

## **Creative Arabic Story Writing Workshops**

Fall 2017 – Dr. Zeina Hojeij

Dr. Zeina Hojeij hosted Dr. Fatima Al Braiki, Emirati children's author and owner of Sama Publishing House, in their APL 386 Children Literature classes in both Dubai and Abu Dhabi respectively. Dr. Al Braiki gave two workshops on "Creative Arabic Story Writing" on each campus.

The first set of workshops, November 12 (DXB) and 13 (AUH), covered creative techniques of pre-writing Arabic stories for children. The second set of workshops, November 15 (DXB) and 16 (AUH), covered the Arabic story characters, the plot, the language, the text, the description, the dialogue, the context and the excitement factors.

The workshops were well-received by students on both campuses. APL386 students will be writing original storybooks as part of their course assessment and as such these workshops were extremely beneficial for enhancing their creative writing skills.