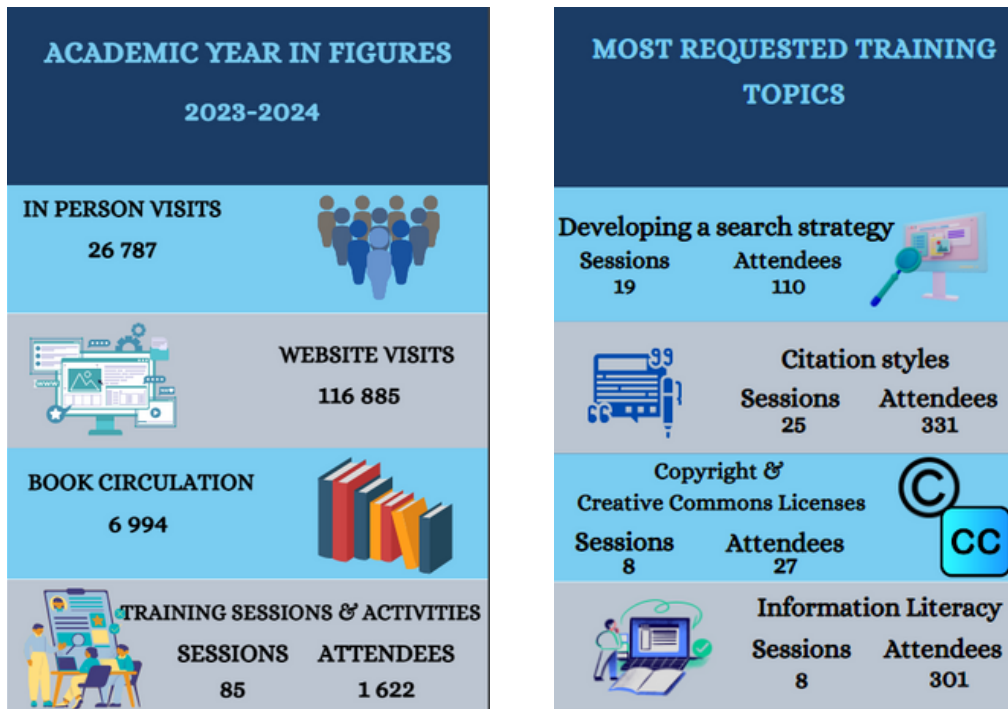


AUCA Library Report

Academic Year 2023 - 2024

AUCA Library is a dynamic partner of the university community. We leverage technology and creativity to promote access to collections, help students be responsible information consumers, and encourage lifelong learning. We support faculty and researchers by providing access to various information sources and formats. We manage our print and digital resources and assist the community in using them.

ACADEMIC YEAR IN FIGURES



NEW DATABASES

- **Cambridge Journals Online** - a collection of 411 peer-reviewed journals in humanities and social science.
- **APA PsyInfo** - the largest indexing and abstracting database devoted to peer-reviewed behavioral science and mental health literature. Trial access until August 31, 2024.
- See a full **List of Databases** (<https://library.auca.kg/databases>) available to the AUCA Community.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS

Senior Students' Night

On December 6, 2023, AUCA Library in collaboration with the Writing and Academic Resource Center (WARC) organized workshops for graduating students. The event aimed to help senior students with their writing and introduced them to the university's Digital Repository, where graduates can upload their works. Details: <https://library.auca.kg/news/205/>

Open Access Week 2023

On November 2, 2023, AUCA Library organized workshops on Open Access resources and Creative Commons licenses. Students learned the complexities of copyright and fair use, and the advantages of Open Access for educational institutions. Additionally, students enjoyed a fun Kahoot game, with prizes awarded to the winners.



Project Development & Proposal Writing Workshop

On February 1, 2024, AUCA librarians joined the *Fatima Club* to deliver a presentation on the basics of project development proposal writing, and budgeting principles. Participants learned how to align project goals with organizational objectives and develop clear and compelling proposals.

