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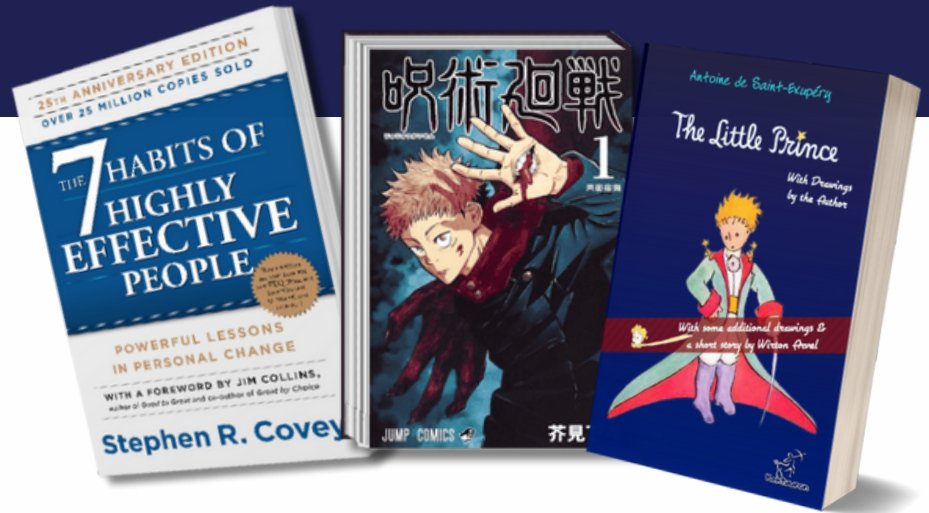
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Ease the Squeeze Week

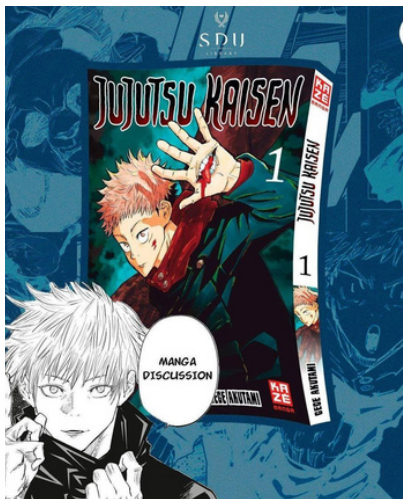
SDU Scientific Library held one of the most atmospheric events "Ease the Squeeze Week" On December 11-12, 2024. The purpose of the event was to create a pleasant and relaxing atmosphere for students, giving them the opportunity to escape from their academic worries, especially during exams, enjoy creativity and have fun.

A number of entertainments were waiting for those who attended the event, such as: mosaic drawing, painting with watercolor, weaving bracelets, rings, playing board games, henna drawings, tea party with snacks, presentation of memorable gifts.

Book Discussion

SDU Scientific Library in cooperation with the Book Club held a "Book Discussion" to discuss the books "The Little Prince" by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry and "7 habits of highly effective people" by Steven Covey on January 25 and February 27. The aim of this project is to develop a reading culture among students and staff of SDU.

The members of the Book club read these books with great interest, exchanged their thoughts, answered different questions, and the most active ones were awarded with memorable gifts.



An unexpected twist:

The treasure of Japanese culture - manga (Japanese comics) has entered the piggy bank of Book Club discussions. In collaboration with the Otaku Club, on November 25 was held a discussion of the manga by Gage Akutami "**Sorcery Battle**". Two completely different clubs, united by one thing in common - the love of reading.



Booklovers 2.0

“Booklovers 2.0” week was held at the University, a large-scale project organized with the Book Club and @we_sdu from February 5-12.

The purpose of this project is to encourage SDU students and staff to read Kazakh literature, thereby uniting like-minded people to read, discuss and share ideas with other people.

The book “Gauhar tas” by Dulat Isabekov was chosen for discussion.

Within 1 week:

- The participants read the chosen book together
- Attended a master class on speed reading
- Participated in a book review writing competition
- They took part in the competition for the best short film based on the subject of the book.

