

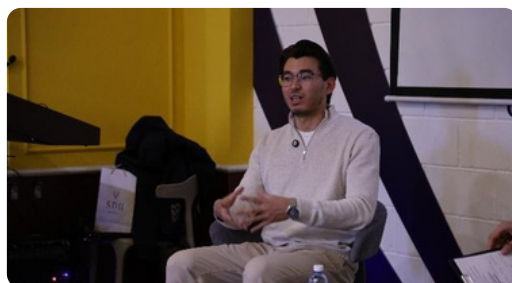
LIBRARY DIGEST



PAGES ALIVE: MEETING WITH THE AUTHOR

On April 15, the library hosted a meeting with **Madi Fazyl**, the author of the book **“Polyglot Secrets”**, a polyglot, podcast host, and founder of the Jetil.kz language school. The event was aimed at fostering interest in reading, language learning, and intellectual development.

During the meeting, participants had the opportunity to get acquainted with the speaker, ask questions, discuss his book and language-learning experience, and hear inspiring insights firsthand. At the end of the event, a lottery was held using a randomizer, during which participants received prizes and had the opportunity to communicate personally with the speaker.



PROMOTING A CULTURE OF READING: THE “READATHON”



Project Concludes. From **March 2 to 13**, members of the Book Club and the student community participated in the educational project “**Readathon**”. The initiative aimed to strengthen reading discipline and develop skills in critical text analysis.



The event’s format required participants to read literature of their choice daily and record their progress. An important component of the challenge was preparing analytical reviews. The project concluded with an awards ceremony, where participants who demonstrated outstanding engagement and a creative approach to writing reviews were recognized.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE...?

On March 17, the Book Club introduced a new format of book discussion. Unlike traditional meetings, where participants focus on a single selected book, this session featured individual presentations: each participant spoke about the most recent books they had read and shared impressions of their favorite works.

This format allowed for a broader range of literature to be explored, enabling the group to cover significantly more books in a single session. Participants exchanged recommendations, discussed various genres and authors, and had the opportunity to present their personal reading interests to fellow book enthusiasts.



BOOKCROSSING



The SDU Scientific Library, together with Book Club, hosted their traditional book exchange from **April 6 to 13**. During the week, participants contributed **around 350 books**, ready to reach new readers and inspire them to read.



The program featured interactive games, contests, and prize draws, making participation even more engaging. The event demonstrated strong interest from SDU students and staff in reading initiatives organized by the Library and Book Club, while also providing a space for sharing opinions and book recommendations.

BOOK DISCUSSION

On **February 12 and 26**, as well as **March 26**, the SDU Scientific Library, in collaboration with the Book Club, held a series of **"Book Discussion"** meetings.



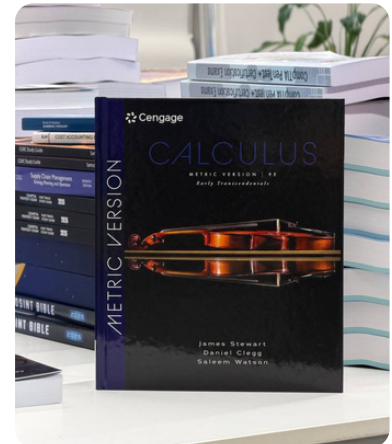
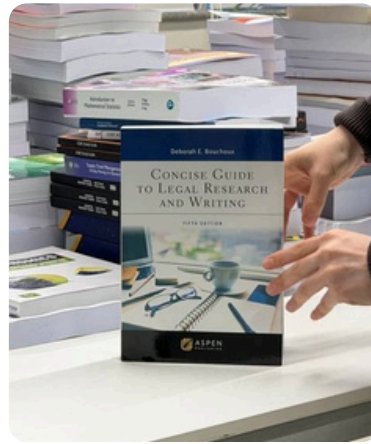
During the sessions, participants discussed *Ken Mogi's "Ikigai"*, *Khaled Hosseini's novel "A Thousand Splendid Suns"*, and *Chingiz Aitmatov's "The White Ship"*.

Approximately *15–20 people* took part in the events. Participants shared their interpretations, engaged in discussions, discovered new meanings, and reflected on how the ideas from the books relate to real life.



