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# **University Libraries' Book Collections: an Evaluation Study of the Female Students' Libraries at King Abdulaziz University & Umm Al-Qura University**

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## **Thesis Abstract**

This research deals with the evaluation of the Arabic and foreign books in the two libraries of the female students divisions at King Abdulaziz University and Umm Al-Qura University. The study has been conducted according to the field method by surveying a sample of these collections to identify its status quo in terms of: the linguistic, temporal, and thematic distribution. In addition, a questionnaire has been distributed to the beneficiaries from the library from among the undergraduate and postgraduate levels' female students. The researcher has used data processing system (SPSS) to reach findings and to come up with significant proposals and recommendations for developing the books collections in university libraries. From among the most important findings of the research, are:

- 1- The lack of balance of the Arabic book collection in the two libraries, along with a noted growth in Section (200) and Section (300);
- 2- Poor acquisition in Section (700) which is clearly evident, where both Arabic and foreign books equalize;
- 3- Arabic and foreign books collections are deemed outdated;
- 4- The lack of books in foreign languages other than English, despite the existence of a department of the French language at King Abdulaziz University, and the existence of the Institute of Arabic to non-speakers of Arabic at Umm Al-Qura University.
- 5- Reluctance of female students in the use of foreign books collection;
- 6- Lack of participation of the faculty members in the selection process