

**ZAH ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING**  
**ZAH LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**MARCH 10, 2019**



**MISSION**

To establish and provide global access to a centralized collection of materials in print and electronic form, primarily pertaining to Zarathushti faith, culture and history.

**SPECIAL DONATIONS**

Generous donations from our members support our programs, which we hope have been entertaining as well as intellectually stimulating. We are gratified that several community members have entrusted their lifetime collections, as well as rare and special editions to us for safekeeping.

- Cyrus Bharucha has gifted us, among other books, a *Videvdad Sade* manuscript (i.e. a manuscript of the Videvdad, or Vendidad ceremony) as well as an original script of "Wings of Fire " with notes and letters.
- Bomanshah Sanjana presented to the Library a rare manuscript of the Vendidad, hand-written by Mobed Marzban Aibara in 1957, that has been in his family for three generations.
- Faruk Presswalla and Pallan Ichaporria have gifted their considerable collections that were hand carried to ZAH by Yasmin Pavri and the Rivetna family, respectively.
- We received a great vote of confidence from our resident author, Bapsi Sidhwa, who donated \$20,000 to the library

Our total online book collection is now 1092 books (1576 with duplicates). We continue to expand awareness of FIRES via a quarterly newsletter on our user friendly website [www.fires-fezana.org](http://www.fires-fezana.org).

**BUDGET**

See ZAH Treasurer's Report

**PROGRAMS**

Date	Event	Speaker(s)
Jan 6, 2018	<i>Nani Palkhivala the Crusader</i> - Documentary	Cyrus Bharucha
April 21, 2018	<i>Grand Old Man of India</i> <i>Building for the Future</i>	Dinyar Patel Cyrus Rivetna
Oct 6, 2018	<i>Go Home</i> – Book Reading	Sohrab Fracis
Jan 17, 2019	Garden paradise: The Magnificent Safavid Carpet – MFAH Visit	Vehishta Kaikobad

Programs at the Center have been taped by Yezdi Engineer and will be available as CDs.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Nauzer Billimoria, Pearline Collector, Rustom Engineer, Yezdi Engineer, Debra and Darayus Kolah, Sarosh Manekshaw, Zubeen Mehta, Jehangir Mistry, Yasmin Pavri, Meheryar Rivetna, Aban Rustomji, and Arnavaz Sethna.