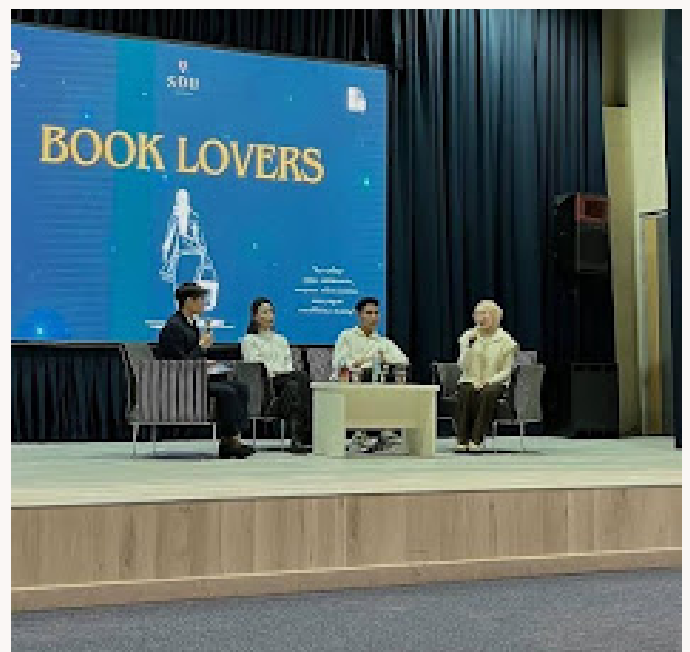


The final event was held on February 12, where the honored guests were invited:

- Nurai Zhetkergen, the actress of the popular film "Dastur";
- Ilyas Yusupzhanov, the author of 4 books, the author of the comic strip "Kerey zhane Zhanibek";
- Zhuldyz Kayrat, the author of the book "Ake", a copywriter;
- @oyantheatre.sdu performed a scene from the play “Gauhar tas”.

The evening was held in the format of an offline podcast where guests shared their thoughts and ideas about the topics raised in the book and their relevance in our time.

At the end of the event, an award ceremony was held for the authors of the best essays and videos.



Meeting with Book Blogger

The long awaited 'Meeting with Book Bloggers' event took place on 19 February. Madina Bostambayeva, also known by the nickname @virtuozso, is a young writer, screenwriter, book blogger who is the author of the book «Воспоминания Алматинцев» and «Воспоминания Акмолинцев».

As part of the meeting with readers, Madina presented her latest book «Воспоминания Алматинцев» and shared her experience in writing books, also told how she came to her book blog. The meeting was also attended by a popular TikTok blogger, Danya Kaplan (@danya_kaplan).

The evening was held in a cozy atmosphere, the guests felt the warm atmosphere of our Book Club.



Bookcrossing

SDU Scientific Library with Book Club organized a number of book exchanges.

December 4-8, 2023 - Bookcrossing: New Year!

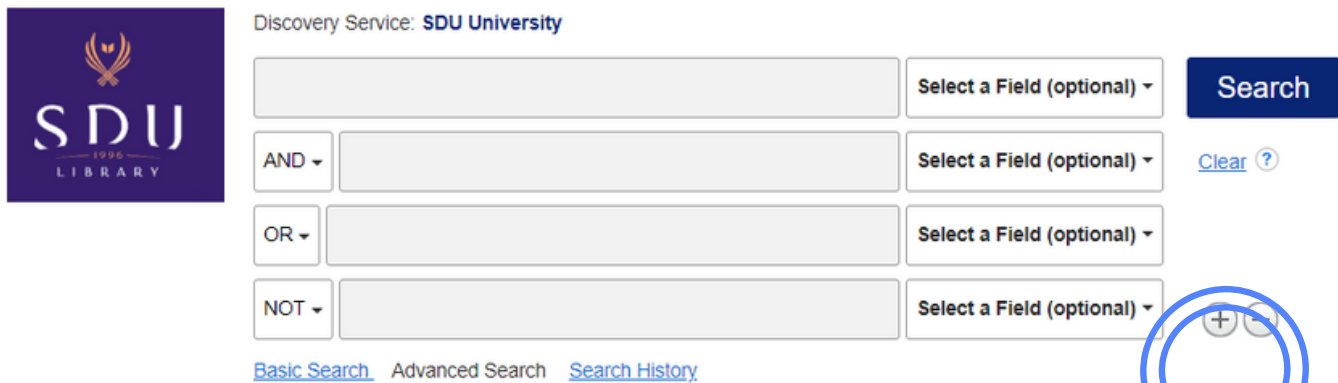
February 19-23, 2024 - Bookcrossing: Welcome back!

