

ZAH ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING ZAH LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT MARCH 19, 2023



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.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The first Bapsi Sidhwa Literary Prize was presented at the 12th World Zoroastrian Congress in NY. The winner of the award received a beautiful medal and \$2000 cash. The award winner was Tanaz Bhathena for her book *Hunted by the Sky*.
- An Art Exhibit held that portrayed varied community talent. 17 artists exhibited their work in a wide variety of media.
- Inventory of collection. Books that are donated and purchased – 747 books (ZAH) 557 (FIRES)
- Meheryar Rivetna continues to donate proceeds from his book *Zarathushtra: The Man and the Message* to the ZAH Library. In 2022 we added \$310 to our funds.

BOOK COLLECTION

Our total online book collection is now 2009 books (from 2012 – present). This includes collections that are at associations at ZAGNY (NY), ZAC-Chi (Chicago), ZAC-LA (Los Angeles) and ZANT (Dallas). We continue to expand awareness of FIRES via a quarterly newsletter on our user-friendly website www.fires-fezana.org and MANASHNI.

PROGRAMS

Date	Event
January 7-8, 2022	Celebrating Houston Authors Day 1: Tribute to Bapsi Sidhwa: Rich Levy, Amanda Focke, Teresa Russo, Sadia Uquaili, Consul General of Pakistan, Feroze Bhandara. Dinner hosted by ZAH Library Day 2: Boman Desai book reading and music composition Houston Authors Panel: Meheryar Rivetna, Tenaz Sunavala, Kamalrukh Gandhi, Moderator: Sweta Sethna Exhibit of Vendidad Lithographs and manuscripts
May 13, 2022	An Evening with ZYNA – Showcasing Zoroastrian Talent around the World–Rayoman Katrak and Zenia Sunavala
July 2, 2022	First Bapsi Sidhwa Literary Award presented at the 12th World Zoroastrian Congress, NYC
July 3, 2002	Digital Humanities – FIRES talk on creating and preserving human records in digital formats presented at 12th World Zoroastrian Congress, NYC
Nov 11 & 12	23rd Annual Lecture Series featuring Dr. Janet Kestenberg Amighi and Banafsheh Mondegarian Featured Art Exhibit by ZAH artists.

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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LIBRARY BUDGET See ZAH Treasurer's Report

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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