



KSUC LIBRARY

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KOITALEEL SAMOEI UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LIBRARY

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TRAINING AND ORIENTATION

Library user training is a vital component of modern library services, aimed at equipping patrons with necessary skills and knowledge to effectively utilize library resources.

Library user instruction plays a pivotal role in empowering individuals to navigate the increasingly complex information landscape.

The library conducted several training to different categories of its users at Koitaleel Samoei University College Library, including

Undergraduate student users, post graduate student users, teaching staff and non-teaching personnel.

The topics covered varied from one category of users to the others for example under graduate users especially first year and second year were trained on general library usage and access and use of e-resources. Third year and Fourth year student users were trained on research tools, citation of their researched work and access to e-resources through Myloft app

Image A



The key objectives of library training and orientation is to develop information retrieval skills, foster critical thinking, Navigate electronic resources and databases, Cultivate a love for lifelong learning.

Image B



Finally, library user education seeks to increase awareness of library resources and services. User education plays a pivotal role in equipping individuals with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in the information age. Its goals revolve around promoting information and digital literacy, encouraging lifelong learning, and supporting academic success. The objectives range from teaching information retrieval skills to fostering ethical information use and nurturing a reading culture. As libraries continue to evolve in the digital era, the significance of library user education cannot be overstated. It empowers individuals to be discerning, informed, and engaged members of society.

LIBRARY GUESTS

ST. ANDREW SCHOOL



Image 1

FATHER BOYLE HIGH SCHOOL



Image 2

ST. MAURICE SECONDARY SCHOOL



Image 3

VISITORS FROM THE MINISTRY OF HIGHER LEARNING



Image 4

The academic library's main goal is to assist patrons, or members of the university community, with their teaching, learning, research, and study requirements.

All individuals with valid school IDs who are registered members of the Institution, including faculty, staff, and students, are considered patrons.

Visitors are those who are not actively enrolled in the university.

Certain library resources, databases, and facilities are available to faculty, students, visitors, and the local community with prior appointment.

The KSUC library welcomed visitors from a variety of backgrounds, including students from various schools, members of the local community, and government representatives, each visitor had a distinct reason for visiting, and the on-duty library staff guided them through the various areas.

As illustrated in the following table:

CUE INSPECTION VISITORS



Image 5

NO	VISITOR	VISITED AREAS	DATE
1.	St. Andrew School.	Upon visiting the university library, Kevin Mwima, a member of the library staff, gives St. Andrew School students a tour of the main Library.	July 26th, 2024
2.	Father Boyle High School.	Father Boyle High School students are guided through the KSUC library by Abigael chepleting, a Library personnel.	January 8 th , 2024.
3.	St. Maurice Secondary School.	During their visit, Ruth Cheruyiot, a library staff, gives St. Maurice Secondary school a walk around the Library.	July 17 th , 2024.
4.	Ministry of Higher Learning	Alongside Dr. Ismael Oduor (Registrar planning), librarian Ms. Agnes Jeptoo guides Ministry of Education visitors around the Library.	July 5 th - 7 th , 2025
5.	CUE inspection TEAM.	The principal, KSUC Prof. Winston Akala (right), walks CUE Inspection visitors through the e-library section.	June 6 th , 2025

MYLOFT (OFF - CAMPUS ACCESS TO E-RESOURCES)

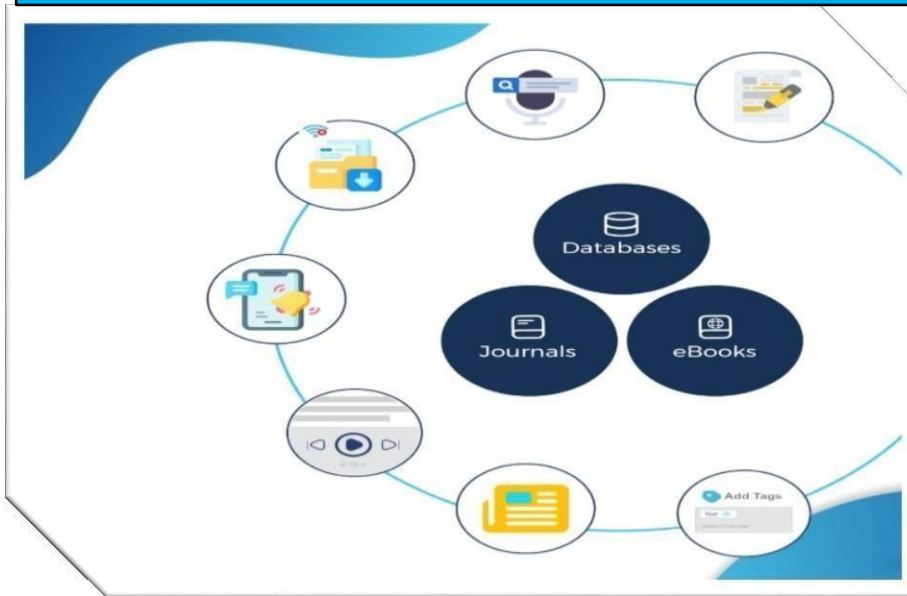
Myloft is an acronym, which stands for, “My library on finger tips” It is an application for organizing, distributing, and gaining access to digital content and e-resources that the library has subscribed to.