Participants of the Bookcrossing were able to exchange books they had read and kept on their bookshelves for a long time. There were also competitions and a lottery, the winners of which were awarded with memorable prizes.

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Guest Lecture

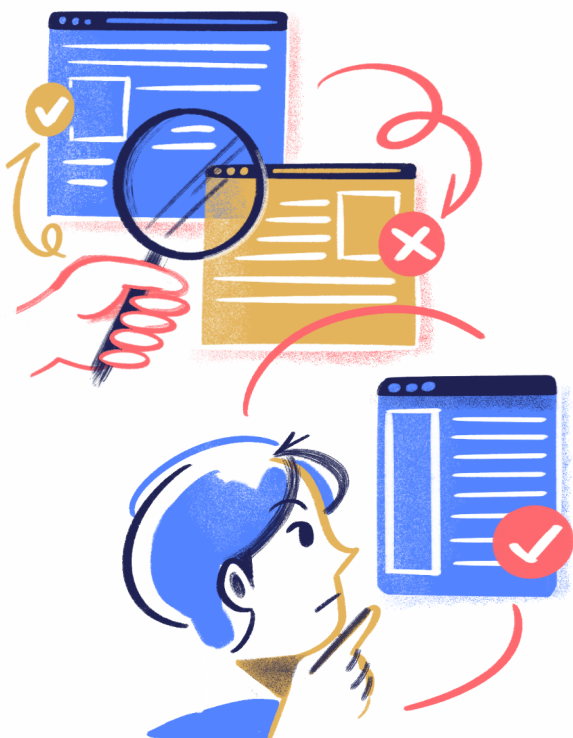
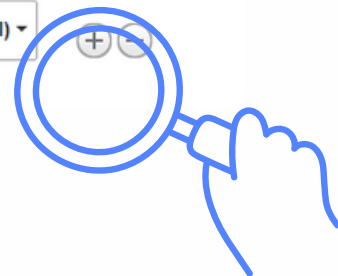
The webinar «Access to e-books at SDU University: The advantages of searching for scientific information via EBSCO Discovery Service over other search engines» was held by Irina Serzhan, a leading specialist of EBSCOhost, on January 24, 2024. The webinar covered such topics as searching for scientific information in multidisciplinary databases, an overview of EBSCO e-resources and EBSCOhost tools useful for writing scientific papers.



Discovery Service: **SDU University**

SDU LIBRARY

Search interface showing a search bar, dropdown menus for field selection (e.g., "Select a Field (optional)"), and a "Search" button. Below the search bar are options for "AND", "OR", and "NOT" with corresponding dropdown menus. A "Clear" button and a help icon are also visible. At the bottom, there are links for "Basic Search", "Advanced Search", and "Search History".



Information Literacy Seminars

Experts of SDU Scientific Library held a seminar series on information literacy for students on February 15-29, 2024. During the session topics about access to e-resources of the Library, basic rules of citation, plagiarism and ways to avoid it were explained and discussed.

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SDU Librarian Professional Development

Specialists of the SDU Scientific Library completed a professional educational program for advanced training from experts from the Chelyabinsk State Institute of Culture, which is aimed at developing new competencies in January 2024.

Also, experts of Reference and Research Services Division participated in a seminar about the EBSCO admin program.