Details: https://www.auca.kg/en/auca_news/6014/

Poetry Night

On February 28, 2024, AUCA Library hosted the Poetry Evening. Faculty members, students, and staff read their favorite English, Kyrgyz, and Russian poems. Details: https://www.auca.kg/ru/auca_news/6048/

Gadget-Free Day

On April 25, 2024, AUCA Library in collaboration with the Center for Civic Engagement held various sessions to celebrate the *Gadget - Free Day*. Students attended craft workshops and played board games. Students and professors of the *AUCA Literature Club* talked about their activities. The coordinator of the *Green AUCA* held a presentation on best recycling practices. Attendees also visited the Retro Exhibit showcasing old vintage items.

Details: https://www.auca.kg/ru/auca_news/6160/

LIBRARY PROGRAMS FOR FACULTY

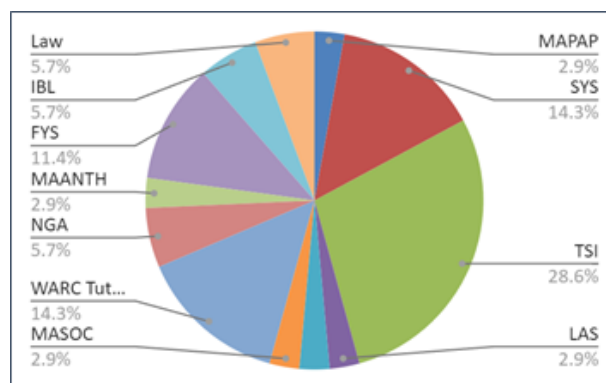
Open Access Week 2023

AUCA Library in collaboration with the Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology (CTLT) held a series of events promoting Open Access for the AUCA community and external partners. On October 24, AUCA Library initiated the online session with Colleen Campbell, OA2020 Partner Development, Max Planck Digital Library. Her talk concerning *Open Access Publishing* gathered over 20 people from various universities across AMICAL and OSUN. On November 2, AUCA Library and CTLT hosted two sessions for AUCA faculty highlighting OA basics, CC licenses, and opportunities to publish in OA journals.

In-Class Workshops

Most requested training topics	Sessions	Students
Citation styles	25	331
Information Literacy	19	301
Copyright & CC Licenses	8	27
Effective search strategies	19	110

Breakdown by Department



AUCA OPEN ACCESS PUBLICATIONS

AUCA Library maintains the University's Digital Repository <https://dspace.auca.kg/> to ensure the long-term preservation and public access to publications by the AUCA community. In 2023-2024 academic year, the following publications by AUCA professors were published in open access:

“Задачи республиканских математических олимпиад 2020-21 и 2021-22 с решениями” by Professor Kydyraliev and Professor Burova <https://dspace.auca.kg/handle/123456789/2777>

“Манас» эпосуна тиешелүү изилдөөлөргө жаңыча илимий сереп (1856-2018)” by Professor Plumtree <https://dspace.auca.kg/handle/123456789/2789>

“Манастын төрөлүшү» эпизоду түрдүү варианттарда” by AKYN Research Group <https://dspace.auca.kg/handle/123456789/2791>

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Training for University Libraries



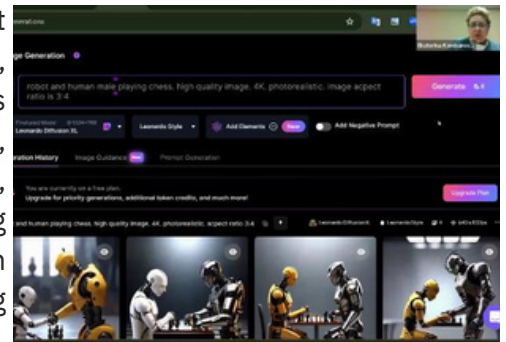
On October 19-20, 2023 AUCA Library hosted a two-day trainings on “*Managing Electronic Resources*” for 30 representatives of universities and public libraries from all over Kyrgyzstan. The training program aimed to equip library professionals with skills to effectively manage electronic resources. Details: https://www.auca.kg/en/auca_news/5899/

