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## Newsletter for Bahá'í Librarians & Information Professionals

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### LIBRARY NEWS FROM THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT

After years of working in our libraries on our own, it was the librarian of Belgium, Guido Cooreman, who wrote to the Western European countries to sound out the possibilities for more cooperation. And also to see how other libraries were organised, in order to learn from each other. Few responded, but since March 1997 the cooperation between the National Libraries in Belgium, France and the Netherlands started. Guido Cooreman from Belgium and Marije Fienieg from the Netherlands are professional librarians. Parivash Ardei started working with much zeal in the French library. We visited each other's libraries and made plans for cooperation. This concerns making a thesaurus in Dutch and in French for Baha'i headings, choosing a classification system and computer system, exchanging missing items and files etc. The computer system we adopted is the ISIS database for libraries, which UNESCO offers for free to non-commercial organisations.

In the Netherlands we could make some progress in making Baha'i literature accessible to Dutch citizens. We succeeded in gaining the interest of the Koninklijke Bibliotheek (Royal Library), which is responsible for the Dutch Central Catalogue. Normally it is quite expensive to have your catalogue filed in the Central Catalogue, but one telephone call was sufficient to raise their interest. The collection of Baha'i books was considered to be a unique collection in the Netherlands and it won't cost us anything. So in future, all libraries which are online with the Koninklijke Bibliotheek, will be able to find a lot of Baha'i books and not only the (mostly) old books which university-libraries possess (some of them being from covenant-breakers). The Koninklijke Bibliotheek also has a home page on the Internet. Libraries and also individuals who are members of the Koninklijke Bibliotheek can borrow the books from our National Baha'i Library by mail-order.

For information, advice etc., you can contact Marije Fienieg: address: National Baha'i Library, Riouwstraat 27, 2585 GR The Hague, Netherlands tel/fax: 00-31-76-5422336 (home) e-mail: [marije.fieniegjonker@pi.net](mailto:marije.fieniegjonker@pi.net)

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## **GREEN ACRE SEEKS ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOP RESEARCH CENTER**

Recently, the editor received an electronic mail message from Green Acre Bahá'í School. Green Acre was blessed in 1912 by a visit from the Master, during which He predicted that some day, this area would be the site of a great university, welcoming students from all over the world. This university would be located on Monsalvat, along with the second Mashriqu'l-Adhkar of the United States.

In the hopes of getting a bit closer to the realization of this vision, Green Acre asked the my help in beginning to come up with goals, objectives and guidelines that could enable Green Acre to develop its current library along the lines of a research center, focussing especially on Green Acre's mission as "an historic international Baha'i Center of learning, inspired by the presence and example of 'Abdu'l-Baha, which fosters spiritual transformation, promotes the oneness of humankind, world peace, race unity and the equality of women and men." Green Acre also asked for suggestions as to equipment, software and human resource needs that could help achieve this end.

I have offered to assist in this effort. Pending response from Green Acre, I am asking that those who may have some interest in being on a task force to let me know of their interest and experience. If any of you have suggestions of equipment, software, and available human resources (volunteer librarians, etc. who could assist at Green Acre's library), please contact the editor. Contact information is at the end of this issue.

William Collins

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## **COMPILATION OF BAHA'I CITATIONS FROM ONLINE DATABASES**

Susan Gammage has compiled bibliographies of publications about the Baha'i Faith that have been listed in a number of online databases including: Library of Congress, ATLA Religion Database, Historical Abstracts. Please contact her at the following email address if you are interested in receiving a copy of the lists: [gammage@vianet.on.ca](mailto:gammage@vianet.on.ca)

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## **LIBRARY JOB IN CHINA**

TEDA International School, Tianjin China (TIST) is searching for a LIBRARIAN for their pre-school-grade 8 school of 160 students. Founded in 1994, TIST is a private, coeducational school serving children from pre-school through grade 8 with a current enrollment of 160 students from a variety of national backgrounds. The fully automated library currently has 5000 books, 100+ CD-ROMs, 75 videos and an internet connection.

THE LIBRARIAN WILL FUNCTION IN A VARIETY OF CAPACITIES AND AREAS INCLUDING:

**ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES** Further develop and implement policies and procedures for library and information technology use Maintain library collection and computerized data base Provide principal with annual inventory Schedule class visitations Track all library records Provide direction for an expanded library media center and library skills curriculum Assist principal in the preparation of annual library budget Selection of Material and Equipment

**SELECT APPROPRIATE LIBRARY MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT** Direct the purchasing of library holdings Supervise the withdrawal of worn or out-of-date materials Advise the principal for advancement of information technology purchases

**SERVICE TO STUDENTS** Provide instruction in library skills and information technology to students Maintain an attractive and easily accessible library for student use Guide students in finding and using a wide variety of materials and information Develop a research and library skills program

**SERVICE TO FACULTY** Work with classroom teachers to integrate classroom library use with curriculum Help individual teachers by providing all types of materials for their use in specific units of study Recommend books for students and teachers Participate in committee and curriculum work.

