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Pages Alive: Meeting with the Author

The Book Club hosted an engaging session with young writer **Zhalgas Kazbek**, author of the novel **"Aqquiyyn"**. Participants learned about the author's journey, the meaning behind the book, and had a chance to ask questions in an open discussion format.

The event was filled with inspiration, honest conversation, and a cozy atmosphere that left a lasting impression.



Fiction & Non-Fiction Book Discussion

Since the beginning of the year, the Book Club has hosted warm and engaging sessions for literature lovers. So far, participants have explored several powerful works:

"The Shining" by Stephen King,
"Dead Poets Society" by Nancy H. Kleinbaum,

"To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee,

"The Master and Margarita" by Mikhail Bulgakov.

Ease the Squeeze Week

In order to reduce stress before exams, we organized a relaxation day Ease the Squeeze in the SDU Scientific Library. During the day, students listened to calm music and did various creative activities: coloring by numbers, sculpting from plasticine, assembling puzzles, etc



Bookcrossing

This spring, our bookcrossing event turned into a celebration of stories, kindness, and community. More than **200 participants** joined in, and together we collected over **450 books** - each one was ready to start a new chapter with a new reader.

It wasn't just about swapping books - it was about sharing memories, emotions, and a love for literature. Huge thanks to everyone who helped make it happen!



Readathon

The Book Club successfully hosted a **two-week Readathon**, aiming to foster a daily reading habit among participants. Readers actively shared their progress and insights on social media, creating a supportive and inspiring atmosphere.

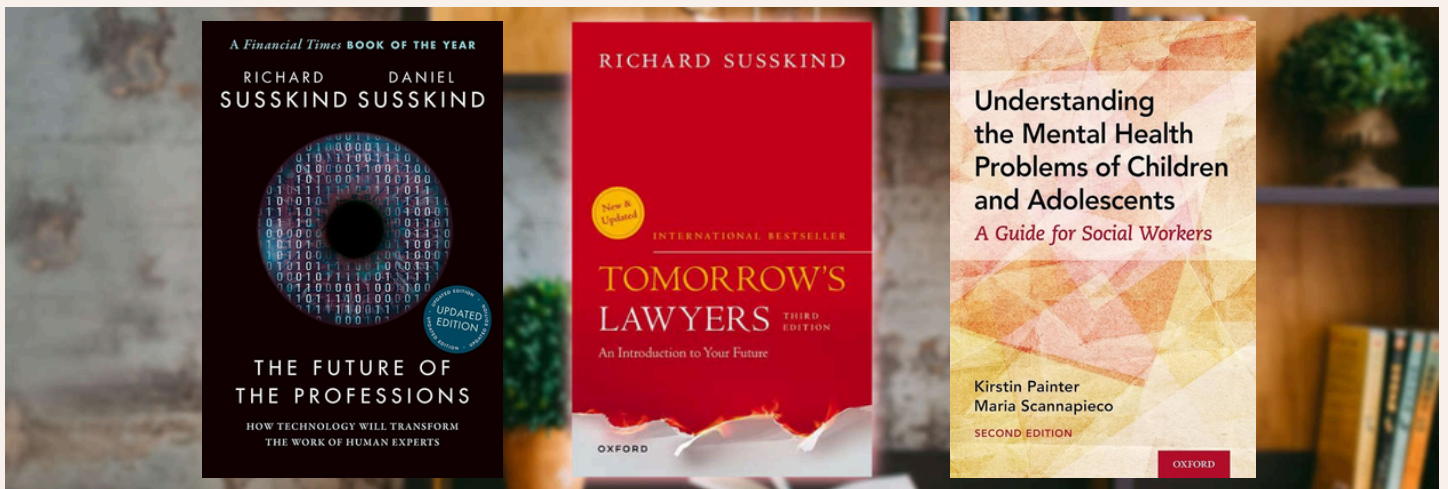
At the end of the marathon, we hosted a **discussion** session where participants shared their thoughts, book reviews, and experiences.

