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SUPPORTING **EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH** BY JORDANIAN AND AMERICAN SCHOLARS

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BACKGROUND:

The library of the American Center of Oriental Research (ACOR) in Amman, Jordan, is a crucial resource for Jordanian, American, and international scholars. It contains an excellent collection of books on Near Eastern studies archaeology, art history and conservation as well as on the first Western travelers in the region. Additionally, the ACOR library has an extensive collection of more than **1,500 maps** covering Jordan's topography, geology, and archaeological sites. It also has regional maps, **rare topographic maps of Palestine, and the complete Tübinger Atlas des Vorderen Orients**. The library and ACOR house an impressive collection of over 100,000 slides and images of Jordanian archaeological sites, excavations, and artifacts, including slides documenting ACOR's Petra Church Project, from its inception to completion. **ACOR's library provides important research resources unavailable elsewhere in Jordan.**

In 2007, ACOR's library installed JSTOR, the online system for accessing scholarly articles from more than a thousand international academic journals essential for professional scholarship in the fields of social sciences, humanities, engineering and hard sciences. JSTOR offers high-resolution, scanned images of journal issues and pages as they were originally designed, printed, and illustrated. **ACOR's library is the only location in Jordan where Jordanian researchers and students can access JSTOR.**

At the library ACOR hosts a series of public lectures by scholars on cultural heritage and Near Eastern studies. These lectures disseminate knowledge and novel findings to the public in a friendly and welcoming environment. They enrich the academic dialogue and increase awareness of new discoveries in Jordan. After the lectures, the dialogue continues during an open reception where the audience is encouraged to interact with ACOR community of local and international students, scholars, professors, government officials, and interested individuals. This in turn yields partnerships and collaborations that benefit all stakeholders.

OUTCOMES:

Jordanian professors, scholars, and students, ACOR fellows, and the international community actively utilize ACOR's library and its electronic resources. Thanks to **free access to ACOR's library and to JSTOR, many Jordanian professors have been able to keep up in their fields and many Jordanian students have been able to finish their theses and dissertations.** JSTOR is a valuable tool, not only for providing unparalleled access to research materials, but also **as a magnet that brings about greater international scholarly interaction.** Over time there has been a marked increase in the attendance and use of the ACOR library where in **2011 the library services were utilized by 3,000 scholars and students and in 2012 the number increased to 4,300.**





NEEDS:

- Expand the library's collections in the fields of archaeology, art history, conservation, cultural heritage, history, and Near Eastern studies.
- Increase technical assistance to scholars by the skilled library staff.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

ACOR welcomes donations at all levels to help maintain the library services at the best possible standards

- Purchase books or publications from the ACOR library wish list
- Adopt an international scholarly journal for one year for \$500/ JD 350 or for multiple years
- Adopt a lecture at \$900/ JD 630 each, or an annual series of 8 lectures
- Help purchase protective folders for maps – total cost of \$3,000/ JD 2,100
- Support student Internet use – annual cost of \$6,800/ JD 4,800
- Make the library more user friendly in the summer by assisting in the purchase of AC units – total cost of \$11,000/ JD 7,700
- Update the library computers, printer and photocopier – total cost of \$11,200/ JD 7,800
- Sponsor or supplement the cost of books, publications, and journals for a year – \$40,000/ JD 28,000
- Sponsor the purchase of compression shelving to expand the library's space for books – \$46,600/ JD 33,000

ACOR also welcomes the establishment of named endowment funds to support these and other scholarly support activities in perpetuity. Named endowments may be established in honor or in memory of loved ones, mentors, prominent scholars, and families.

BENEFITS TO DONOR:

- Significant, long-term impact on scholarship related to Jordan
- Signage within the ACOR library appropriate to the level of support
- Bookplates in all volumes purchased recognizing the donor's support
- Recognition in ACOR's Newsletter, on ACOR's website, and in social media
- Additional benefits that meet the donor's needs will be provided, appropriate to the level of support

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