



India – Raja Mahmoudabad – which opened in 1989. It keeps 1650 manuscripts and some 37,500 printed books in Persian, Arabic, Urdu and English.

Exhibiting Imam Reza shrine publications

Participation in international exhibitions in different countries has been on Imam Reza shrine's agenda since many years ago. In fact, Imam Reza shrine is the main pillar of domestic exhibitions, especially at Tehran Book Fair. In addition to domestic exhibitions, Imam Reza shrine has taken part in foreign events such as in Beirut, Najaf, Muscat, etc. The main areas of the shrine's presence in exhibitions are concerned with children and young adults, story and novel, poetry, and so on.

Outstanding works, beyond borders

Imam Reza shrine is the highest promotional, cultural and scientific body for promotion of life and conduct of Prophet Muhammad's Infallible Household, particularly Imam Reza (AS). It has so far published several

books in different languages such as French, English, Tajik, Arabic, Russian, to name but a few. Of course, most of the books translated in Imam Reza shrine have been in Arabic. These books have won several awards in well-known domestic and international cultural events.

Promotion, complementary link of reading

One of the activities of Imam Reza shrine to promote books and reading is running cultural events in different venues such as bookstores and libraries. Some of the main such programs include book session, reading texts, Shams literary event, book therapy, etc. Also, setting up a 'Book Portico' in the Qods Courtyard of the shrine, and reading stations in a number of porticos are among other steps to promote the culture of book and book reading.

Book-based endowments in the heart of Tehran

'Haj Hossein Agha Malek' son of 'Haj Mohammad Kazem Malek al-Tojjar', a famous merchant living in Qajar Era, founded Malek National Library and Museum in early 1900s. This place was endowed to Imam Reza shrine in 1937 and it is currently one of the popular cultural centers run privately as an endowment but under the supervision of Imam Reza shrine.

Volunteers for Book Reading

It is for years that Imam Reza shrine has embarked on founding Razavi volunteers and public services centers. They are active in different cultural, social and economic sectors. Books and Book Reading Volunteers Center is one of the 19 scientific centers in the shrine established in 2018. Book volunteers are providing services across the country in both the headquarters and provincial sectors.