



## The Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center Library

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

#### 1. What are the library's hours?

The library is open from Monday to Friday from 10am – 4pm.

#### 2. I am a visitor, is it possible for me to use Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center Library?

Yes, you may use the library by searching the collection on the library online catalog. You can then browse, read and borrow library materials. We also accept inter-library loan (ILL) through outside institutions, free of charge.

#### 3. How do I search the collection

- To search for all items in the library, type your query in the search bar



- Click on **Go** to get the search results :

The screenshot shows the library's search results interface. On the left, there is a 'Refine your search' sidebar with various filters: Availability (Limits to currently available items), Authors (Agius, Dionisius A. (1), Amin, Isma'il (1), Boull, Anne (2), Destro, Hugb. (2), Williamson, Andrew (1), Show more), Item types (BOOK (5)), Locations (JUVENILE (2), OVERSIZE (2), STACKS (1)), Series (Silsilah al-'Umāniya... (1)), Places (Indian Ocean (1), Middle East (1), Oman (4), Oman (3), Persian Gulf (1), Show more), and Topics (Coastal ecology (2), Marine ecology (2), Seafaring life (4), Seafaring life (2)).

The main search results area shows 'Your search returned 6 results.' and a 'Did you mean' section. The search results are as follows:

- al-'Umāniyūn ruwād al-bahr / Ismā'īl al-Amin.**  
by Amin, Ismā'īl.  
Material type: Book; Format: print; Literary form: not fiction  
Publisher: London : R. al-Rayyis, 1990  
Other title: Oman pioneers of the seas.  
Availability: Items available for loan: Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center Library [DS247.025 A75 1990] (1).  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★  
Place hold
- Seafaring in the Arabian Gulf and Oman : the people of the dhow / Dionisius A. Agius.**  
by Agius, Dionisius A.  
Material type: Book; Format: print; Literary form: not fiction  
Publisher: Oxon, UK : Routledge, [2009]. c2005  
Availability: Items available for loan: Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center Library [VK113.P35 A35 2009] (2).  
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- Oman, a seafaring nation.**  
by -- Oman. Ministry of Heritage and Culture; Oman. Wizārat al-Turāth al-Qawimī wa-al-Thaqāfah  
Turāth al-Qawimī wa-al-Thaqāfah  
Edition: 3rd ed.  
Material type: Book; Format: print; Literary form: not fiction  
Publisher: [Muscat] : Ministry of National Heritage and Culture, 2005  
Availability: Items available for loan: Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center Library [WK113.05 O45 2005] (2).  
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- To refine your search results, you can use the filters on the left-hand column.



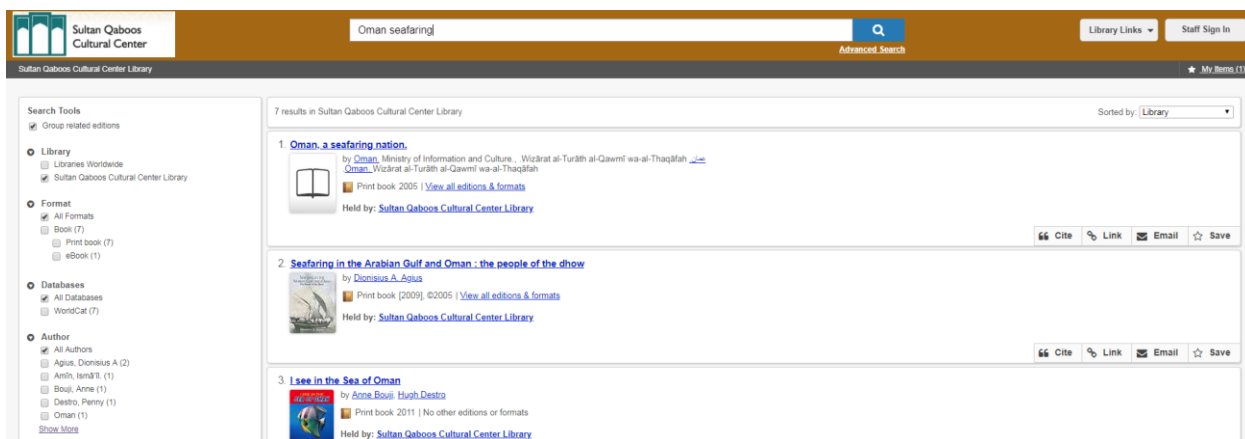
- To search for documents using specific criteria such as: subject, title, author, publisher etc. Click on the **Advanced search** button located below the search bar, to narrow your search with the filters provided.
- You may also access to our collection using the OCLC WorldCat Catalog (<https://sqcc.on.worldcat.org/>)




## Search Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center Library and beyond.



- Worldcat also offers filters and an advanced search option to refine your research



- You can  your search results by creating specific lists as well as export the citations in variety of different formats.