MyLOFT is your personal library, where you include the content you need and categorize them the way you like.

A single app that lets you access, arrange, share, and read all of your e-content offline at any time and from any location. Myloft provides access to a wide range of e-resources, including e-books, scholarly

publications, online libraries, as well as research databases. Students and researchers need these tools in order to access the most recent data and academic publications. For instance, Myloft gives users access to platforms such as JSTOR, Sage Research Methods, and Taylor and Francis, which let them examine a huge library of scholarly materials, historical records, and peer-reviewed publications.

Furthermore, Myloft might provide access to particular e-books and online learning resources that are suited to the institution's courses and programs, improving students' entire educational experience.



MYLOFT ACCESS PROCEDURE

- ❖ A page will appear asking you to select your institute.
- ❖ Click on the textbox on the screen and select your institute by scrolling the list given or typing the name. Then, click continue.
- ❖ A login page will appear with text boxes for email and password.
- ❖ Type in your institute affiliated email id and password for MyLOFT account and click on “Sign in”. (To learn how to create a password for MyLOFT account, [click here](#)).

WHY MYLOFT

MYLOFT has features like **offline reading, tagging, saving into collections, sharing articles**, and more that make it easy to access library-subscribed e-resources. Additionally, with the use of a mobile application, users are empowered to easily find, access, save, organize, and share e-content related to their personal and professional interests across online and mobile platforms.



INTELLIGENCE (AI)

AI, refers to the capability of a machine to imitate intelligent human behavior. It is one of the emerging trends and applications of computing in libraries. It involves programming computers to do things, which if done by humans, would be said to require intelligence.

AI Technologies Shaping the Future

Machine Learning:

One of the most impactful branches of AI is Machine Learning (ML). This technology empowers systems to learn from data, identify patterns, and make decisions with minimal human intervention e.g social media platforms utilize ML algorithms to curate personalized content based on user behavior.

AI is revolutionizing the librarian's daily work, making tasks more manageable, recommendations more informed, and literature reviews more efficient. Most librarians are embracing this technological shift, confident that AI will continue to enhance their impact in the academic world.

Automating routine tasks

Librarians noted that applying AI technologies can significantly reduce manual touch points and streamline processes. This use case provides critical support for librarians in an increasingly challenging and pressured environment. By automating routine tasks, AI frees up valuable time, allowing librarians to focus on more complex and impactful work.



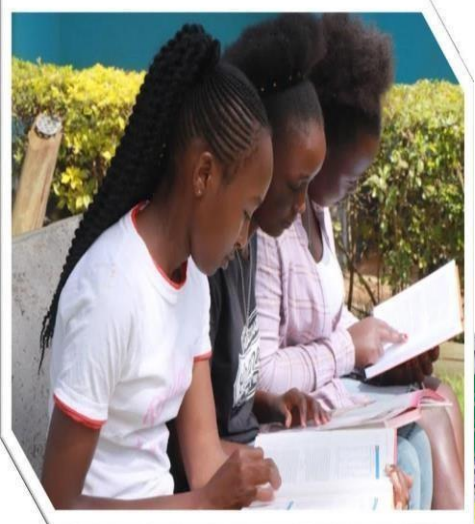
Reviewing literature

AI text summariser tools (both dedicated tools and all-purpose generative AI such as ChatGPT) save librarians time and effort by generating concise summaries of complex information in seconds. These technologies enable rapid access and digestion of essential data, improving efficiency and supporting librarians' ability to manage and curate vast amounts of academic content effectively.

Recommending resources

AI-powered search engines especially ChatGPT, Gemini, and Scite, provide academic librarians access to more accurate and relevant results, significantly enhancing the research process.

LIBRARY AWARENESS DAY IN PICTURES





Everything you need for better future
and success has already been written.
And guess what? All you have to do is go
to the library.

Henri Frederic Amiel

