



ULUSLARARASI KIBRIS ÜNİVERSİTESİ
CYPRUS INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY



Evidence for THE Impact Rankings Questionnaire

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Providing Public Access to Libraries and Knowledge Resources

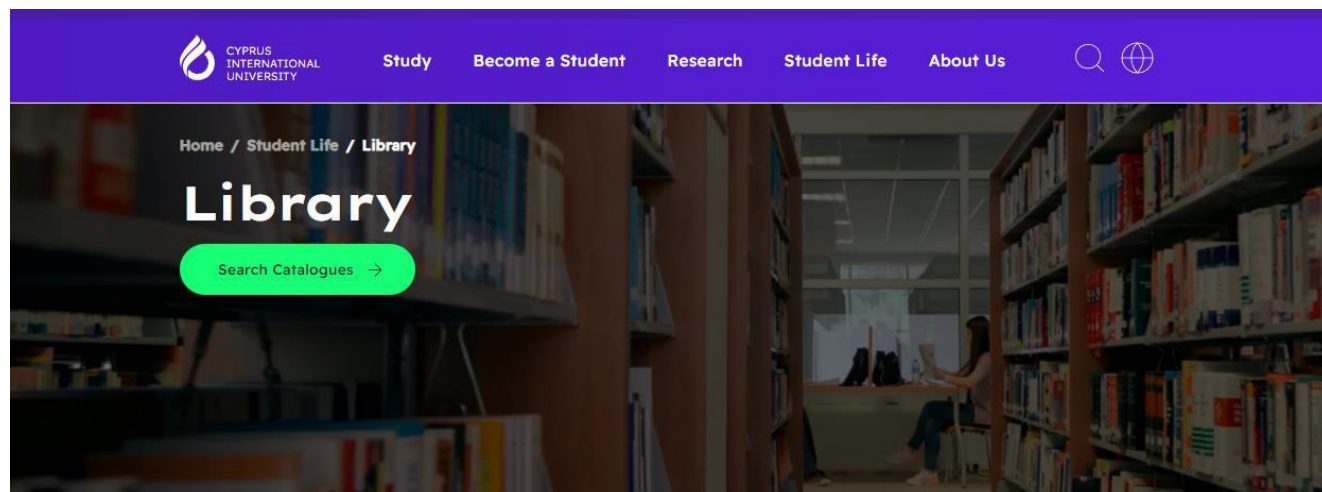
Cyprus International University (CIU) is committed to fostering inclusive, lifelong learning and preserving cultural heritage by providing **free and open public access to its library and digital resources**. This initiative directly supports **SDG 11** by creating a sustainable and accessible hub of knowledge for the entire community, beyond the university's student body and faculty.

1. Policy of Public Access

The CIU Library operates under a policy that grants **members of the public free access** to its physical spaces, book collections, and a wide range of digital publications. This ensures that knowledge is not confined to enrolled students and academics but is a shared resource for the sustainable development of the wider community.

Cyprus International University provides public access to its library and its resources free of charge.

<https://www.ciu.edu.tr/en/student-life/library>



2. Key Initiatives and Community Engagement

A. Celebrating and Preserving Cultural Heritage:

The CIU Library actively promotes cultural heritage through public events. A prime example is the celebration of the **60th Library Week** under the theme "**Colorful culture, rich history, preservation of cultural heritage.**" Organized in cooperation with the Association of University and Research Libraries, this event highlighted the library's role as a custodian and promoter of the island's unique history and multicultural identity.

<https://ciu.edu.tr/en/news/60th-library-week-celebration>

B. Providing Cutting-Edge Digital Resources:

The library ensures the public has access to the latest academic and scientific knowledge. It regularly provides:

- **New Trial Access Databases:** Offering the community temporary access to a wide array of specialized databases and publications at no cost.
- **Up-to-Date Webinar Announcements:** Facilitating continuous learning and professional development for all users through online educational events.

<https://ciu.edu.tr/en/student-life/library/library-announcements>



NEW TRIAL ACCESS DATABASES



WEBINAR ANNOUNCEMENTS



3. Impact on Sustainable Development

By maintaining an open-access policy, the CIU Library serves as a critical infrastructure for sustainable community development by:

- **Promoting Lifelong Learning:** Enabling all citizens, regardless of their institutional affiliation, to pursue education and skills development.
- **Democratizing Knowledge:** Ensuring that high-quality academic books and digital publications are available to researchers, professionals, and the curious public, free of charge.
- **Strengthening Cultural Identity:** Hosting events that celebrate local history and culture, fostering a sense of community and shared heritage.
- **Supporting Inclusive Education:** Acting as a bridge between the university and the public, ensuring that the benefits of the university's resources are shared widely.

The CIU Library is more than a university facility; it is a public good that empowers the community and contributes to the creation of a more knowledgeable, inclusive, and sustainable society.