

## School of Life Project | Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What is School of Life?

School of Life is a pioneering initiative launched by Dubai Culture and Arts Authority in 2022 to reimagine Dubai Public Libraries as vibrant community hubs. The initiative offers a diverse range of interactive programmes targeting all segments of society, including workshops, dialogue sessions and discussion forums that cover a wide spectrum of life and cultural skills. This aligns with Dubai's vision to strengthen its position as a global centre for culture, an incubator for creativity, and a thriving hub for talent.

### 2. What is the objective of the initiative?

School of Life aims to support personal development, creativity and lifelong learning through workshops, sessions and activities that focus on enhancing cultural, artistic and life skills, contributing to a positive impact on both individuals and society.

### 3. What age groups are targeted?

- **Children:** 5–14 years
- **Youth:** 15–25 years
- **Adults:** 26–60 years
- **Senior citizens:** 60+ years

### 4. What programmes are included in School of Life?

The project offers year-round programmes including workshops, sessions and impact tracks across three main streams:

- **Literature Track:** Book clubs, poetry, storytelling, creative writing programmes and language learning programmes.
- **Visual Arts:** Drawing, fine arts, handicrafts, design, photography and calligraphy.
- **Life Skills:** Entrepreneurship, technology, professional and workplace skills, health and nutrition, and financial literacy.

### 5. Which Dubai Public Library branches host School of Life?

- Al Safa Art & Design Library
- Al Mankhool Library
- Al Twar Library
- Hatta Library
- Al Rashidiya Library

### 6. Where can I view the schedule and register?

The complete monthly School of Life schedule and registration details are available through the official Dubai

Culture website: [dubaiculture.gov.ae](http://dubaiculture.gov.ae). You may also follow Dubai Public Libraries on Instagram for regular updates and access the registration link via the bio. The schedule is updated regularly according to the monthly theme. Early registration is recommended for workshops with limited capacity.

#### **7. Does School of Life offer advanced courses?**

Yes. In addition to sessions and workshops, School of Life offers advanced courses. In early 2025, the initiative launched *Impact Tracks*, consisting of 6–8 sessions delivered in collaboration with specialised partners. These tracks require committed attendance to ensure full benefit and to receive a certificate of participation.

#### **8. Are the programmes free or paid? What are the fees?**

School of Life offers a mix of free and paid sessions and workshops, with registration fees of up to AED 20 per workshop or session. A 20% discount is available for holders of Dubai Public Libraries' family membership, and work is currently underway to extend this discount to children and individual memberships.

To subscribe and obtain Dubai Public Libraries membership, visit: *(Insert link)*

#### **9. Do I need to be a Dubai Public Libraries member to join?**

No. Everyone can register and benefit from School of Life programmes. Dubai Public Libraries' family membership holders receive a 20% discount, with plans to extend this benefit to children and individual memberships.

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#### **10. Are there workshops for People of Determination and senior citizens?**

Yes. School of Life is committed to engaging all segments of society through specially designed sessions that cater to participants' interests and needs. People of Determination and senior citizens may also register for any general session aligned with their interests. Work is currently underway to develop registration links that will exempt People of Determination and senior citizens from registration fees.

#### **11. Can I propose a workshop or session?**

Yes. The project allows community members to share their ideas and submit proposals aligned with its objectives and main streams, which include literature, life skills, and visual arts. Dubai Public Libraries management will evaluate the proposals, assess their suitability, and communicate with applicants.

Interested individuals can send their CVs and detailed proposals to: [SchoolofLife@dubaiculture.ae](mailto:SchoolofLife@dubaiculture.ae)

#### **12. Who should I contact if I face a registration issue?**

You may contact the School of Life team via:

**Email:** [SchoolofLife@dubaiculture.ae](mailto:SchoolofLife@dubaiculture.ae)

Or through Dubai Public Libraries' Instagram account.