The Book Discussion project continues to grow, strengthening the community of readers at SDU and fostering a culture of thoughtful reading.

LIBRARY COLLECTION UPDATE



In the first quarter of 2026, as part of the library collection update, **311 copies of new books** were acquired in the fields of cybersecurity and DevSecOps, law and international relations, marketing and digital media, science and research, geopolitics, economics, and modern technologies. These include practical guides on **IT security, DevOps, Splunk, and FortiGate**, textbooks on law, international relations, marketing, and data analytics, as well as books on psychology, research methodology, and programming.

DONATED BOOKS



The library has received a new donation of books from **Professor Jekho Song** (Department of Language Education).

The collection includes educational and popular science titles covering artificial intelligence, design, architecture, and philosophy, as well as books on the Korean language, its history, and textbooks for learning Korean.

Through the language, design, and content of these publications, readers have an opportunity to gain a closer understanding of Korean culture, contemporary society, and the traditions of the country.

The books are now available in the reading room.

PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY THE UNIVERSITY'S ACADEMIC STAFF

New scientific and educational-methodological publications by the faculty have been released.

They address important topics in education and science and provide a fresh perspective on current academic and practical issues. These works are a valuable resource for students, faculty, and researchers.

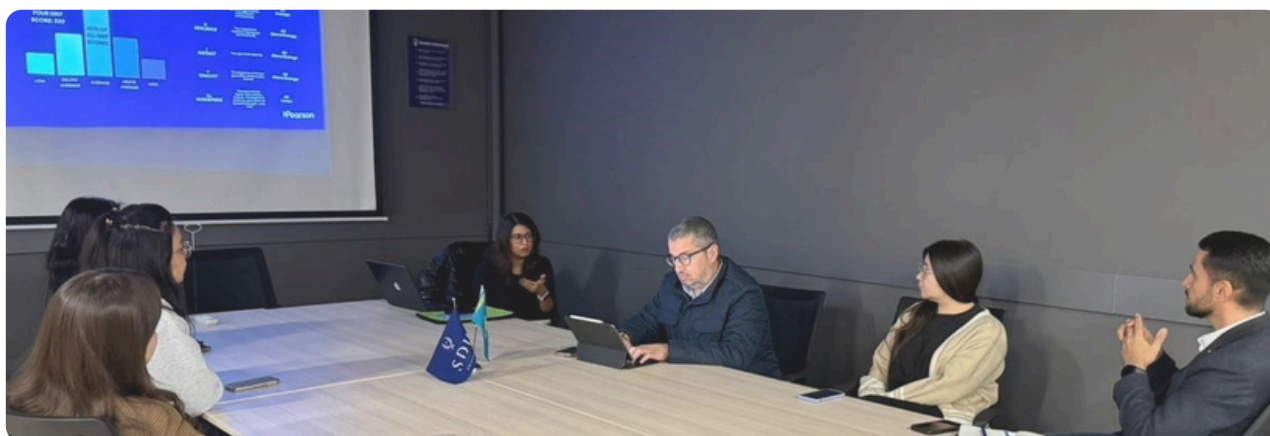
The publications are available in the library's reading room.



INTRODUCTORY MEETING WITH PEARSON HIGHER EDUCATION

On **January 12**, the SDU Scientific Library hosted an introductory meeting with representatives of Pearson Higher Education. The event took place in the Library Conference Room and brought together university staff interested in exploring new educational resources and digital learning solutions.

During the session, participants were introduced to Pearson's academic content across key disciplines, including *Business, Social Sciences, Humanities, and STEM*. Special attention was given to AI-powered learning platforms MyLab & Mastering, designed to enhance teaching and support student learning.



AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL LIBRARY

On January 9, the SDU Scientific Library signed an agreement with the National Scientific and Technical Library of Kazakhstan (RNTB) to provide library and information services for SDU users in 2026.

Within this cooperation, SDU students will have access to reference and consultation services, electronic resources, and virtual information services of RNTB. Certain services are provided upon request through the SDU Scientific Library.



TRIAL ACCESS TO DIGITAL RESOURCES

In the first months of 2026, the SDU Scientific Library introduced **a series of trial accesses** to leading digital platforms, opening up new opportunities for learning and research.

