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New years bring new plans, new hopes, new dreams, new projects, new collaborations... it's all about the new in our life! But they are also a chance to look back at the year that just ended and see what we have accomplished, our successes, our happy and difficult moments and more.

The current Newsletter is our 2019. It's a chance for us to look back and feel proud of ourselves and a chance for you to learn how the Library works to address the information needs of the KU community and the current trends in the information world.

Open Access & Scholarly Communication

Koç University's Open Science Policy has been announced!

Koç University has declared its directive document of [Open Science Policy](#) recently, actively promoting Open Science applications which have been developed in parallel with ERC, Horizon2020 and TÜBİTAK's projects. The Library has been involved as one of the stakeholders in this project with an open access team which is working to support and to strengthen the transition to Open Access / Open Science through training, education, and awareness-raising activities geared toward researchers and all other staff, and additionally, to provide the necessary infrastructure to effectuate this transition. You can get help about your questions related to Open Access and Open Science via the Library's openaccess@ku.edu.tr mail address.

Article Processing Charge Award

Ezgi Gür, who is the winner of the Article Processing Charge award of the 2017 Library Open Access Survey, has published her article "[Probabilistic Information Modulates the Timed Response Inhibition Deficit in Aging Mice](#)" in *Frontiers in Behavioral Neuroscience*, September 2019. Figures show that almost 1200 people have already viewed it last 2 months. As Suna Kıraç Library, we are very happy to support her, and we wish her the best of luck in her academic career.

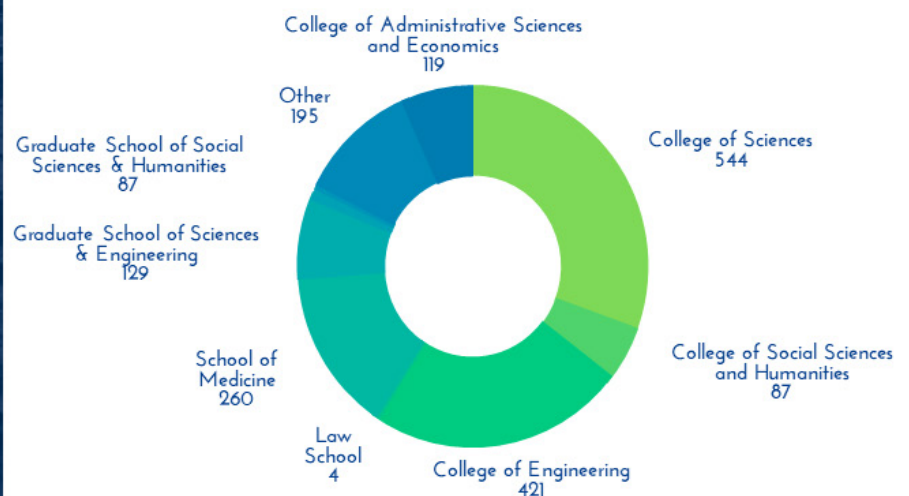
Koç University Institutional Repository in 2019

The [Koç University Institutional Repository \(KUIR\)](#) can house open-access articles, conference proceedings, theses, working papers, technical reports, and other types of research data. By the end of 2019, 108 open access resources have been uploaded to the KUIR, reaching a total of 1803 documents. The distribution of the total number of resources by faculties and schools is shown in the graph below.

Koc University Institutional Repository

Our repository hosts over 1.800 open-access articles, conference proceedings, working papers, technical reports, and other types of research data from over 45 departments, graduate schools and research centers.

Publication Numbers by College & School



Reserve Collection

Through the reserve collection we create course lists, guided by Faculty members. Numbers speak the truth about the importance of the service:

- '18-19 Fall Semester: **11 courses, 606 books** - 444 different titles-, **99 electronic documents, 14 AV materials** for 3 different courses
- '19 Spring Semester: **12 courses, 584 books** - 487 different titles -, **93 electronic documents, 8 AV materials**
- '19 Summer Semester: **1 course, 2 books, 10 AV materials**
- '19-20 Fall Semester: **15 courses, 586 books** - 424 different titles-, **138 electronic documents**

The most used book in the Reserve Collection was the [Calculus: a complete course / Robert A. Adams, Christopher Essex](#). – Borrowed 362 times.

