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Zuhul Özdemir, 425th Air Base Squadron assistant librarian, helps Staff Sgt. Crystal Dail, 425th Air Base Squadron communications, check out the library's books at the Izmir Consolidated Center Jan. 14, 2015.

Izmir library branch offers great programs

Commentary by Tanju Varlıklı

425th Air Base Squadron Host Nation Adviser

From paper-back to books on CD, the 425th Air Base Squadron library is working hard to meet and exceed the customers' needs.

"The Izmir Library branch is the only library in USAFE which remains open to the public seven days a week," said James Kutrubis, 425th ABS services director. "The library has an outstanding program offering a variety of professional leisure and educational collection, with a very talented professional management staff that provides outstanding customer service."

In addition to a combination of music and interactive CDs and DVDs, the library also provides books, periodicals, and audio books. Over 3000 DVDs and CDs are available for weekly checkout, while all other items can be checked out for two weeks. The library offers access to the popular language learning software, Rosetta Stone, with both Turkish and English versions and more.

Additionally, the library has a new language program called Mango Languages which can be accessed online. Ask your library staff for an application in order to begin learning another language.

"Library customers have seen a lot of improvements in the last few months, including the arrival of new books and DVDs for the College Level Examination Program and Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Support tests, as well as access to online practice tests via a new Department of Defense Morale, Welfare and Recreation Libraries initiative at www.petersons.com/airforce," said Zuhul Özdemir, 425th ABS assistant librarian. "Additionally, we now provide web access to Overdrive Downloadable Books where you can download books and music CDs to your computer, iPod, Kindle or other device. Ask your library staff for an application. Access is available from the USAFE Libraries website, www.usafelibraries.org, where you may also receive news and information about library programs."



Learn the words...

You might use them, or the multitude of other cultural knowledge available for check out by Izmir Airmen. Assistant librarian Zuhul Özdemir keeps track of a variety of language lessons on CD, MP3 and DVD or in books. Other cultural learning material covers travel, cooking, religion and famous people. Turkish content dominates the shelves, but information is also available on many other countries in the local region and throughout Europe.

For more information on this or other Izmir library programs, call DSN 675-6814.

Action Line



The Action Line is your direct link to me. I use the Action Line to help identify and address your concerns when normal command and agency channels haven't been able to resolve them. To submit an action line, e-mail: action.line@izmir.af.mil, or complete a form at NATO Building # 1 or the Izmir Hilton Hotel entry control point.

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What's your New Year's resolution?



Capt. Jermaine Athill, United States Army NATO Regional Support Command-Türkiye commander

"To recharge my battery and be more resilient, and to take more time off for myself."



Tech. Sgt. Keishe Oliver,
425th Air Base Squadron Command Section Commander's Administration

"To live more in the moment of each day and to stay fit."



Tech. Sgt. Cascadora Havis,
425th Air Base Squadron Commander's Support Staff

"To be more patient."

Year in review with photos of 2014



Photo by Tanju Varlikli

John Harbaugh, the head coach of the Baltimore Ravens, signs autographs for Izmir military community members at NATO during his visit to Izmir Feb. 4, 2014. Harbaugh accompanied U.S. Army General Raymond Odierno, Chief of Staff of the Army, during the visit. Harbaugh and his younger brother, San Francisco 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh, are the first pair of brothers in NFL history to serve as head coaches.



Photo by Tanju Varlikli

Lt. Gen. Frederick Hodges, NATO Headquarters Allied Land Command Izmir commander, shares his military story with the Izmir community members during the Izmir Spotlight program at NATO Feb. 21, 2014.



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Brig. Gen. Wilhelm Grün (right), NATO HQ Allied Land Command Izmir Senior National Representative for Germany; and Col. John Pugliese, NATO HQ Allied Land Command Izmir Senior National Representative for the U.S. Army; lead the NATO HQ Allied Land Command Izmir and 425th ABS members during the 'Army Birthday 5K Run' June 13, 2014.



Photo by Tanju Varlikli

Gen. Frank Gorenc, U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces in Africa commander, speaks with Airmen from the 425th Air Base Squadron at the Izmir Club Feb. 6, 2014, in Izmir, Türkiye. Gorenc covered many topics to include, the "Step Up, Step In" personal responsibility campaign, sexual assault, the command's strategy and force shaping.



Photo by Tanju Varlikli

Alternative pop and rock band Adam's Attic performs at the Izmir Club April 21, 2014. The band, composed of guitarist Frank DeSalvo (left), drummer Scott Boaz, singer and song writer Joe Henry and bass guitarist Derek Henry, performed at Izmir as part of an Armed Forces Entertainment tour for military installations overseas.



Photo by Tanju Varlikli

Col. Russell Voce, 39th Mission Support Group commander, took time during his visit to Izmir to meet and speak with Airmen during a commander's call Sept. 15, 2014. Voce addressed a wide range of issues and sought out Airmen's views on mission-related issues and other concerns.