From January 20 to February 20, users explored the **IPR SMART e-library**, which features a wide range of academic materials, from textbooks and monographs to multimedia content. A training webinar held on January 23 with EDP Hub Publishing helped participants quickly navigate the platform and its tools.

From February 2 to March 3, the university community gained access to **IEEE eBooks via IEEE Xplore**, offering high-quality resources in engineering, IT, artificial intelligence, and data science.

From April 1 to May 2, users are also exploring the **JSTOR Archival Journals and Primary Sources Collection**, providing extensive access to journal archives and primary sources across disciplines.

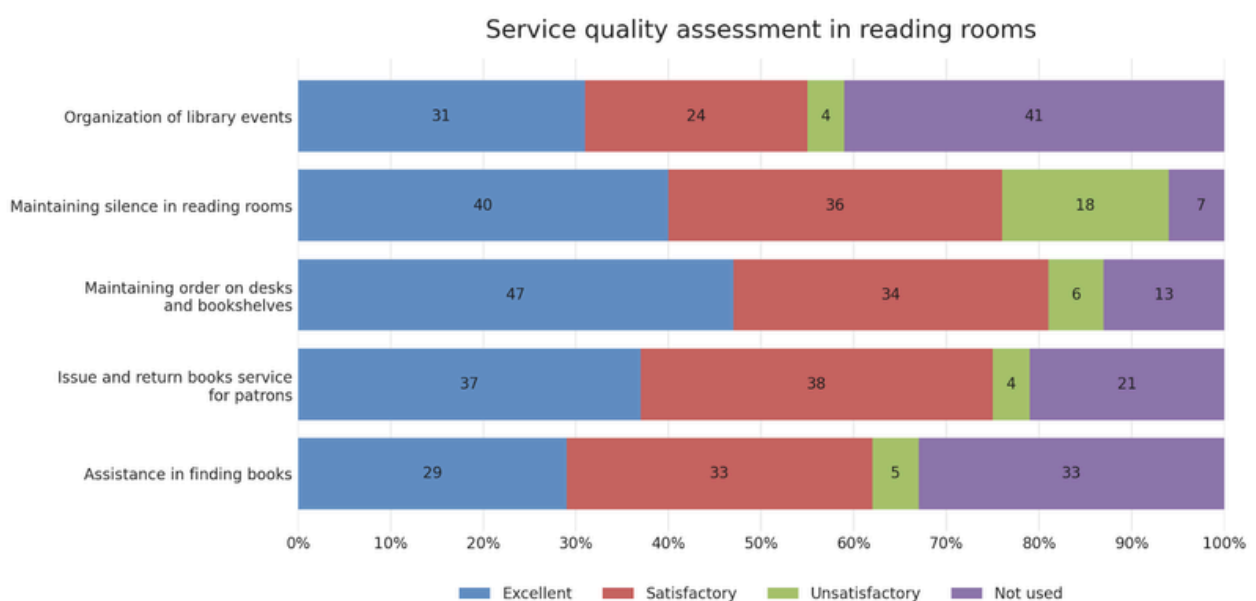
Through these initiatives, students and faculty had the opportunity to test new resources in practice and integrate them into their academic and research workflows.

LIBRARY SERVICE SATISFACTION SURVEY AT SDU SCIENTIFIC LIBRARY

From **January 8 to January 30, 2026**, a survey was conducted to assess user satisfaction with library services among *students, teaching staff, and administrative staff of the university*. The results indicate a *high level* of user satisfaction. Most respondents positively evaluated the support provided by library staff, the organization of lending services, and the comfortable and quiet atmosphere of the reading rooms.



The effectiveness of library processes, accessibility of resources, and favorable conditions for study and research were also highlighted. The findings will serve as a basis for the further development and improvement of library services.



NEW ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE SDU REPOSITORY

During the spring semester, the Digital Technologies and the Institutional Repository demonstrated significant growth. **The repository collection** was enriched with **more than 174 new records**, including master's and doctoral dissertations, as well as peer-reviewed scientific articles. Materials can be sent to repository@sdu.edu.kz.

At the same time, efforts were made to improve metadata, resulting in faster and more accurate information **retrieval**.

This has made the repository more convenient to use for both educational and research purposes.

Further development of digital services aimed at enhancing the quality and efficiency of the user experience is planned.

