

Kazakh National Women's Teacher Training University

SERALY KANIYEV RESEARCH LIBRARY

**ANNUAL REPORT
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Report of the Seraly Kaniyev Research Library for 2025

1. General Information

The university library is a key unit that provides undergraduate, postgraduate students and faculty members with access to educational and scientific information resources. It supports academic and research excellence and promotes information literacy among users.

The library's organizational structure includes two main departments:

- the Department of Acquisitions, Scientific Processing, and Storage of the Book Collection;
- the Department of Reference, Bibliographic, and Information Services for Readers.

The library employs 14 staff members. The total 3-story building area is 4,295 m².

Of this, 1,000 square meters of basement space are reserved for book storage and home lending services. The first floor houses the administrative office and user interaction spaces: the Academic Writing Center, the 70-seat Conference Hall equipped with an interactive panel and two simultaneous translation booths, a Museum exhibit dedicated to the library's history and its distinguished staff, three spaces for group work and project activities, 10 individual booths, a 20-seat computer lab, a student lounge, a mother-and-child room, a cafeteria, a cloakroom, and other functional spaces.

The second floor houses two reading rooms—East and West. The West Reading Room also includes specialized spaces: a room for faculty and doctoral students, as well as an assistive technology room equipped with equipment to support users with special educational needs.

RFID equipment has been installed in the reading rooms, providing open access to the collection and the possibility of self-service when using the “home loan” service.

The Universal Decimal Classification is used to organize and arrange the collection in the storage, and the Library of Congress Classification is used for the open collection in reading rooms.

The total number of books available in the public domain is **31,885** copies, all of which are equipped with RFID tags.

2. Library Collection

As of **January 1, 2026**, the total collection consists of **1,044,800** printed items.

Of these:

- in the official language — 916,427 copies;
- in Russian — 113,568 copies;
- in foreign languages — 14,805 copies.

The number of textbooks, educational and methodological publications, and scientific publications is **845,576** copies, which corresponds to 80.9% of the total collection (Table 1).

Table 1 – Information on the Book Collection

Type of Literature	Total	Kazakh	Russian	Foreign
Total Book Collection	1,044,800	916,427	113,568	14,805
Textbooks	500,808	407,014	81,969	11,825
Instructional Materials	167,421	149,959	14,925	2,537
Scientific Literature	177,347	171,469	5,793	85
Fiction	145,484	137,867	7,368	249
Reference Literature	53,740	50,118	3,513	109

The library's collection is replenished through requests from university departments, direct contracts with publishers, government procurement, and books donated to the library by their authors.

Table 2 – Collection Growth

Year	Annual Acquisition	Total Collection
2023	3,014	1,033,083 (taking into account the write-off of 54,593 copies)
2024	4,435	1,037,518
2025	7,282	1,044,800
Total	14,731	

Subscriptions to periodicals are formed taking into account the needs of educational programs and departmental requests. In 2025, subscriptions were issued to 36 periodicals, including five national newspapers, 15 national scientific and methodological journals, and 16 Russian publications.

Table 3 – Periodicals Subscription

Indicator	Number
Total periodicals	36
National newspapers	5
Scientific journals	15
Russian publications	16

Table 4 – Electronic Resources

Resource	Quantity
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Electronic catalog records	147,938
Electronic resources collection	11,769

Table 5 – Seating Capacity and Books

Room	Seats	Books
Eastern Reading Room	112	11,200
Western Reading Room	229	14,147
Faculty and Doctoral Room	22	6,320
Total	516	31,885

Table 6 – Users

Year	Total	Students	Graduate/Doctoral	Faculty
2023	8,312	7,568	141	483
2024	9,471	8,680	201	504
2025	10,776	9,822	232	670

Table 7 – Library Usage

Reading Room	Visits	Circulation
Western Reading Room	44,512	222,562
Eastern Reading Room	38,400	115,211
Faculty Room	2,162	6,480
Total	88,478	255,227

Table 8 – Users by Institute

Institute	Users
Natural Sciences	9,501
Pedagogy and Psychology	4,118
Physics, Mathematics, and Digital Technologies	2,403
Social Sciences and Arts	2,125
Philology	995
Total	19,142

The library website, <https://library.qyzpu.edu.kz/> , accessible from the university website, is a fully functional virtual representation of the library, designed to provide users with access to virtual library services, electronic information resources, and information about library events and services. The website contains information about the library's activities,

structure, services, and resources, and provides tools for searching and using educational and scientific literature.

