



## Librarian Spotlight

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### An interview with Raed Al-Zoubi



#### 1. What made you decide to become a librarian?

Simply it happened accidentally, I used to work in ITC infrastructure and there was a chance/challenge to contribute to initiating a state-of-the-art new library, so I moved to Libraries World 13 years ago.

#### 2. What's the best thing about being a librarian?

The best thing is having the chance to keep learning all the time.

#### 3. Tell us about your favourite book.

I don't have something specific, but I enjoy reading Arabic literature and history books.

#### 4. After a hard day, what do you do to relax?

Sitting with my mother is one of the important things I do, and of course, enjoying a meal with my wife and children and exchanging experiences of our day.

#### 5. In your opinion, what are the most important skills to have when working as a librarian?

Mastering IT skills and science language (English so far) is very important, though excellent communication skills will always be on the top.

#### 6. In your opinion, what is the importance of the library?

To be always the bidirectional bridge to knowledge.

#### 7. Tell us what a typical day looks like for you as a librarian.

There is routine administrative work to manage, engaging with colleagues and users, and of course, time to learn and focus on strategic aspects outside peak hours.

#### 8. Is there anything you would like to share with other librarians?

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#### 9. If you had to describe a library in one word, what would it be?

Wisdom-house.

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