreach Policy of the University of Kalba (UKB) Library is designed to establish and sustain strategic relationships with academic institutions, professional organizations, and the local community. The policy aims to enhance knowledge sharing, resource accessibility, and community engagement, fostering a culture of collaboration and innovation in education and research.

DEFINITION

1. **Promote Resource Sharing:** Facilitate access to a broader range of academic materials and services through partnerships and collaborative agreements.
2. **Enhance Professional Development:** Engage with other libraries and institutions to exchange best practices and support staff training initiatives.
3. **Community Engagement:** Strengthen ties with the local community by organizing events, workshops, and educational programs.
4. **Support Research and Learning:** Collaborate with academic and research institutions to enhance the library's contribution to teaching, learning, and scholarly activities.
5. **Foster Innovation:** Encourage joint projects and initiatives that leverage technology and innovative approaches to library services.

POLICY STATEMENT

The UKB Library is committed to:

1. **Building Strategic Partnerships:** Establishing formal and informal collaborations with local, national, and international institutions to share resources, expertise, and knowledge.
2. **Promoting Open Access:** Advocating for and participating in initiatives that expand open-access publishing and resource sharing to benefit a wider audience.
3. **Community Engagement:** Hosting outreach activities such as literacy programs, workshops, and cultural events to engage with the local community and contribute to its educational and cultural development.
4. **Professional Collaboration:** Participation in library consortia, conferences, and training programs to stay abreast of industry trends and enhance library services.
5. **Supporting Lifelong Learning:** Offering programs and services that support continuous learning for students, faculty, staff, and the broader community.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

Resource Sharing and Agreements

- Establish Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with partner institutions to define the terms of collaboration.
- Participate in library consortia to enable interlibrary loans, shared access to digital resources, and collective bargaining for subscriptions.

Outreach Programs

- Organize regular workshops, seminars, and events for students, faculty, and the community.
- Partner with local schools and organizations to promote literacy and educational initiatives.
- Host cultural and academic exhibitions to showcase library resources and community heritage.

Collaborative Research Support

- Work with research institutions to co-host conferences and provide access to specialized resources.
- Assist faculty and researchers in publishing open-access scholarly works.

Technology and Innovation

- Collaborate with technology partners to implement innovative library systems and services.
- Explore joint projects in areas such as digital preservation, artificial intelligence, and data management.

Professional Development

- Facilitate staff participation in training programs, webinars, and international conferences.
- Organize knowledge exchange visits with partner libraries to learn and share best practices.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all collaborative and outreach activities initiated by the UKB Library with academic institutions, professional organizations, local communities, and other stakeholders. It covers agreements, joint initiatives, events, and programs aimed at achieving mutual benefits and aligning with the library's strategic goals.