The library website contains the following main sections:

- About the Library - contains information about the library's mission, goals, objectives, and areas of activity.
- Library History - reflects the stages of formation and development of the university's scientific library.
- Structure - includes information about the library's organizational structure and departments.
- Vacancies - publishes information about available positions.
- Electronic Library - provides access to digital full-text publications.
- Electronic Catalog - is designed for searching print and electronic publications from the library's collection.
- Database Search — designed for searching information in international and domestic licensed databases, as well as international and domestic open-access scientific journals, using the **MyLOFT** electronic library and the **EDS (EBSCO Discovery Service)** search engine.

The website may also contain other subsections, which are updated as the resource develops and modernizes.

The library's *main virtual services* and features:

- *the electronic catalog* allows users to search for information about books, journals, and other publications in the university library collection;
- *the electronic library* provides access to full-text materials, including digitized books, textbooks, research papers, dissertations, and other electronic documents;
- *access to electronic resources*. Users can work with databases, e-books, and research articles, including through external information and educational systems integrated with the library website;
- *information about library services*. Information about the library's premises and in-person services is available on the website <https://library.qyzpu.edu.kz/>, which is functionally linked to the library's main electronic resource.

Facilities and Infrastructure

The library offers:

- a conference room for seminars, training sessions, and meetings (advance reservations are available);
- areas for individual and group study;
- a computer lab;
- an academic writing and consultation center.

- Computers and internet access. The library provides access to computers and free Wi-Fi.
- Room Reservations. Users can reserve a conference room and other workspaces in advance through the website.
- Events. The website provides information about cultural, educational, and scientific events, including seminars, exhibitions, and meetings.

Additional Website Features

- News

The website regularly publishes library news, event announcements, and updates to library and electronic resources.

Licensed Electronic Resources

The library plays an important role in providing access to information resources necessary for educational and research activities. These resources include licensed databases provided by domestic and international providers. These resources contain up-to-date and reliable information, meet the needs of university faculty, students, and researchers, and are available to users 24/7 (Table 9).

Table 9 – Licensed Databases

Database Name	Database Description
<i>ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global</i>	(https://www.proquest.com/) — the world's largest dissertation and theses database, containing over 5.5 million records and approximately 3 million full-text scientific papers from over 4,100 institutions in over 60 countries dating back to 1637. The majority of full-text materials have been available since 1997. The collection covers a wide range of scientific disciplines and is updated annually with approximately 250,000 new papers, remaining a valuable resource for millions of researchers worldwide. Direct links to the full text of PQDT are available with a Web of Science subscription.
<i>Emerald Insight</i>	(https://www.emerald.com/insight/) — The online collection on the topic of "Education (Educational administration and leadership; Vocational education and training; Higher education; Sustainability in higher education)" contains 23 journals (22 of which are indexed in Scopus and Web of Science) — The online collection on the topic of "Library & Information Sciences (Academic librarianship; Educational technologies; Information needs, seeking and use; Classification and indexing; information)" contains 16 journals (all indexed in Scopus, 15 in WoS Core)

