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Abstract: ■The University Libraries consist of Nami Jafet Memorial Library as the main library which also includes the Archives and Special Collections, the Engineering and Architecture Library, the Saab Memorial Medical Library, and the Science and Agriculture Library, with its annex library at the Agricultural Research and Education Center (AREC) in the Beqa'a Valley. The first Library was founded with the University in 1866. Jafet Library was founded in 1952 and the Medical Library was founded in 1975. The Medical Library houses a number of historically important items, some of which are digitized, such as: Abdul-Massih Massuh - Accreditations and Van Dyck's Notes on Physiology - ■■■■ ■■■■■■ ■■■■■■ Abi Bakr al-Razi, On Chickenpox and Measles, 1872 - ■■■■ ■■ ■■■■■■ ■■■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■ ■■■■ ■■ ■■■■■■ ■■■■■■ Ahmed Al-Rashidi, "Materia Medica" - ■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■■■ ■■ ■■■■ ■■■■■■ ■■■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■■■ American University of Beirut Faculty of Medicine Annual Reports Annual Reports of the Lebanon Hospital for the Insane at Asfouriyeh Avicenna's Book of Canon, 1593 - ■■■■ ■■■■■■ ■■ ■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■ Bailliére's Popular Atlas of the ■Anatomy and Physiology of the Female Human Body, 1921 (in English) By Hubert E.J. Biss, M.A., M.D. Cantab., D.P.H. The Doctor, A Journal of Science and Medicine (Al-Tabib) - ■■■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■■■ George E. Post: The Arabic Post Flora - Volume I - ■■■■ ■■■■ ■ ■■■■■■ ■ ■■■■■■ ■■■■■■ ■ ■■■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■ George E. Post: The Flora Of Syria, Palestine And Sinai, 2nd ed.,1932 Hassanein Al-Ziftawi, The Cannon of Health - ■■■■ ■■■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■ Histology Instructional Posters, 1930's and 1940's Instructional Posters, 1930's and 1940's Dr. John Wortabet, Fundamentals of Autopsy, 1871 - ■■■■ ■■■■■■ ■■ ■■■■ ■■■■■■ ■. ■■■■■■ ■■■■■■ Mohammed Bin Omar Al-Tunisi, A Book on Plants - ■■■■ ■■■■■■ ■■■■ ■■ ■■■■ ■■■■■■ ■■ ■■■■■■ Old AUB Diplomas: Dentistry and Pharmacy Old AUB Photos taken from Annual Reports: Syrian Protestant College, 1866-67 to 1901-02 Old Thesis: Hand-written Pharmacy Theses, 1897-1919 MD Theses, 1928-1931 Philips' Popular Manikin, 1900: The Principles of Natural Philosophy The Science of the Medical Materials and their Use in Medicine Al-Shifa, Journal of Medicine, Cairo 1886 - 1890 - ■■■■■■ ■■■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■■■ Tamir Nassar - articles and albums from expeditions in the 1930s Van Dyck's Principles of Pathology, 1878 - ■■■■ ■■■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■

Holdings: The collections consist of 450,000 print book titles, 1,000,000 electronic books, 5,000 print periodical titles (2,000 in Arabic), and hundreds of local and regional journals and newspapers going back to the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The libraries also provide access to 130,000 electronic periodicals and subscribe to 350 databases. The Archives and Special Collections contain 934 linear feet of archival material, 1,800 manuscripts (most of which are in Arabic), 10,000 rare books, 10,000 theses, projects, and dissertations going back to the early 20th century, 5,000 posters, 800 postcards, and 1,700 maps, as well as 72,000 photographs (including over 20,000 negatives) of unique and

historical nature. Many of the books and manuscripts in the Archives and Special Collections cover Arab and Islamic science and medicine and the achievements of Arab and Muslim physicians and scientists during the medieval ages.

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Other Collection Subject Strengths: Islamic medicine

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