Online library for the public

**U-LIBRARY**: Portal to bring reading culture closer to home for a fee

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U-LIBRARY is an online library portal that makes access to books easier for Malaysians.

National Library director-general Datuk Roslin Abu Bakar said the portal would allow users to browse, borrow and have books delivered to their doorstep, for a fee.

"The introduction of the portal was an initiative by the government to make information and knowledge more accessible by promoting the reading culture," Roslin said u-Library connected society to a broader range of educational resources.

"The service allow users to create, share and exchange knowledge with others to promote life-long learning in improving the quality of work for a sustainable and productive life."

The portal was a collaboration between the Information Communications and Culture Ministry and Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission.

The u-Library connects users to educational resources offered by the National Library, together with seven consortium members. They are the Selangor State Library Corporation, Negri Sembilan State Library Corporation, Pahang State Library Corporation, Sarawak State Library, Kuala Lumpur Library, Intan Library in Bukit Kiara and Sabah State Library.

"All consortiums members are equipped with radio frequency identification, portal technology, and inter-lending services to smoothen the process of e-payment, deliveries and book return," Roslin said.

He said book-drop counters were made available to speed up the book-returning process.


It was also nominated by an international jury at the 2013 World Summit Award for the "e-Inclusion and Empowerment" category.

Roslin hoped Malaysians would use the government’s initiative in bringing the library closer to their homes by logging on to www.u-library.gov.my.