AUCA Library and Naryn State University: Collaboration for development

On November 17, 2023, AUCA librarians visited the Naryn State University with an outreach program. AUCA team delivered sessions on electronic resources and open access for teachers, librarians, and researchers and discussed with library colleagues challenges and solutions to providing library services and resources, and plans for further collaboration. Details: https://www.auca.kg/ru/auca_news/5937/

Artificial Intelligence Workshop for Regional Universities

On January 24-25, 2024, AUCA Library and CTLT organized a two-part online workshop on Information Literacy in Artificial Intelligence, attended by over 100 faculty and staff members from major universities nationwide. The sessions, led by Ekaterina Kombarova from CTLT, focused on the fundamentals of AI, practical applications of ChatGPT, and other AI tools. Participants engaged in practical activities, learning about the details of AI information processing through hands-on experiences. The event was held as part of AUCA Library's ongoing collaboration and partnership with university libraries in Kyrgyzstan. Details: https://www.auca.kg/en/auca_news/6002/



AUCA Publication on Manas Presented at Naryn State University



On April 23-24, 2024, AUCA Library in collaboration with the President's Office, organized a presentation of Dr. James Plumtree's book “*Manas' eposuna tieshel'uu izildool'oorgo janycha ilimiy serep (1856-2018)*” and a “*Digital Methods in Humanities*” training session for the faculty and students of the Foreign Languages Department, secondary school teachers and librarians at Naryn State University. Dr. Plumtree presented his research work on Manas focusing on Digital Humanities (DH) methods. Presenting open-access resources, demonstrating methods of analyzing texts, and discussing issues of accessibility and publication, the session stressed the importance of incorporating DH in universities and the value of collaboration between communities and institutions. Details: https://auca.kg/en/auca_news/6156/

Give a Child a Book

In honor of the International Children's Book Day, AUCA Library organized a Book Drive. Over 200 books were handed to Maksat Rehabilitation Center in Dachnoyar village and to the Orphanage in Vasilievka village in the Chui region. Details: https://www.auca.kg/ru/auca_news/6116/



AUCA Library Partners with Public Libraries



On May 30, 2024, AUCA Library joined the Annual Conference of the Public Libraries supported by Mercy Corps and USDA. The event brought together over 50 representatives from public libraries in all regions of Kyrgyzstan. AUCA librarians conducted sessions on interactive reading and copyright for libraries and networked with colleagues to discuss potential collaboration.

Training on Digital Humanities for Partner Educational Institutions

On June 6, 2024, AUCA faculty members and library director delivered a “*Digital Methods in Humanities*” training session for 20 faculty members from various institutions in Bishkek. The session aimed to introduce educators to digital methods and tools to enhance their research and teaching in the humanities disciplines. The training included an overview of DH as an emerging interdisciplinary field and the practice of text analysis tools, including Google Ngram, Voyant and AntConc. Details: https://auca.kg/en/auca_news/6199/



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Metadata and Description for Digital Special Collections

In October 2023, Reference Specialist Madina Kerimova participated in an online course on "Metadata and Description for Digital Special Collections". The 4-week training program provided valuable skills in organizing and cataloging digital collections. The course will help strengthen AUCA Library’s expertise in digital preservation.

OSUN Staff Mobility Program: Exploring the Library of the American University in Bulgaria

From March 18-31, 2024, Electronic Resources Specialist Tolgonai Kozhokanova visited the American University of Bulgaria (AUBG) as part of the OSUN Staff Mobility Fellowship. The exchange of ideas on library resources, regular workshops, collaboration with faculty members, Open Access, and Open Educational Resources in both countries created an opportunity for future collaboration between the two university libraries. Details: https://www.auca.kg/en/auca_news/6137/



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