DERASAT LIBRARY
A Quarterly Newsletter

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NOT EQUALLY CREATED...

According to Cornell University, there are four major types of libraries in the world! Here are the types, can you guess which type is DERASAT Library?

- *Academic libraries* serve colleges and universities.
- *Public libraries* serve cities and towns of all types.
- *School libraries* serve students from Kindergarten to grade 12.
- *Special libraries* are in specialized environments, such as hospitals, corporations, museums, the military, private business, and the government.
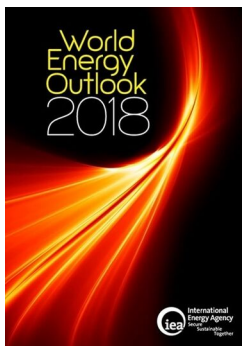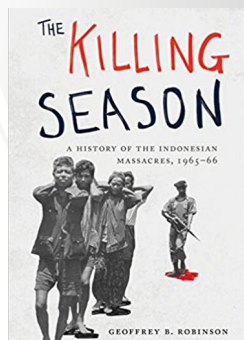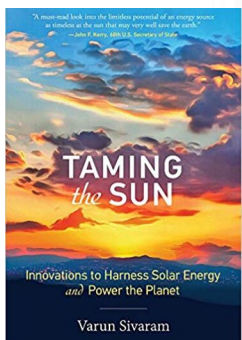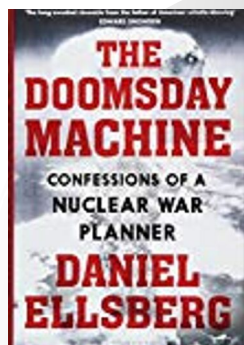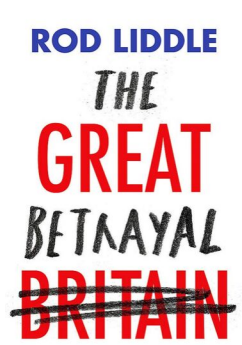
RFID READY!

You may have heard that libraries around the world have shifted to the use of RFID tags to sort and circulate their collections, but what does that mean exactly?

RFID technology (radio frequency identification) is widely used today in retail, government institutions and different establishments.
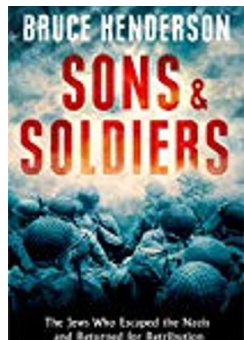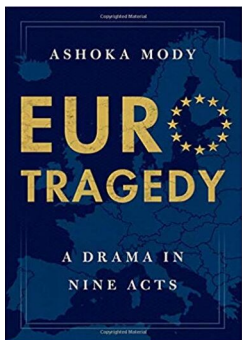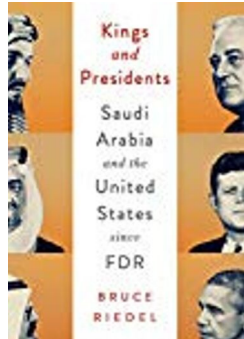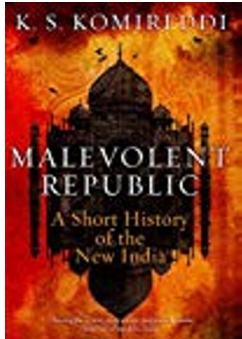
You might have noticed a white sticker label on the book you've borrowed: that is what RFID tags look like! To the end user (library patrons) it means convenience of checking out/in materials through using a device compatible with RFID tags placed in items.

To librarians it means ease of finding materials on the shelf by using RFID devices which read shelf contents super fast, as well as using the time otherwise spent on manual check out to users in doing other library related tasks, such as cataloging, maintenance of collections, providing information literacy help and acquiring new books for the library. RFID tags also offer an anti-theft feature, whereas the compatible RFID gates beep if a user tried to exit with a book without checking it out first.

Interested in these titles?

Sign up for a library card by calling 17752734 or through e-mail library@derasat.org.bh
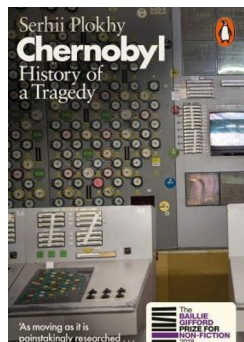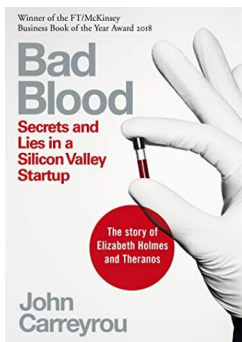
LIBRARIES ARE NOT DEAD!

Most people think that libraries are a thing of the past due to the rapid changes in technologies and their unprecedented uses in the field of information and communication. However, despite all these great advances, libraries around the world are unaffected by technology. On the contrary, libraries today depend solely and largely on technology, as materials are being recorded in a library management system, which offers a catalog available for users to search through and place items on hold, as well as giving the users the option of performing other tasks such as paying library fees and fines. Moreover, libraries offer e-resources and e-books, and they use the latest technologies in RFID devices to maintain collections and run circulation procedures. Libraries today are not suffering, but thriving!

Visit DERASAT library to see our RFID library solutions and to learn more about our e-resources!

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> *I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library.*
> - Jorge Luis Borges