You can now send your [Reserve collection request](#) for the Spring semester 2020.

Document Delivery Services

- **Inter-library loan:** During 2019 Suna Kıraç Library borrowed **472 books** from other University libraries for its users and lent **484 books** to other University libraries in Turkey and **42 books** to University libraries abroad.

- **Article request:** We received and successfully supplied **560 articles requests** from KU members, that were not included in our sources.

- **Inter-campus loan:** We circulated **1198 books** between the Main Library and the Branches. Suna Kıraç Library borrowed **526 books** from the branch libraries and lent **672 books** to the branch libraries, for their users.

For a [Document delivery request](#), please use the online forms

Acquisitions in SKL throughout the year

Due to the new purchasing processes that started in 2019, our purchases are now made through tenders. The books and DVDs used in the courses are excluded from the procurement process. In 2019, we held **2 book tenders**.

From the first tender, the Library purchased **415 new print titles**, that have either arrived or are expected to arrive the soonest possible. With the second tender, we aim to buy **894 more new print titles**.

Cataloging

Cataloging is an important process for the material to be ready for use and distribution. New Acquisitions, donations, rare material, serials, dvds, reference material and any other material type that is added in our collection makes a first stop at the Cataloging department. In 2019 we had **198663 new bibliographic records, 8171 OpenAccess e-books, 4842 bibliographic records from donations, 348 records of rare material and 579 records of children's books**. The Cataloging team also prepares reports and creates statistical lists for all Library departments and participates in trainings for new staff members and existing colleagues when needed.

Instructions Program

The Reference department was very active throughout the year organizing and offering instructions and seminars to the academic community. During the Spring semester we offered **28 sessions** both for undergraduate and graduate students and **36 ACWR classes** in two levels. Summer was not very busy, but nevertheless we did offer **6 ACWR classes**. We continued an intensive program during the Fall semester with **24 sessions and 41 ACWR classes**, which were attended by all education levels students and researchers participated. In total, **1896 KU members attended the sessions**. We also took part in different orientation sessions, offering a day long Library orientation in the Library and participated in other 8 individual orientation sessions.

Part of the instructions program during the year were **6 webinars and 7 information sessions on Research topics**, organized by external partners.

Events

Suna Kıraç Library organized and hosted several events during 2019. Spring was marked by our [2nd International Library staff week](#), that brought together 25 International librarians. We also participated in the [55th National Library week](#) with an event about Information Literacy and a [Job Shadowing day](#), hosting University students. In June, we organized and participated in a joint event about Archives, as part of the International Archives week. For our wellbeing and relaxation, we organized 6 different Mindfulness sessions both during the Spring and Fall semester. Emphasizing on fun extracurricular activities we initiated a book club with 4 different International books for the year and we organized 3 Board games events. In late October we participated in the International [OpenAccess week](#) with an Information session for the whole KU community. We closed the year with 4 Story-telling sessions for the children of our community, using bilingual books from the Children Books collection. Part of our events were the visits of High School students and several Kindergartens.

You can see our scheduled Instructions, workshops, seminars and events in our [Calendar](#).

Archives Department



Manuscripts Catalogue

After almost a year's hard work, we were very happy to publish the Koç University Suna Kıraç Library **Manuscripts Catalog** last summer, with the valuable help of Koç University Press. The catalogue includes **425 manuscripts from our Rare Books Collection**, material that was obtained through donations and purchases.

The book is available from Pandora, Beyoğlu Koç University Publications store.

Digital collections

By the end of 2019, the Koç University Suna Kıraç Library Digital Collections were expanded throughout the year. Some of the statistical highlights concerning the collections of SKL, VEKAM and AKMED are:

- Number of digital assets: increased by 26,032 items, from 186,527 to **212,559**.
- Page views of the digital objects around in Turkey as well as other countries such as the USA, Germany, UK, France, the Netherlands, Italy, Denmark, Canada, and Iran reached up to **234,726** as of December 2019.
- Koç University Manuscripts Collection, Josephine Powell Slide Collection, Theses and Dissertations, and Mehmet Nihat Nigizberk Collection of Architectural Drawings and Photographs were the most popular collections being requested by the researchers for their projects.
- Our Web site has also been renewed with its interface and textual contents.
- The agenda of Digital Collections for 2020 will focus on ongoing projects including Hilmi Paşa Documents Collection, Turkish Cartoon Prints Collection, AKMED Map Collection, AKMED Postcard Collection and VEKAM Musikî Muallim Mektebi (Schools of Music Teacher) Collection”.



