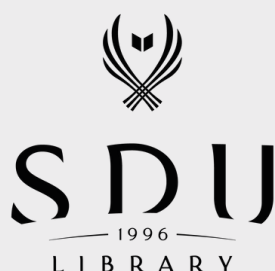




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# WELCOME PARTY

SDU Scientific Library in collaboration with Book Club held the first **Welcome party** for new Book Club members on October 3. The event was a welcome reception for new Book Club members after selection for SDU Fest. During the event, participants familiarized themselves with the activities of the Book Club and were imbued with its warm and atmospheric atmosphere. The event was held in the format of “Tea Party”, during which various contests and games were held to test students' reading level.



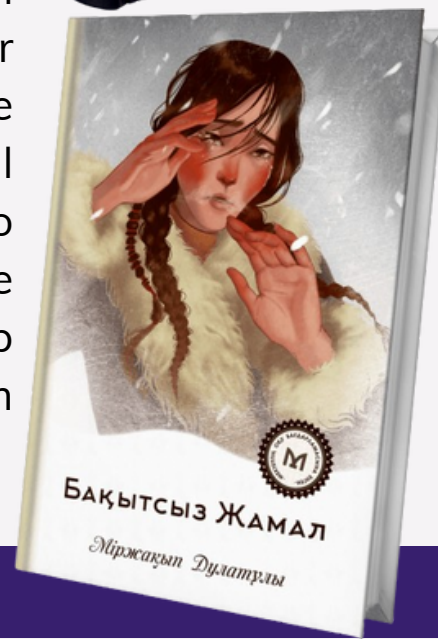
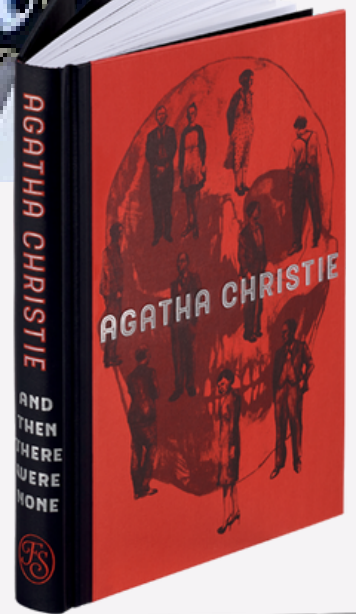
## BOOK CROSSING

The SDU Scientific Library, in partnership with the Book Club, hosted two major events in 2024 to promote reading among students and staff. Held on October 14–18 and December 2–6, the **Bookcrossing** and **New Year Bookcrossing** events collected around **500 books for exchange**. Participants swapped their read books for new ones while enjoying games, performances, and prize draws. The events fostered a warm atmosphere and strengthened the university's reading culture.

# FICTION & NON-FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION

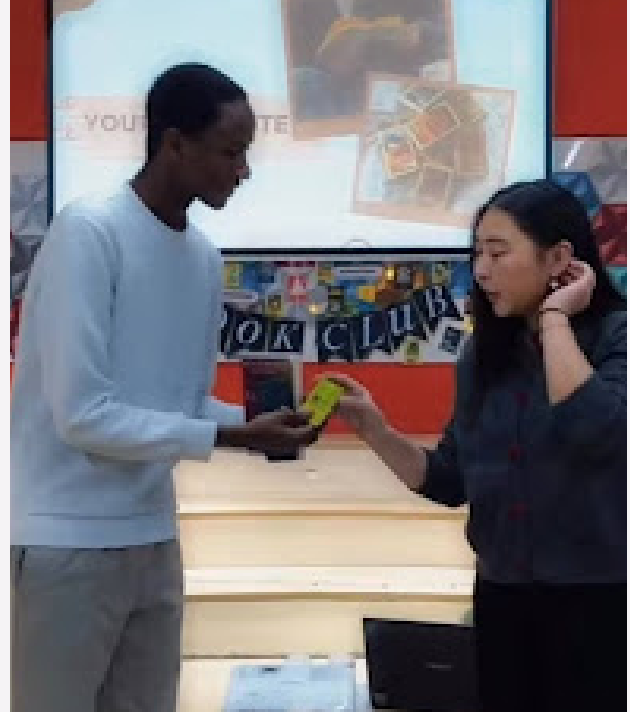


Book Club discussed Agatha Christie's **“And Then There Were None”** and M. Dulatov's classic work of Kazakh literature **“Unhappy Zhama1”**. Participants actively shared their opinions about the characters and unexpected twists and turns in the plot of Christie's novel, as well as discussed the role of women in society, life purpose, love and many other things touched upon in Dulatov's work. The format of the meeting, involving a small number of participants, allowed everyone to express themselves, which made the discussion dynamic and exciting. The book club continues the tradition of creating a warm atmosphere for all literature lovers.



# LIBRARY NIGHT: GUESS QUEST

The "**Library Night: Guess Quest**" quest brought together 8 teams of 4 participants, who completed 8 stations with unique challenges. The teams solved tasks by following the instructions of their mentors to reach the finish line as quickly as possible. **The winning team** received commemorative prizes, while all participants enjoyed an evening filled with teamwork, creativity, and fun. The event fostered interaction and communication among students



## READATHON

From November 11 to 22, the large-scale **READATHON** book marathon brought together 40 students who enthusiastically immersed themselves in the world of reading. Participants actively discussed books and wrote reviews, creating an inspiring literary atmosphere. **The top 10 readers** received prizes for their dedication. This event served as an excellent way to promote literature, encouraging students to dedicate more time to reading while providing an opportunity to spend time in an enjoyable and meaningful way.