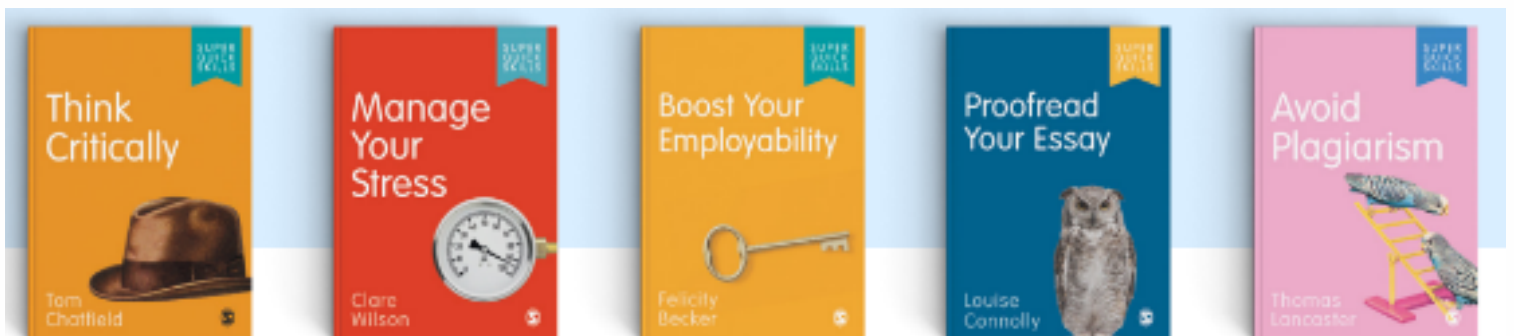
Trial Access

The SDU Scientific Library provided trial access to collections of electronic teaching aids «[Super Quick Skills](#)», «[Little Quick Fix](#)» and «[Very Short, Fairly Interesting & Reasonably Cheap](#)» from EBSCO and Sage Publications, as well as journals of the Springer Link platform from Springer Nature from January 10 - February 10, 2024. Users have the opportunity to take advantage of a collection of e-books and collections of manuals that are designed to assist in planning research work.



Library Satisfaction Survey

To determine the satisfaction levels with services and resources at the SDU Scientific Library, a survey was conducted during the period January 1-February 16, 2024. The number of participants who completed the survey was 320 people. After the completion of the survey, preferences were identified, suggestions and recommendations were received from users to improve library services.

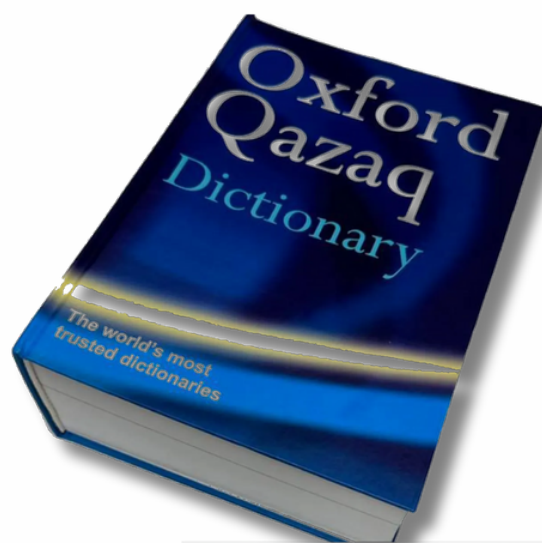


NEW ARRIVALS

Oxford Qazaq Dictionary

The book fund of SDU University received a collection of books "Oxford Qazaq Dictionary", developed by the International Society "Qazaq Tili". 65 copies of the dictionary were donated to the library of the university.

For the first time published in Kazakhstan bilingual Kazakh-English and English-Kazakh dictionary contains in total about 60 thousand words. The translation of almost every word is accompanied by phraseological word combinations with practical examples used in everyday life among different social groups, as well as supplemented with adverbs, idioms, proverbs and sayings, etc.



Donated Books

In addition to the "Oxford Qazaq Dictionary," the library received a generous donation of 1115 books. These donated books encompass various subjects such as Turkish and Kazakh languages, scientific research, physics, and more.

We express our sincere gratitude to all who contributed to this significant donation. Your generosity ensures that our library continues to be a dynamic center of knowledge and learning for our community to benefit from and enjoy.

New Books

We are pleased to announce that the library collection has been replenished with 189 new books. The majority of the books belong to the field of law, with additional textbooks covering subjects such as history, mathematics, the English language, and literature. You can find the list of the newly arrived books at this [link](#).

New Employee

The Cataloging and Acquisitions Department of the Scientific Library at SDU is pleased to announce the addition of a new staff member, Symbat Algaziyeva.



INSTITUTIONAL REPOSITORY

Technical Updates

We have successfully updated our Repository to the latest version of Dspace 7.6. DSpace 7.6 brings new features and bug fixes to the platform. New features include:

- The administrator can control access and set restrictions on objects, including adding and removing embargoes;
- The number of uploaded materials can now be displayed for all communities/collections;

many more features and bug fixes.

- A new design with a new logo has been introduced, which will make the repository more modern and attractive.



Regulations on the Institutional Repository

We announce to you the adoption of an updated version of the regulations on the institutional repository. This update aims to improve data management processes and make research materials more accessible.

Along with the update, the repository also revised and updated the License Agreement between the repository and users and the Privacy Policy. This includes clarifying the terms of use and distribution of content stored in the repository to protect the rights and personal data of users and ensure their confidentiality.

The Policy and the Repository [Guide](#) are available on the SDU Repository [website](#).