

## **Personal libraries in Andalusia as model Intellectual life in the Islamic civilization**

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### **Abstract:**

The book is a pot of knowledge, so human has interested in create bookcases or libraries since ancient times to collect human heritage which is represented in the books, this for organize, keep, and to facilitate the benefit of that heritage. The dawn of Islamic libraries began to emerge from an early stage; the Muslims were very excited by the acquisition of books which led to the spread of libraries across the country, Islamic Library was one of the outstanding results of the Islamic civilization, and at the same time was the catalyst for the expansion of that civilization. This study reviews one of the first and most important types of libraries that have emerged in the Islamic world, namely, personal libraries, specifically in Andalus, with models for those libraries at the level of .prominent individuals and the public

### **Key words:**

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