Qualifications: MLS from an ALA accredited institution. The salary range is 25,000-39,000 USD, tax free, with housing, medical insurance, yearly professional development stipend and annual roundtrip transportation provided.

To apply please email or fax a cover letter, resume, and a list of three references (with email addresses, if possible) to Eric Larson, Principal. If you plan to attend an overseas recruiting fair, please indicate which fair and what dates. [elarson@public.tpt.tj.cn](mailto:elarson@public.tpt.tj.cn)

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## RECENT ACQUISITIONS AT THE WORLD CENTRE LIBRARY

Momen, Moojan.

A Short introduction to the Baha'i Faith / Moojan Momen. -- Oxford : Oneworld, c1997.

[6], 150 p. ; 23 cm.

1. BAHAI FAITH — INTRODUCTORY WORKS. I. Title.

BP 365 .M66

Patterns of emergence for the new world order : case study overviews and track papers from the 1996 Baha'i Conference on Social and Economic Development for the Americas / ... this document was prepared by Duncan Hanks ... -- 2nd ed. -- Winter Park, Fla. : Eshraghieh and Mahmoud Rabbani Charitable Trust, c1997.

[6], 6, 364 p. ; 28 cm.

1. BAHAI FAITH — DEVELOPMENT — CONGRESSES, CONFERENCES, ETC. — UNITED STATES. I. Hanks, Duncan. II. North American Baha'i Conference on Social and Economic Development (4th : 1996 : Orlando, Fla.). III. Rabbani Charitable Trust (Winter Park, Fla.). BP 374.79 .N649 P28 1997

Revisioning the sacred : new perspectives on a Baha'i theology / edited by J.A. McLean. -- Los Angeles : Kalimat Press, 1997.

xix, [1], 231 p. : ill. ; 23 cm. -- (Studies in the Babi and Baha'i religions ; v.8)

1. BAHAI FAITH — HISTORY. 2. BABI FAITH — HISTORY. 3. BAHAI FAITH — THEOLOGY. 4. BAHAI FAITH — DOCTRINE. I. Title: New perspectives on a Baha'i theology. II. Series. III. Lee, Anthony A. IV. McLean, J. A., 1945-. BP 366 .R58

Sours, Michael W.

Understanding Biblical prophecy / Michael Sours. -- Oxford : Oneworld, c1997.

xiii, 238 p. ; 24 cm. -- (Preparing for a Baha'i-Christian dialogue ; v.3)

1. BAHAI FAITH — PROPHECIES, CHRISTIAN — FULFILMENT. 2. BAHAI FAITH — RELATIONS — CHRISTIANITY. 3. BIBLE — BAHAI INTERPRETATIONS. 4. CHRISTIANITY — PROPHECIES — FULFILMENT. 5. CHRISTIANITY — RELATIONS — BAHAI FAITH. I. Title. II. Series. BP 372.6 .S682

Amanat, Abbas.

Pivot of the universe : Nasir al-Din Shah Qajar and the Iranian monarchy, 1831-1896 / Abbas Amanat. -- Berkeley ; Los Angeles : University of California Press, c1997.

xix, [5], 536 p. : ill., map ; 24 cm.

Baha'i Faith: pp. 61, 81, 84-88, 109, 133-134, 168, 204-209, 211-219, 222-223, 366, 384-385, 411-412, 465, 479, 480, 496-497, 499.

1. NASIRI'D-DIN SHAH, 1831-1896. 2. IRAN — HISTORY — 19TH CENTURY. 3. IRAN — KINGS AND RULERS. 4. IRAN — POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT — 19TH CENTURY. 5. QAJAR DYNASTY. I. Title. II. Title: Nasir al-Din Shah Qajar and the Iranian monarchy, 1831-1896. DS 307 .N38 A62

Shoghi Effendi, 1897-1957.

Citadel of faith : messages to America, 1947-1957 / by Shoghi Effendi. -- Wilmette, Ill. : Baha'i Publishing Trust, c1965 (1997 printing).

ix, [3], 178 p. ; 20 cm.

5th printing.

1. SHOGHI EFFENDI, 1897-1957 — LETTERS — UNITED STATES. I. Title. II. Title: Messages to America, 1947-1957. BP 364. C58 1997

Baha'u'llah, 1817-1892.

Tablets of Baha'u'llah revealed after the Kitab-i-aqdas / compiled by the Research Department of the Universal House of Justice and translated by Habib Taherzadeh with the assistance of a Committee at the Baha'i World Centre. -- 1st pocket-sized ed. -- Wilmette, Ill. : Baha'i Publishing Trust, 1988 (1997 printing).

vi, [4], 299 p. ; 18 cm.

4th printing

I. Title. II. Taherzadeh, Habib, 1908-. III. Universal House of Justice. Research Department.  
BP 362 .A1 T32 1997

'Abdu'l-Baha, 1844-1921.

Selections from the writings of 'Abdu'l-Baha / compiled by the Research Department of the Universal House of Justice ; translated by a committee at the Baha'i World Center and by Marzieh Gail. -- 1st pocket-size ed. -- Wilmette, Ill. : Baha'i Publishing Trust, 1996, c1997.

vi, [2], 359 p. ; 18 cm.

