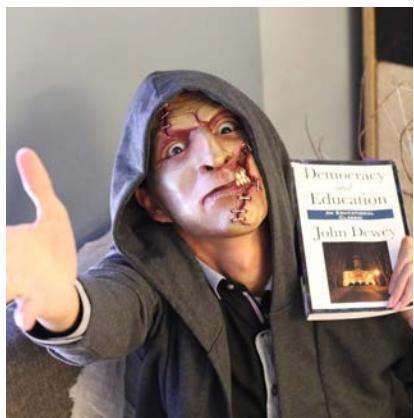
A photograph of a modern, multi-story building with a light beige or tan facade. The building features several windows of varying sizes and a prominent red cantilevered section on the left side. The ground floor has large glass doors and windows. In the foreground, there is a paved walkway and some green grass. The sky is clear and blue.

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# LIBRARY RESOURCES



Books  
**61 118**



Electronic  
journals  
**60 000**



Electronic  
books  
**250 000**



Databa  
ses  
**32**



Ordered  
books  
**298**

# LIBRARY IN FIGURES

## HIGHLIGHTS



Circulation  
**15 547**



Visiting  
**20 253**

Research help  
**562**  
Website  
visiting  
**78 000**



Workshops  
and  
Orientation  
sessions  
**86**



Extracurri  
cular  
activities  
**11**



E-resources  
usage  
e-books -  
**6253**  
e-journals-  
**62 766**

# PROJECTS 2018



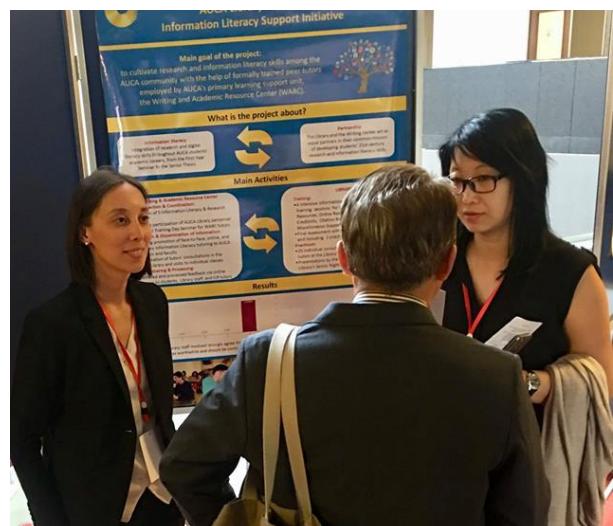
## Open Educational Resources

The pilot project “Open Educational Practices in Kyrgyzstan” brought together AUCA Library and Sociology Department to create a new syllabus for General Sociology for Non-Sociologists Course using openly licensed resources. At the beginning of the course, students were offered a workshop introducing them to the concepts of open education training them on using different formats of open textbooks and materials. At the end of the course, students and faculty surveyed

regarding their teaching and learning experience while using open educational resources. The discussion of the experiences will help develop further strategies to popularize open educational resources across disciplines. OER are successfully implemented at many academic institutions worldwide. Use and adoption of OER help strengthen partnership across institution, involves new educational technologies and facilitates digital learning.

## Information Literacy Support Initiative

The project that took place over the course of the 2017-2018 academic year and was funded by an AMICAL small grant addresses the growing need for collaboration between different academic services, considering the increased integration of research and digital literacy tasks into AUCA’s first- and second-year experience programs. The project included intensive training and testing of a select group of WARC tutors by the Library, as well as the practical component conducted in the Library as well as in the WARC itself.



# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## 2018



**Our Library staff Bekbalaeva Jyldyz and Keldibekova Janyai and Faculty member Aiduluu Namasbek kzy had a great opportunity to participate on The Open Education Global Conference 2018, Delft, The Netherlands.** They presented project on Open Educational Resources (OER) and attended on sessions. On the conference they met colleagues from other countries and discuss how opening education helps us achieve universal access, equity, innovation and opportunity in education.

Also, Janylai and Aisuluu presented this pilot project on Annual AMICAL Conference 2018, which was hosted at AUCA. They shared their experience and future plans on adopting OER at AUCA.



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**Library Director Jyldyz Bekbalaeva** is a 2017-2018 Fulbright Visiting Scholar at Georgetown University, where she conducts research on information literacy and open education.

# AMICAL 2018



## 15th Annual AMICAL Conference

On May 4-7 AUCA hosted 15th Annual AMICAL Conference 2018.