<i>Academic Search Premier (EBSCO)</i>	<p>(https://search.ebscohost.com)</p> <p>Designed primarily for academic institutions, it offers a comprehensive collection of scholarly publications across a wide range of topics (social sciences and humanities, education, computer science, physics, chemistry, linguistics, art, literature, etc.). It is used as an essential research tool by undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and researchers. It indexes over 13,000 publications and provides full text for over 4,700 of them. It offers extensive archives of many journals, often dating back to 1975 and earlier, with full text for a significant portion of them available in PDF format.</p>
<i>Library & Information Science Source (EBSCO)</i>	<p>(https://search.ebscohost.com)</p> <p>A specialized database of full-text journals and other publications in the field of information librarianship and library technology, featuring 527 full-text journals (129 of which are indexed in Web of Science or Scopus), as well as chapters from 30 books/monographs, 13 conference proceedings, 7 reports, and a subject-specific thesaurus containing over 11,000 terms. In total, the database indexes over 3,385 scientific publications from over 1,180 publishers from 62 countries.</p>
<i>Inclusive Education Portal</i>	<p>(https://jenpu.elib.kz/ru/search/)</p> <p>– includes comprehensive solutions for the digitalization of inclusive education (multimedia inclusive electronic textbooks for the hearing-impaired, an electronic library for the visually impaired).</p>
<i>A-kitap.kz</i>	<p>(https://a-kitap.kz/ru)</p> <p>The electronic library is an online system containing over 600 textbooks and teaching aids relevant to the university's specialization.</p>
<i>IGLibrary</i>	<p>(https://portal.igpublish.com/iglibrary/)</p> <p>soderzhit boleye 50 000 naimenovaniy literatury po razlichnym oblastyam nauk. Izdatel'stvo IG-Publishing yavlyayetsya vedushchim postavshchikom elektronnykh knig dlya universitetov v Tikhookeanskom regione i postavlyayet boleye 150 000 naimenovaniy, okhvatyvayushchikh vse oblasti nauk. Ono predstavlyayet nauchnuyu literaturu ot 60 mirovykh izdatel'stv i postoyanno rasshiryayet svoi elektronnyye resursy, chtoby sootvetstvovat' sovremennym trebovaniyam i novym napravleniyam issledovaniy, predostavlyaya aktual'nuyu informatsiyu universitetam i kolledzham. Izdatel'stvo stremitsya vklyuchat' dazhe redkiye knigi, k kotorym trudno poluchit' dostup, i otsifrovyyayet te, chto ne imeyut elektronnoy formata. Vse knigi dostupny v formate PDF. Elektronnaya biblioteka iG — eto sovremennaya platforma, pozvolyayushchaya bystro analizirovat' klasteriy akademicheskoy literatury i neobkhodimyye tematicheskiye napravleniya.</p>

(<https://portal.igpublish.com/iglibrary/>) contains over 50,000 titles across various fields of science. IG Publishing is a leading provider of e-books to universities in the Pacific Rim, supplying over 150,000 titles across all fields of science. It represents scholarly literature from 60 global publishers and is constantly expanding its electronic resources to meet modern requirements and new research trends, providing universities and colleges with up-to-date information. The publisher strives to include even rare, difficult-to-access books and digitizes those not available in electronic format. All books are available in PDF format. The iG e-library is a modern platform that allows for the rapid analysis of academic literature clusters and relevant subject areas.

<i>Epigraph</i>	(Epigraph Publishing House) (https://elib.kz/ru/)
<i>Electronic Library</i>	Over 1,000 textbooks in Kazakh and Russian, accessible from phones, tablets, and computers. Equipped with a simple, convenient, and fast search system, a librarian's office with detailed reporting, and more.
<i>Multimedia Online Courses Portal</i>	(https://mbook.kz/ru/book/personal_book_list/) Contains a course of online video lectures, a set of interactive 3D animations, interactive text notes, tests and assignments individually created for each student, as well as an electronic journal for the teacher, and much more.

To automate internal library processes and provide automated user services, the library has implemented the IRBIS-64+ ILS, which interacts with the library's RFID equipment.

Furthermore, to attract users and better meet their needs, agreements have been concluded with libraries at higher education institutions for the shared use of electronic resources:

- 1) Abai Kazakh National Pedagogical University
- 2) International University of Information Technology
- 3) D.A. Kunayev Eurasian Law Academy.

The library also hosts international conferences, seminars, webinars, and joint professional development events on current issues in the operation of modern university libraries.