The most dedicated readers received **prizes and special gifts**. Readathon became a celebration of books, learning, and community spirit!

Library Collection Update

To enrich the collection with modern scientific and educational literature, **40 new books** were purchased during the reporting period.

Based on departmental requests, contracts were signed for the purchase of **1183 copies** of literature.



Donated Books

Through active cooperation with partner organizations, faculty members, and private contributors, the library's collection was enriched with **381 books**.

Write-off of outdated publications

As part of the planned effort to optimize the library collection, **4314 copies** of literature that had become outdated or physically worn out were written off.

Replacement of lost titles

As part of the fund's recovery efforts, **31 lost books** were replaced by users.



Information Literacy Seminars

Our experts conducted a series of **orientation sessions and trainings** on the use of electronic resources, and from March 3 to March 11, 2025, a series of information literacy seminars for SDU master's students. The workshops covered topics such as understanding and searching for information, evaluating sources, citation and referencing, as well as issues of plagiarism and academic integrity.

Number of participants: 30.

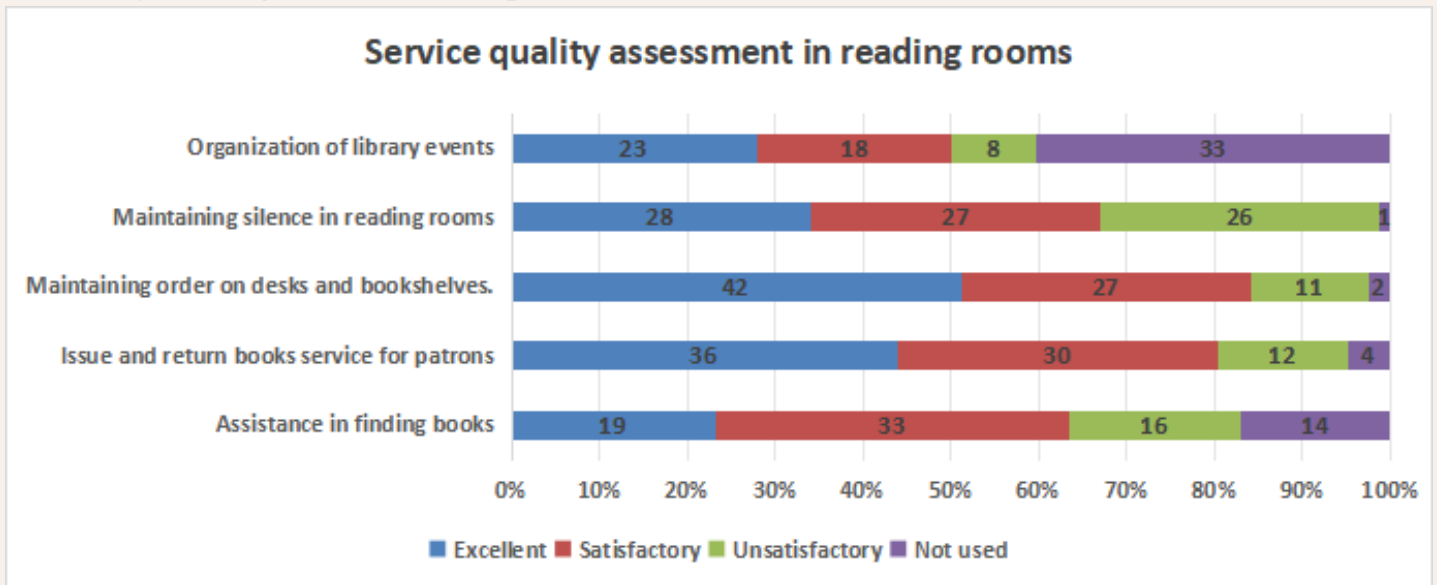


SDU Scientific Library provided trial access to collections of electronic journals of the **SpringerLink** platform from **Springer Nature Publishing** company from February 5 - March 2, 2025.