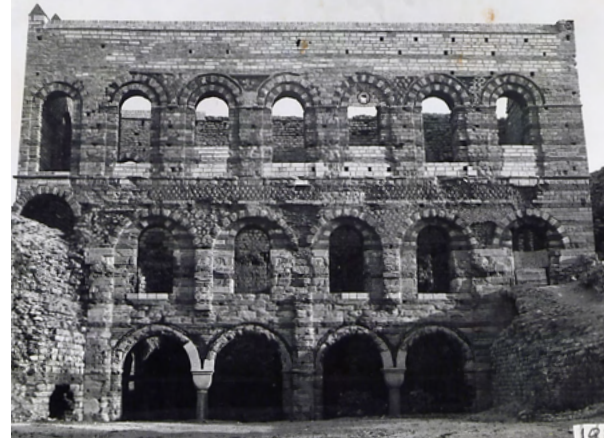
CTA_S103_A03_phg_01: Northern façade of Saint Sophia during restoration, 1956, S103, A03, phg01

Cahide Tamer Historic Buildings Restoration Projects Collection

“Cahide Tamer Historic Buildings Restoration Projects Collection is now accessible online through Suna Kıraç Library Digital Collections website. Cahide Tamer (1915-2005) is one of the first women architects specialized in restoration raised in the Early Republic Era and her extensive archive contains a variety of documents related to the restoration projects that she involved during her career between 1944-1974.

As the first stage, originally classified in folders and albums, over 1,000 photographs, documents, plans, drawings and personal notes on restoration projects of Byzantine monuments such as Saint Sophia, Saint Eirene, Tekfur Palace and Church of Chora Monastery are open for researchers. The collection will continue to expand throughout 2020 with the addition of monuments of Ottoman architecture in the archive.”

CTA_S100_A01_phg_19: A frame of the northern façade facing the courtyard of the Tekfur Palace, 1956, S100, A01, phg19



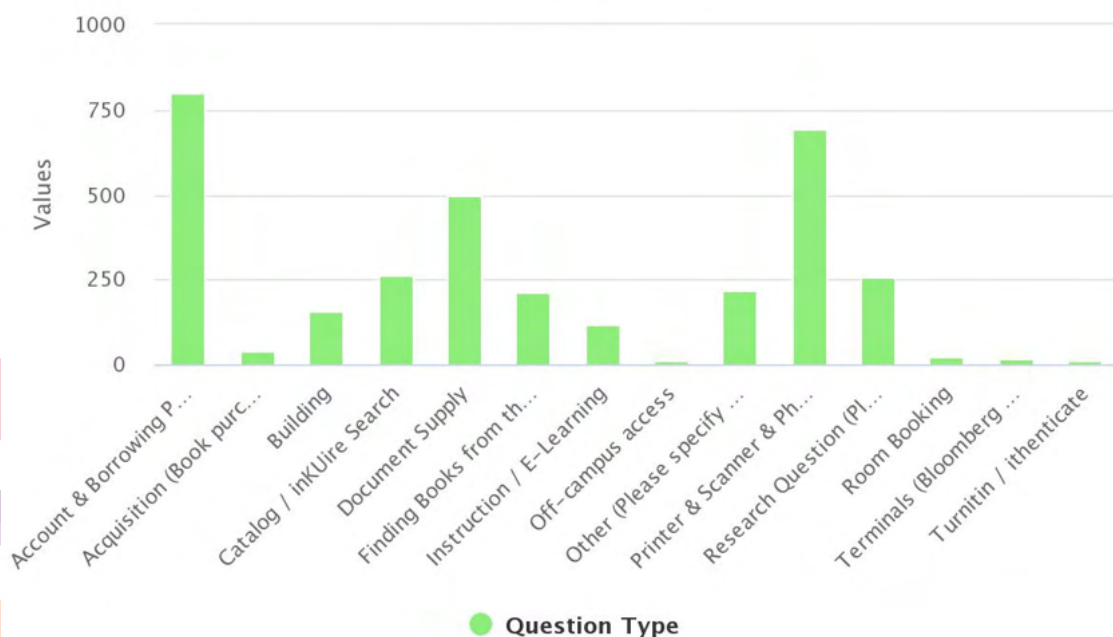
Circulation Numbers & Figures for 2019

Who's wondering about the most checked out books in 2019? We have got the numbers.