Cite a Record



**Seafaring in the Arabian Gulf and Oman : the people of the dhow**

by Dionisius A. Agius

Print book [2009], ©2005

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#### 4. How many books can I borrow (Check out)

Library users can borrow up to five items for one month, plus a renewal of 15 days.



## 5. How do I read Library of Congress Call numbers?

**General Subject**  
e.g. DS = History of Asia

**Specific Subject**  
e.g. DS10 = History of Asia, Description and Travel

**Author .S46**  
The letter is typically the first letter of the author's last name plus author's cutter number.


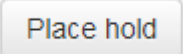
**Publication date**  
The publication date is commonly represented by the book's year of publication.

DS  
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.S46  
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- The books are in alphabetic order A to Z
- The specific Subject's line numbers are read in a straight numerical order and then after the decimal point (e.g. : DS247.4), the numbers are read as decimals : .....48, 89.2, 89.25, 105, 107, 1000, 2500.....
- The author's line letters are read alphabetically and numbers decimally
- The publication's date line is read in a chronological order


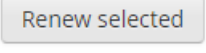



## 6. How to reserve a book at the Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center Library

- Log in to your account, with the username and password provided by the librarian, if you don't have an account please contact us at [library@sqcc.org](mailto:library@sqcc.org)
- Locate your item on the search bar by title, author etc.
- Click on  located in the right-list ;
- Check your desired book and confirm by clicking on 
- Please make sure that the book has been added to your holds list located in your account's summary ;

## 7. How to extend due dates of checked out library materials online?

Library users can renew their borrowed books once, for a period of fifteen additional days. To renew online, use the following steps:

- First click on the following link (<http://www.sqcc.org/library>) ;
- Log in to your account with the username and password provided by the librarian 
- Check the books you would like to renew and click on 
- You may renew all your borrowed books by clicking on 

Please make sure that the due date changes and to get a renewed confirmation



## 8. Can I request Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center Library materials through the Inter-Library loan service ?

The Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center Library circulates nationally and internationally through the Inter-Library Loan Service, mostly via the ILL OCLC World Share platform. To receive your desired books, you have to submit your request at the library in which you are member, and we will process the ILL request once received. Generally, it takes 3-5 business days in the U.S. to receive your requested books, and it is free of charge.



**9. Can I request through the Inter-Library Loan service books related to Sultanate of Oman via your library?**

The Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center Library encourages its users to request unavailable materials related to the Sultanate of Oman at the library through the Inter-Library Loan service. If you wish to do so please contact us at [library@sqcc.org](mailto:library@sqcc.org) and we will let you know once the materials are available for check out.

**10. How can I return books?**

In addition to returning the borrowed books to the library, you may also return books by dropping them at the Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center reception (front desk), or by shipping them via USPS. If you are returning a book via mail, please email the library the tracking number in advance of its arrival.

**11. How do I get reference help from a librarian?**

You can stop by the library and ask us to assist you, or you can phone the librarian at the following number :  [\(202\) 677-3967 extension 104](tel:(202)677-3967)  
Or email us at [library@sqcc.org](mailto:library@sqcc.org)

**12. Does the Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center Library offer free WiFi?**

Yes, the library provides free wireless Internet access for patrons and visitors to use with their personal computers and mobile devices.  
Please don't hesitate to ask the Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center staff to provide you with the WiFi Password.

**13. Can I donate books to the Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center Library**

The library welcomes donations of books related to the Sultanate of Oman and Ibadism. Please email [library@sqcc.org](mailto:library@sqcc.org) with any additional questions.

*For further assistance, do not hesitate to ask our librarian! We can help you locate materials relevant to your specific interests.*