

Where mind and spirit are strengthened

The Public Library in Jericho

The Jericho Public Library, a new facility built by ANERA and opened in November 2005, is proving to be an important and vibrant center of learning. Both children and adults are enjoying the opportunities the facility is providing them. They are able to entertain themselves, satisfy their curiosity, and find inspiration within the walls of this modern library.

“I like to read Palestinian stories when I’m at the library,” said Noor, an aspiring writer in the 11th grade. “This library also helps me with my homework because the one we have at school is really small.”

Farah, another of the library’s frequent patrons, also enjoys reading the stories that are available. When she was asked what she likes about the library, she very simply and enthusiastically answered, “Everything!”

Besides housing 12,000 books, the library has also become a center for many activities which are geared at the spectrum of the library’s patrons, from the very young to mature adults.

The construction of the Jericho Public Library began in 2003 and was implemented by ANERA in coordination with the Municipality of Jericho.

The library was built in the shape of an open book and offers modern and comfortable facilities for the residents of Jericho to enjoy literature, find information, and receive opportunities for continued education.



The USAID Job Opportunities through Basic Services (JOBS) program funded construction, and generated more than 5,000 working days for the people of Jericho and the near-by villages.

The overall construction cost exceeded \$400,000, of which the municipality contributed \$60,000 in addition to books and furniture.