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I. Title. II. Gail, Marzieh, 1908-1993. III. Universal House of Justice. Research Department.  
BP 363 .A1 S4 1997

Hatcher, John S.

The Ocean of His words : a reader's guide to the art of Baha'u'llah / by John S. Hatcher. -- Wilmette, Ill. : Baha'i Publishing Trust, c1997.

xviii, 388 p. ; 22 cm.

1. BAHAI FAITH — WRITINGS. I. Title. II. Title: A Reader's guide to the art of Baha'u'llah.

BP 362.6 .H38

Bradley-DeTally, Esther.

Without a net : a sojourn in Russia / by Esther Bradley-DeTally. -- Los Angeles, Calif. : Baha'i Booksource International, 1997.

v, [1], 137 p. ; 22 cm.

1. BRADLEY-DETALLY, ESTHER. 2. BAHAI FAITH — TEACHING — RUSSIA. 3. BAHAI FAITH — PIONEERS AND PIONEERING — RUSSIA. 4. BAHAI FAITH — PIONEERS AND PIONEERING — PERSONAL NARRATIVES. 5. BAHAI FAITH — TEACHING — UKRAINE. I.

Title. II. Title: A Sojourn in Russia.

BP 395 .B62

Shoghi Effendi, 1897-1957.

[The Promised day is come. Russian]

(Nastal den' obetovannyi) / (Shogi Effendi). -- Sankt-Peterburg [St.Petersburg] : Izdatel'skii Fond Bakhai Edinenie = Unity Baha'i Publishing Trust, 1997.

170, [6] p. ; 22 cm.

I. Title.

BP 364 .P76 RUS 1997

Popov, Linda.

[The Virtues guide. Russian]

(Puteshestvie v stranu dobrodetelei) : (posobie dlia roditelei po vospitaniiu v detiakh dobrodetelei) / (Linda Kevelin Popov, Den Popov, Dzhon Kevelin). -- Sankt-Peterburg [St. Petersburg] : Izdatel'skii Fond Bakhai Edinenie = Unity Baha'i Publishing Trust, 1997.

70, [210] p. : ill. ; 30 cm.

1. CHILDREN — EDUCATION. 2. BAHAI FAITH — CHILD EDUCATION — HANDBOOKS, MANUALS, ETC. 3. BAHAI FAITH — CHILD EDUCATION — SYLLABI. 4. VIRTUES. 5. BAHAI FAITH — MORAL EDUCATION — LESSON PLANS. I. Title. II. Title: Posobie dlia roditelei po vospitaniiu v detiakh dobrodetelei. III. Kavelin, John. IV. Popov, Dan. V. Virtues Project, Inc.

BP 366.437 .P66 RUS 1997

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## EDITIONS OF THE KITÁB-I-AQDAS AT THE WORLD CENTRE LIBRARY

The following are additional records for editions of the authorized English version of the Kitáb-i-Aqdas, and translations made from that edition. This list continues the listing from issue no.5. As others appear, they will be listed in *Scriptum*.

Bahá'u'lláh, 1817-1892.

[Kitáb-i-aqdas. French]

Le Kitáb-i-aqdas : le plus saint livre / Bahá'u'lláh. -- Bruxelles : Maison d'Editions Bahá'íes, 1996.  
viii, 328 p. ; 23 cm.

I. Title. II. Title: Le Plus saint livre. III. [A Synopsis and codification of the laws and ordinances of the Kitáb-i-aqdas. French]. IV. Bahá'u'lláh, 1817-1892. / [Questions and answers supplementary to the Kitáb-i-Aqdas. French]

BP 362 .K6 A2 FRE 1996

Bahá'u'lláh, 1817-1892.

[Kitáb-i-aqdas. Bulgarian]

(Ketab-e-akdas) : (nai-sviatata kniga) / (Bakhaulla). -- [Sofia] : Izdatelstvo "Karmel", 1996.  
ix, 365 p. ; 21 cm.

I. Title. II. Title: Nia-sviatata kniga. III. [A Synopsis and codification of the laws and ordinances of the Kitáb-i-aqdas. Bulgarian] IV. Bahá'u'lláh, 1817-1892. / [Questions and answers supplementary to the Kitáb-i-Aqdas. Bulgarian]

BP 362 .K6 A2 BUL 1996

Baha'u'llah, 1817-1892.

[Kitab-i-aqdas. Dutch]

Het Heiligste boek : de Kitab-i-aqdas / Baha'u'llah. -- Den Haag : Stichting Baha'i Literatuur, 1997  
352 p. ; 21 cm.

At head of title : De Kitab-i-aqdas.

I. Title. II. Title: De Kitab-I-aqdas. III. [A Synopsis and codification of the Kitab-i-aqdas. Dutch]. IV. Baha'u'llah, 1817-1892. / [Questions and answers supplementary to the Kitab-i-aqdas. Dutch].

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