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20 community libraries in three years

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GOOD NEWS: The state will invest RM6 million to build technologically-enhanced community libraries in densely-populated areas

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YOUTHS in the outskirts will get access to books when more community libraries are built.

The Selangor government will build 20 more technologically-enhanced community libraries in the state at the cost of RM6 million.

The libraries will be built over the next three years in densely populated residential areas.

One in Pandan Jaya will be opened next month by Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim.

The library is housed in a community hall

which served as Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) zone councillor Meor Rithuan Mohamed Said's centre.

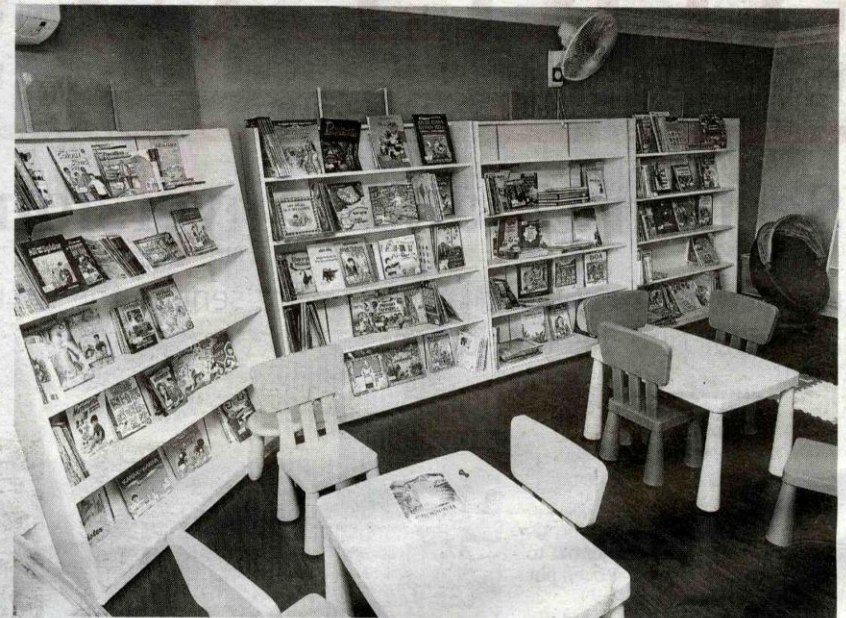
"It was too big to be kept as a councillor's centre. It was previously an operations centre."

Meor said the use of the space as a community library would encourage the youths in the neighbourhood to cultivate the reading habit.

The library has a seminar room, a pre-school learning area, reading materials for all ages as well as Internet connection, and is WiFi ready.

The brightly lit and air-conditioned library will be useful for the young people as a place to finish school work or study.

"It will encourage the youth to pick up the



The Pandan Jaya community library, which has a seminar room, pre-school learning area, reading materials for all ages and WiFi, will open next month. Pic by Mokhsin Abidin

reading habit. Residents of surrounding areas can get to the library easily as the Pandan Jaya LRT station is located nearby," said Meor after accompanying Housing, Building and Squatters executive councillor Iskandar Abdul Samad on his visit to the library, recently.

Iskandar said the community library was run by the Selangor Public Library Corporation and it aimed to provide library facilities to residential areas where such a fa-

cility was unavailable.

"About 90 community libraries have been opened under the library programme. We plan to increase the numbers within the next three years," he said.

The library, located on Jalan 4 Pandan Jaya, is open from 9am until 6pm on weekdays, and 9am until 5.30pm every second and fourth Saturday.

Membership is free and open to all.