

TaHa Hussein *for* Library the Blind and the Visually Impaired

Services...Programs...Activities
Providing Assistive Technology for
the Visually Impaired



Taha Hussein (TH) Library is one of the specialized Libraries at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina dedicated to offer services, programs and activities for the blind and the visually impaired patrons. The Library was officially opened on 16 October 2002, during the Bibliotheca Alexandrina inauguration ceremony. In 2008, the Taha Hussein Library was reopened after being equipped with the latest assistive technology.

Objectives of Taha Hussein Library

Providing up-to-date information services and technical support to

- the visually impaired.
- Raising public awareness towards a better understanding of visual impairment and means of integration with the general public.

Services and Programs offered at Taha Hussein Library

- A collection of Braille books, periodicals, and audio books on tapes.
- Digital Talking Books (DTB) with DAISY standards.
- Computer workstations equipped with Speech Synthesizers and Screen Readers.
- Computer training for TH patrons on Microsoft Office applications, programming and web administration.
- "Orientation and Mobility" training for TH patrons using the white cane.
- Magnification devices and software.
- Printing academic studying materials into Braille upon request (a paid service).
- Study rooms for the visually impaired students and researchers.
- Sighted reading volunteers to help the visually impaired patrons in their studies.
- Providing art educational activities and workshops for visually impaired young children to familiarize them with their environment.
- Braille training for sighted people to familiarize them with Braille reading and writing.
- Internet search, as well as OPAC search, upon request.
- Orientation tours to the Library patrons and sighted visitors.
- Organizing events to celebrate international days for the blind and visually impaired such as the "International White Cane Safety Day", "World Braille Day", and "International Day for Persons with Disabilities" to increase public awareness of visual impairment.

How to contact the Taha Hussein Library

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