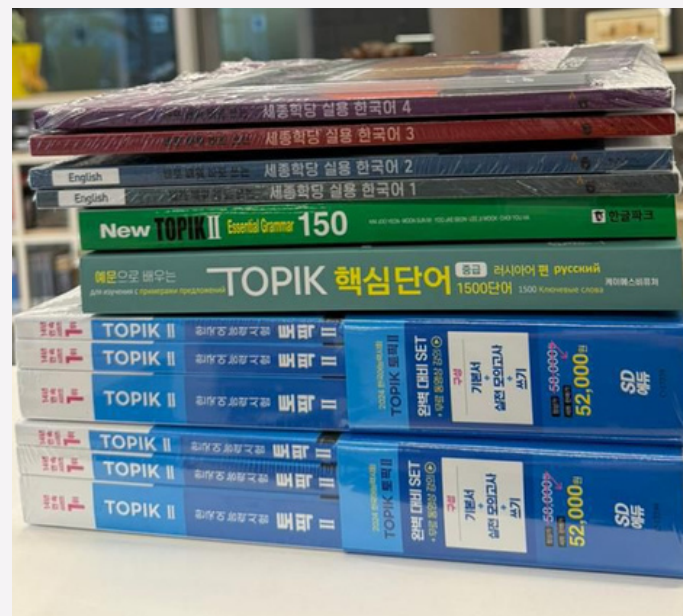
# NEW ARRIVALS

SDU Scientific Library collection has been enriched with new publications in English, Kazakh, and Russian languages. A total of **358 books** have been added, including modern textbooks, scientific works, fiction, and publications for professional development. The full list of books can be found on the library's website in the **New Arrivals** section.



# DONATION

We are pleased to announce that the Scientific Library collection has been enriched with **243 donated books!** We extend our special gratitude to Korean language instructor **Jeho Song** and **Galaxy School** for their generous book donations. The collection also includes scientific publications, educational materials, and works of fiction. We thank everyone who contributed to the development of the library's collection!



# TRAINING & SEMINARS

## GUEST LECTURE

The webinar «**Searching for Scientific Information at SDU: Benefits of the EBSCO Discovery Service and an overview of the new EBSCO Search Ultimate Collection**» was held by Irina Serzhan, a leading specialist of EBSCOhost, on 26 September 2024. Advantages of searching for scientific information via EBSCO Discovery Service over other search engines". The webinar covered topics such as searching for scholarly information in multidisciplinary databases, an overview of EBSCO e-resources and useful EBSCOhost tools for academic writing.



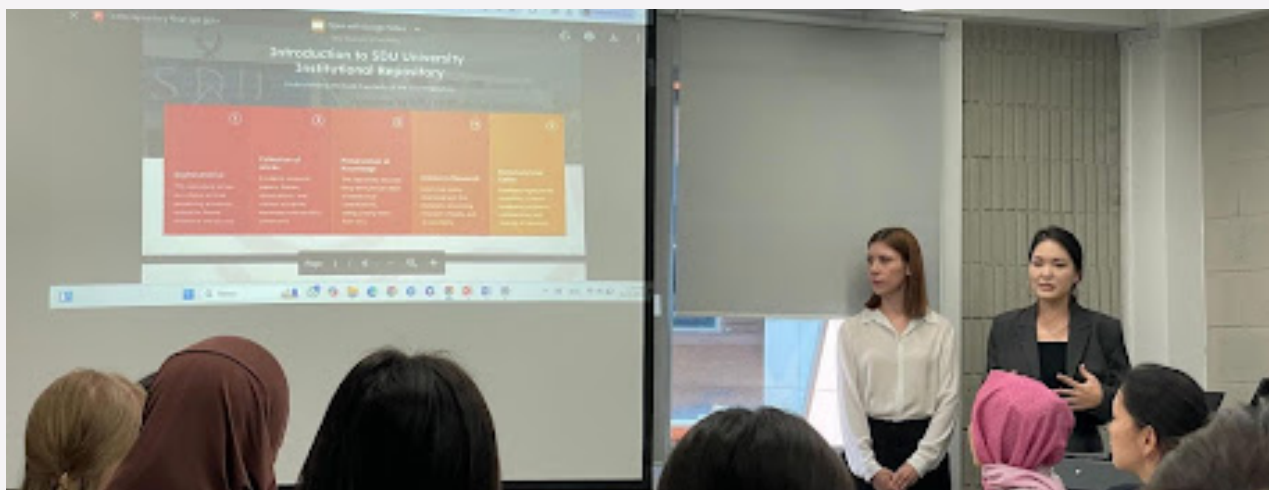
## TRIAL ACCESS

The SDU Library provided **trial access** to leading electronic resources: from September 16 to November 16 – to journals on **EBSCO Academic Search Ultimate**, from November 4 to December 4 – to platforms **IPR Smart** and **E-Uni**, and from October 17, 2024, to January 17, 2025 – to the legal research database **HeinOnline**.



# INSTITUTIONAL REPOSITORY

SDU Scientific Library experts conducted an introductory presentation for master's and PhD students on the work of the **Institutional repository**. Participants learned about the process of posting research papers and how the repository contributes to the academic visibility of their research.



## NEW DISSERTATIONS

**14 PhD theses** and **140 Master's theses** defended in recent years have been uploaded to the repository website. This provides access to relevant research useful for students, teachers and researchers. The SDU University Repository contains over **1,400 scholarly works** by faculty and students.

## AMENDMENTS: INSTITUTIONAL REPOSITORY REGULATION

Placing master's and PhD theses in the repository is now mandatory and has become a prerequisite for graduation.

***We are committed to making the SDU repository a reliable tool for storing and disseminating research results, and we continue to develop its functionality!***