

Worksheet for Yael Rice's "Kitabkhana"

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(to be used with [video linked here](#))



Key Takeaways:

1. What is the etymology of *kitabkhana*? To what does *kitabkhana* refer?
2. In the 15th century, what functions did the royal *kitabkhana* include?
3. What information does the colophon of a book tell us about how the *kitabkhana* functioned, especially with regards to workshop structures and processes?
4. How did libraries in the Ottoman Empire function during the 18th century? What were their roles and how were they funded?



Contextualizing the Work

Consider your local or university library, not just as a repository of books, but in terms of the other programming and functions that take place there. Compare and contrast it with the typical *kitabkhana* that Dr. Rice discusses in her talk.