3. Professional and cultural-enlightening events at the library in 2025

From January 27th to 31st, the library hosted a 72-hour advanced training course “Modern Library: Transformation, Innovation, and Adaptation” (February 3rd to 7th, remotely, using the Moodle LMS platform) and from June 23rd to 27th (July 30th to 4th, remotely) for managers and specialists of university and public libraries across the country. 59 librarians from 13 Kazakh universities participated in the course, including Almaty Technological University,

Almaty University of Power Engineering and Telecommunications named after Gumarbek Daukeyev, Almaty Management University (AlmaU), Dumaty University, A.K. Kusainov Eurasian Humanitarian Institute, Abai Kazakh National Pedagogical University, S.D. Sechenov Kazakh National Medical University, and others. Asfendiyarov, Kazakh-British Technical University, Caspian University of Technology and Engineering named after Sh. Yessenov, Narhoz University, Kazakh-German University, Kenzhegali Sagadiyev International Business University and South Kazakhstan Medical Academy, as well as from Pavlodar Regional Universal Scientific Library named after S. Toraigyrov, Zhylyoi District Central Library and Inder District Centralized Library System of Atyrau Region.

The course teachers were Asylbekova K.T., Director of the Scientific Library of Maksut Narikbayeva University, Master of Science of the University of Malaysia; Zholdybalinov N.N., Deputy Director for Information Resources of the National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan; Rytov A.V., Regional Representative of the international company EBSCO Publishing Inc. (USA) for Central Asia; Otegenova A.M., Director of the Scientific Library named after Seraly Kanieva, Master of Science (KBTU) and Lapo P.M., Deputy Director of the Seraly Kanieva Scientific Library, member of the IFLA Regional Committee for Asia and Oceania.

Four library employees participated in the 89th World Library and Information Congress "Connecting Knowledge, Creating the Future" of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), held in Astana in August 2025. As part of the Congress, Deputy Director of the Library, P.M. Lapo, as a member of the IFLA Regional Committee for Asia and Oceania, participated in the Committee meeting, organized a meeting (Caucus) of Congress participants speaking Russian, gave a presentation on "Key Priorities and Directions for Creating a Library Ecosystem in Kazakhstan" in the section "Libraries as a Springboard for National Development: Opportunities and Challenges", and also coordinator of visits by Congress participants to public and university libraries in Astana.

From September 28 to October 3, 2025, P.M. Lapo participated in the 25th International Scientific and Practical Conference "University Library Management-2025. Creating Value: The University Library as a Driver of Quality Education and Science" (Minsk, Belarus). At the plenary session, he presented a paper entitled "Realizing What Matters: Library Success and the Credo of the Modern Librarian."

November 3-6, 2025. As part of the Kazakh delegation, he took part in the plenary and sectional sessions of the XII International Conference "ANKOSLink-2025: Library 5.0: Digital Transformation Reoriented to Humanity" (Ankara, Turkey), as well as in the ceremony of presenting books about the history, culture, traditions and customs of the Kazakh people in 3 languages to Mr. Ayhan Tuglu, the Director of the Presidential National Library of Turkey, for the Kazakh literature corner in the library.

In 2025, the library, together with its partners, organized several significant international events. These included the art exhibition "Gender and Climate Change: A Youth Perspective"

(September 11), supported by the CAPS Unlock think tank and the UNESCO Almaty Office, and the seminar "Libraries' Participation in the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals: International and Domestic Experience" (November 11), held as part of the Second World Summit for Social Development. The seminar featured Kim Thaung, a representative of the UNESCO Almaty Regional Office, and directors of libraries from higher education institutions. Throughout the year, the library organized a number of other events aimed at raising awareness and enhancing the professional skills of its staff.

Information about the library's events, services, and resources, as well as event announcements and library news, are posted and regularly updated on its social media pages: **Instagram** (https://www.instagram.com/kaniyev_library) and **Facebook** (<https://www.facebook.com/>).

The library is active on Facebook and Instagram. Materials about the library's activities, events, trainings, new books, authors, donors, and library guests are published on Facebook. These publications help inform readers and partners and increase the library's and university's visibility in the national and international communities.

From January 1, 2025, to February 10, 2026, the library's Facebook page subscriber activity statistics were: 22,629 views, 1,097 likes and interactions, and 154 new subscriptions (for a total of 4,000 subscribers).

On Facebook, library staff follow the official pages of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the personal account of Minister Sayasat Nurbek, the Library of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and the pages of libraries of higher education institutions.

The recently launched Instagram account @kaniyev_library publishes materials about significant events, new book releases, and other activities. It serves as a visual platform for informing readers, attracting a younger audience, and expanding their reach through photos and videos about the library's events and resources.

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