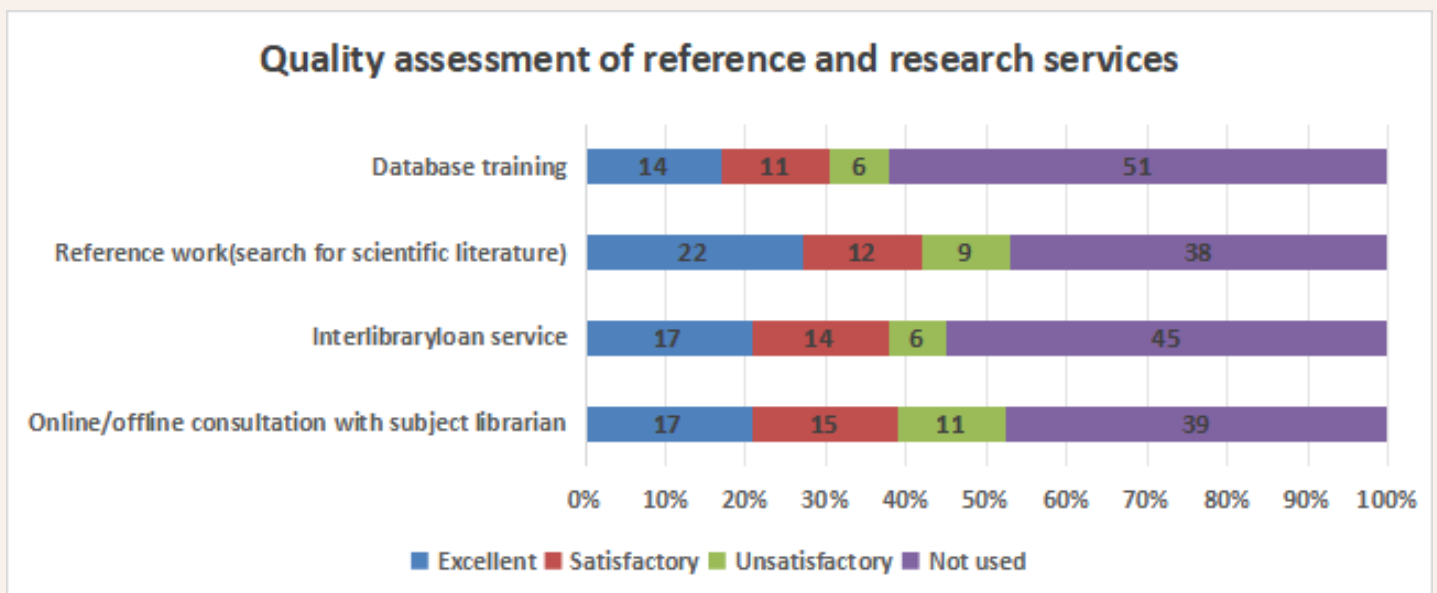
Springer Nature Link offers journals in various subject areas, including biological sciences, business and management, chemistry, computer science, and earth and environmental sciences. Publications are also available in the fields of humanities and social sciences, materials science, mathematics, physics and astronomy, statistics, and technology and engineering.

Library Satisfaction Survey

To determine the satisfaction levels with services and resources at the SDU Scientific Library, a survey was conducted during the period **May 14 - 28, 2025**.



The number of respondents amounted to **200**. After completing the survey, users revealed their preferences and provided suggestions and recommendations to improve library services.



Digital Technologies and Institutional Repository

Content Growth

The repository saw significant expansion with the addition of **over 291 new records**, including master's theses, dissertations, and peer-reviewed scholarly articles, reflecting ongoing academic activity and knowledge production.

Academic Support

To strengthen user engagement and research skills, an introductory session was conducted for master's students. Additionally, a series of winter seminars was held for trainer-instructors of the Faculty of Education and Humanities.



Repository Audit

A comprehensive internal review was conducted: duplicate entries were removed, access permissions were refined, metadata was improved, and technical issues were resolved. The section with the highest user interest continues to be Master's theses.