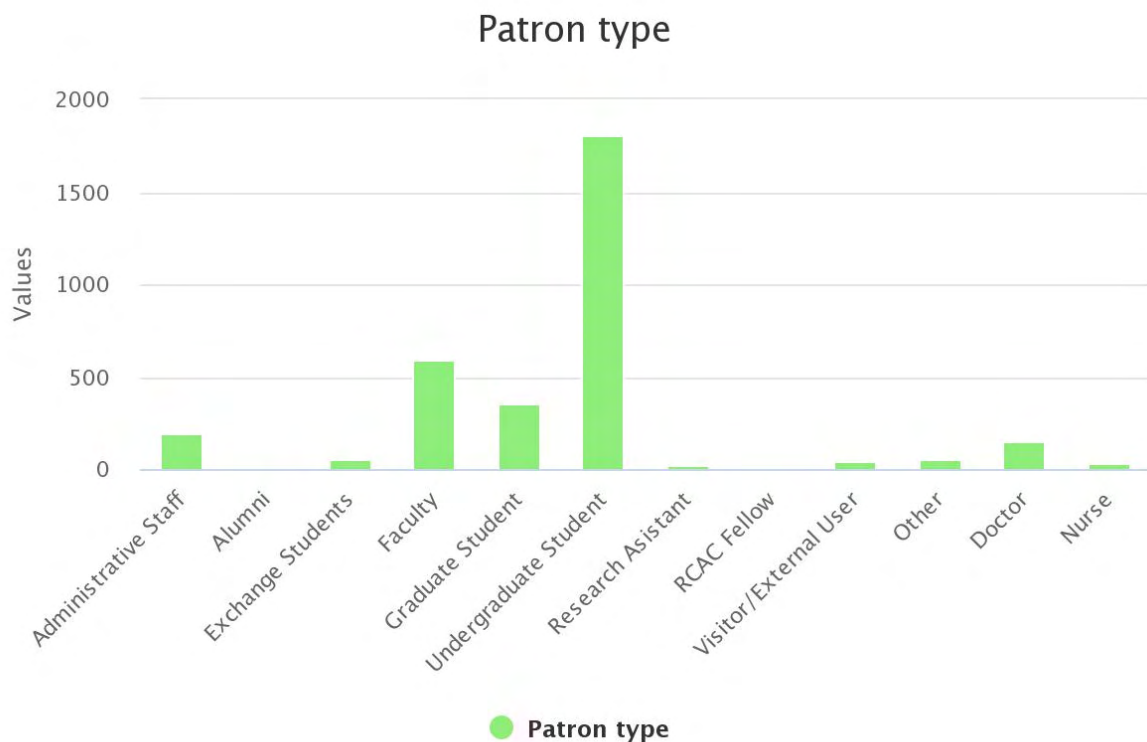
There are two novels sharing the first place this year;

- [Kırmızı saçlı kadın](#) : roman / Orhan Pamuk – Borrowed 10 times
- [Huzursuzluk](#) / Ömer Zülfü Livaneli – Borrowed 10 times

Question Type



Throughout the year the librarians support the users in various ways. For your account and borrowing privileges you can always contact us by sending an email to libcirculation@ku.edu.tr. And here are some statistics about the most common questions that we received at the Circulation desk and the Patron types.



Circulating iPads

Considering the benefits of the usage of iPads in education, starting from 2011 the Library began circulating iPads. Now, we have **28 iPads** which also provide access to SKL's electronic reserve contents and other e-resources. Since we started this service, the total number of borrowings has been **4405**. During 2019, 631 undergraduate students, 79 faculty members and administrative staff and 7 graduate students borrowed our iPads, reaching the **717 individual users in total**. iPads circulate for 3 days with 1-day renewal. Patrons cannot reserve individual iPads in advance as they are handled on a first-come-first-serve basis.