AMICAL Conference is the one opportunity to meet face to face librarians, faculty and technologist to advance learning, teaching and research through the collaborative development.

The conference was successful. During the program library staff and participants shared experiences with each other and exchanged ideas on promoting collaboration with faculty members and students. 120 participants from AMICAL network institutions attended in it, including participants from AUCA.



AUCA Library presented 2 projects:

- - "Implementing Open Educational Resource at AUCA" which was realized in collaboration with Sociology department.
- "Information Literacy Support Initiative" with WARC department.

# EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

## 2018

### Meeting with the U.S Consular Officer

On March 16, 2018 AUCA library hosted meeting with the U.S Embassy's Consular Officer JC Campos and Exchange program coordinator Gulzat Kochorova to discuss Work and Travel Program and other exchange opportunities. Guests talked about the requirements of the related visa issues and application procedure of exchange programs. Students asked questions about eligibility requirements and immigration.



### "Riding butterflies without a saddle" Alua Devine

#### Devine

December 5, the library hosted a event which was called "Riding a butterflies without a saddle" by AUCA faculty member Alua Devine from BA and MBA departments and young artist - Alyza Zheldenbaeva. In a warm friendly evening, our guests had a dialogue with author. Alua presented her works - paintings filled with light, color and sincere. A feature of the collection is that none of the works has a name. The author enables the viewer to see, feel and thereby reflect in the picture, hear and understand himself.



### Meeting with Manaschy

AUCA Library had an excellent opportunity to host a meeting with famous Manaschy Rysbai Isakov and his student Nurbek. Our guests performed excerpt from epic Manas. The audience had many questions for guests. They were interested in the history and argument of Manas between other nations. Also, in this event we had a unique chance to watch a premiere of the film by Nazira Aaly kyzy "Who is Manaschy". Nowadays, many researchers work on this fenomen of telling.



### Chyngyz Aitmatov- human of the century

On April 19th the Library of AUCA together with the faculty of General Education Division conducted a wonderful literary evening dedicated to the 90th birthday of Ch.T.Aitmatov. Talented students performed sketch from the work of the great writer. Participants read essay and lyrics about Ch.Aitmatov.

# EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

## International Women's Day

On March 7, instructor at the Department of Sociology Aisuluu Namazbek Kyzy conducted an interesting presentation devoted to the International Women's Day, March 8. Aisuluu mentioned about history of this date and perception of this holiday in different countries. Participants of this event held a lively discussion, shared their thoughts and the way they celebrated in their countries. In the end, they played the game and awarded with gifts.



## Anthropology of love

On February 13 Library and Anthropology department conducted the event "Anthropology of love" dedicated to St. Valentine's Day. Professor Cholpon Turdalieva made a presentation on "Anthropology of love". Attendees got interesting information about traditions of different countries and beautiful love stories of famous people. We would like to thank Cholpon Turdalieva and Ruslan Rakhimov for interesting conversation and good luck to her publication.



## Kyrgyz language day

On September 21 AUCA Library launched wonderful event devoted to Kyrgyz language day. We spent interesting Thursday evening together with lovely students and faculty members. They read beautiful poems by Alykul Osmonov, Baidylда Sarnogoev and sang songs. Active participants were awarded with Certificate of Appreciation.



## Senior night

On the last day of winter, February 28, the Library in collaboration with Writing and Academic Resource Center (WARC) held a workshop for Senior students. The WARC tutors shared with their experience on Information Literacy. They told about library resources, source evaluation & credibility, and citation tools.

# EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

## Library poetry event

In the event participated our dear students, NGA students and faculty members. They recited their own poems and poems of their favorite authors in three different languages; English, Russian, and Kyrgyz languages. Participants and guests were fully involved and it was a very inspirational meeting.



## InfoLit club for NGA

This academic year AUCA Library provided Information literacy course for NGA students. Five sessions and five topics that introduce students to the basics of information literacy and trains them in using academic sources effectively.

## Library Training Sessions

Library instruction is among our main priorities. In 2017-2018 academic year, we conducted 68 workshops and training sessions attended by [423](#) participants. The topics covered included library resources and services; basics of library research; library catalog; searching online databases; citation styles, and others. The workshops were conducted by the library staff in the following formats:

- as general weekly sessions every Tuesday and Thursday;
- as in-class sessions per request by individual faculty ;
- as a series of workshops per arrangement with a department (FYS, NGA, AUCA High School);