

ZAH ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING
ZAH LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT
FEBRUARY 9, 2020



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.

- Noshir Khumbatta of New Mexico mailed us a collection of books and magazines
- Jehanbux Mehta and family donated silver memento of Kothari Pavilion in Karachi
- Roshan Malva of California donated an-old handa (metal vessel)

Our total online book collection is now 1761 books (from 2012 – present). We continue to expand awareness of FIRES via a quarterly newsletter on our user-friendly website www.fires-fezana.org and in Manashni.

PROGRAMS

Date	Event
January 17, 2019	MFAH Tour Garden Paradise: The Magnificent Safavid carpet from the Burrell Collection, Glasgow – Docent: Vehishta Kaikobad
March 20-24, 2019	Exhibit: Down Memory Lane, Atash Kadeh Inauguration, Handouts on Jashan and Community Celebration – Library Committee
June 7, 2019	Video of Atash Kadeh Inauguration – Judi Ann Carlsson
Oct 11-13, 2019	Seminar: Yesterday's Gifts... Tomorrow's Assets, Exhibition on Fire Temples and Atash Behrams Speakers: Almut Hintze, Kersi Shroff, Panel of young mobeds: Noshir Khumbatta, Bahrom Ferozgary, Zubin Kotwal and Khushrav Nariman
October 25 - 26, 2019	Lecture: Advent of Zarathushtra as Paigambar and his revelation of monotheistic teachings and Zoroastrianism- A Way of Life; Shahnameh Kirtan - Bijan and Manijeh; Speaker: Parvez Bajan

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

NEW FURNITURE (added to Purvez Rustomji Room with library funds)

Stage~Display cases (one mounted to the wall and four movable units)~Tracks for wall display~Shelves in closet for storage

LIBRARY TOURS

With the advent of our Atash Kadeh there have been many requests for tours and while the main purpose is the beautiful new temple, the tours also come to the library and we are glad to have this opportunity to showcase the library.

BUDGET

See ZAH Treasurer's Report

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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