ANAMED Library



In 2019, [ANAMED Library](#) opened its doors to many researchers within the scope of “ANAMED Library Talks” and hosted valuable names, scholars who are conducting research on various geographies and historical periods. You can follow our talks on the [ANAMED website](#) and ANAMED Library [Twitter account](#) and find the recordings in the ANAMED Library [SoundCloud account](#).

During the 55th Library Week last March, ANAMED Library organized a Beyoğlu [BiblioPera](#) Libraries [Tour](#) and hosted Library Science student for a day, within the frame of a Job shadowing program.

In 2019 ANAMED Library Branch librarians also presented BiblioPera in different areas: Naz Baydar published an article titled “Beyoğlu’nda Bizans’ı Aramak: Bizans Koleksiyonuna Sahip BiblioPera Kütüphaneleri” in the Topulumsal Tarih’s “Günümüz İstanbul’unda Bizans” special dossier. Both İrem Ünal and Naz Baydar prepared an article about BiblioPera for the symposium organized by the University and Research Librarians Association ([ÜNAK](#)) and İrem Ünal made the presentation during the [ÜNAK Symposium](#), hosted by [TED University Ayşe Ilıcak Library](#) in Ankara.

A new addition in the Library’s activities during 2019 are the library trainings. Throughout the year, ANAMED Fellows and external members received **7 trainings**: Endnote, Mendeley, ORCID, Qualtrics, Zotero and Information Literacy skills.

[Please click here to read more about BiblioPera Libraries](#)

Health Sciences Library

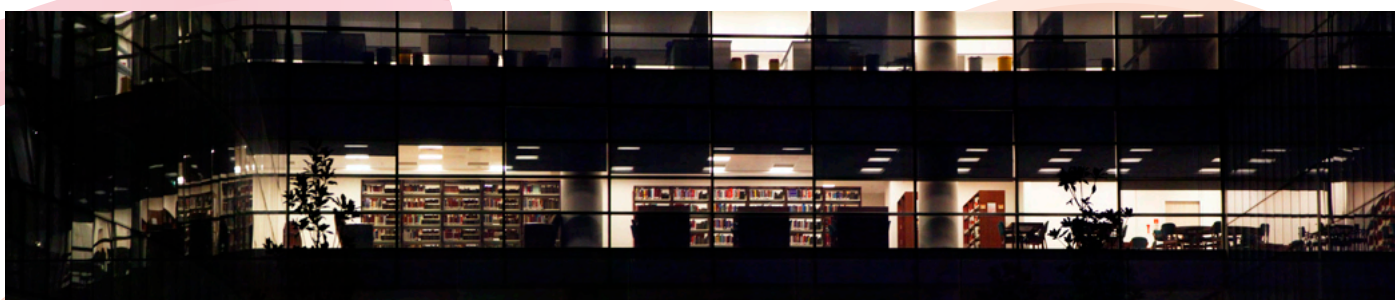


The Health Sciences Library was visited by nearly **35,000 users** during 2019, 23 of which were external users. Apart from the individual users and visits, we hosted Medipol and Esenyurt University Medical Documentation Departments students.

We were also active with several events. We held a Book club and read and discussed about 5 books throughout the year, with a big highlight being the “Blind Date with a book” for Valentine’s Day which attracted great interest from our users. We tried to raise awareness on important days through our Book exhibitions. Within this scope, we created 12 book exhibitions and we organized film screenings twice.

Trainings are an important part of our activities and we held **14 different sessions** on various topics, including Predatory Journals & Publishing, Open Access, ORCID and more.

Like the other Koç University Libraries, we participated in the [National Library week](#) with a daily job shadowing. We are eager to continue our activities and add even more services and event, in 2020.



Lifelong learning and academic engagement

We are constantly trying to develop our skills, broaden our experience, keep up with current scientific trends and expand our network. Thus, the past year staff members participated in the Erasmus+ Staff mobility program and attended several conferences and professional meetings to present the Library's work and be informed about new projects and innovative ideas. We also attended several seminars and workshops offered by the HR and completed electronic distance learning courses.

You can read more about our activities and the Library's news in general,



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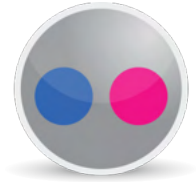
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