



this end, a group of university professors and scholars have precisely examined and identified the younger generation's questions and doubts, and come up with relevant answers. Subsequently, the Institute for Youth Affairs of Imam Reza shrine will process and produce diversified educational materials such as books, video clips, multimedia productions, etc. Besides all its publishing activities, Imam Reza shrine also collaborates with centers such as Razavi University of Islamic Sciences, Imam Reza International University, and Razavi Higher School of Jurisprudence to publish materials for university and seminary students.

#### ◆ Masterpieces on Pleasant Combination of Art and Book

The architecture of Imam Reza shrine manifests itself in Islamic art. The grandeur of Iranian-Islamic architecture mesmerizes pilgrims upon stepping into the shrine grounds. Courtyards, porticos, and minarets of this Islamic masterpiece with its spiritual structures open gates of Islamic art to pilgrims. However, Imam Reza shrine has embarked on creating various outstanding books to better familiarize art-loving pilgrims with this invaluable treasure.

#### ◆ Publication of over 2,000 children's books

One of the main categories of publications in Imam Reza shrine are those for children and young adults. It is for years Behnashr Institute publishes books for this age group, although other sections such as the Deputy Office for Islamic Ideology Dissemination, Islamic Research Foundation, Institute for Youth, etc. have so far released works for children and young adults as well.

#### ◆ Together with Technology, in tandem with Books

Expansion of social media and daily

grind may have deprived us of reading our favorite books. However, since reading books can have a profound impact on our life and enhance our understanding of the surrounding world, it behooves us to befriend books as much as we can. If we are pressed for time and cannot browse through printed books, we should opt for electronic and audio ones. Therefore, many publishers have taken this initiative to provide us with electronic version of books or e-books.

#### ◆ Printing facilities at the service of disseminating Imam Reza's teachings

Publication of books and cultural products, qualitative and quantitative growth in book production, boosting productivity in book production centers, participation in exhibitions and cultural programs, and delegating some services to the private sector are among the objectives of Imam Reza shrine Publishing Institute. Guaranteeing the quality of printed works based on publishing standards results from using modern technology and addressing customers' needs. Paying attention to these factors, especially with regards to religious books, provides an edge in the current printing industry. It also opens the regional markets to the Holy Quran printing and distribution.

#### ◆ Imam Reza shrine bookstores and libraries

Imam Reza shrine bookstores and libraries provide services to book lovers across the country. They operate – either directly or via a representative – under the supervision of organization of libraries and Behnashr according to local demands and potentials in order to promote book reading. Imam Reza shrine bookstores are open and active in Tehran, South Khorasan, Gilan, etc. Besides 100 libraries and bookstores in Mashhad and other parts of Iran, there is a library in

