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## Lawatan Ke Pustaka Sarawak, Petra Jaya Kuching oleh Pustakawan-Pustakawan di bawah Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia



**S**atu sesi lawatan menimba ilmu ke Pustaka Sarawak telah diadakan pada 14 Oktober 2003 pada jam 2.30 petang oleh kumpulan Pustakawan di bawah Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM). Lawatan ini adalah bertujuan untuk melihat koleksi-koleksi bahan, maklumat dan perkhidmatan yang terdapat di Perpustakaan tersebut.

Kumpulan Pustakawan Perubatan memilih Pustaka Sarawak untuk dikunjungi kerana Perpustakaan ini berbeza dari perpustakaan lain yang terdapat di Malaysia. Keunikan senibina, lanskap dan kecanggihan teknologinya mampu menarik perhatian para ilmuan dan cendekiawan pelbagai lapisan umur dan masyarakat untuk mengunjunginya seterusnya menggunakan segala perkhidmatan yang ada.

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### OUR MISSION

*The Malaysian Medical Librarian Group promotes excellence and leadership of health information professionals through education, communication and resource sharing by utilizing information systems and services, cooperation and networking among member libraries in support of informed health care decision making.*

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Rombongan bergambar kenangan di hadapan bangunan Fakulti Perubatan, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak

Kumpulan Pustakawan bergambar kenangan di dalam Pustaka Negeri Sarawak



Kumpulan Pustakawan ini telah diberikan taklimat mengenai kemudahan , perkhidmatan dan maklumat-maklumat yang terdapat di Pustaka Sarawak. Kami telah dibawa melawat ke seluruh bahagian koleksi dan perkhidmatan di Perpustakaan ini.. Perpustakaan ini bukan sahaja mempunyai koleksi bahan terkini tetapi juga peralatan -peralatan yang canggih serta perkhidmatan khas untuk sesetengah golongan masyarakat.

Apa yang lebih menarik di perpustakaan ini adalah dengan kewujudan perkhidmatan tertentu seperti pusat penjagaan kanak-kanak dan ruang untuk golongan khas yang dapat memudahkan pengguna untuk membuat rujukan.

Terdapat juga satu koleksi khas yang dinamakan koleksi Sarawakiana yang menyimpan semua khazanah dan himpunan maklumat berkaitan dengan Borneo.

Semoga dengan kewujudan perpustakaan yang serba canggih dan berteknologi seperti ini dapat menjadi semangat dan panduan kepada para pustakawan untuk lebih memajukan perpustakaan masing-masing dari segi koleksi mahupun perkhidmatan. Seterusnya dapat menyahut seruan kerajaan untuk melahirkan masyarakat bermaklumat dan 'celik IT'

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## MESYUARAT PENGURUSAN PERPUSTAKAAN PERUBATAN KKM & LAWATAN KUNJUNGAN KE PERPUSTAKAAN UNIMAS DAN PUSTAKA SARAWAK

Seramai 45 orang yang terdiri daripada Pustakawan, Penolong Pegawai dan Pembantu Perpustakaan dari Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) telah mengadakan mesyuarat tahunannya di Hospital Umum Sarawak pada 12 - 13 Oktober 2003.

Antara agenda mesyuarat yang berlangsung selama 2 hari itu ialah pembentangan beberapa kertas kerja iaitu :-

- a) Perpustakaan IMR sebagai Pusat K-Management untuk KKM oleh Puan Siti Rodziah Othman, Ketua Perpustakaan IMR
- b) Pembangunan Perpustakaan Perubatan KKM oleh YBhg Datin Hajah Rusnah Salleh, Perpustakaan Hospital Pulau Pinang
- c) Cadangan Penubuhan Pusat Kecemerlangan Maklumat Perubatan dan Kesihatan KKM oleh Puan Nik Zakiah Nik Abdullah, Pustakawan Ibu Pejabat KKM dan Encik Zainal Ahmad, Pustakawan Perpustakaan Hospital Kuala Lumpur (HKL)
- d) Projek PERDANA Perpustakaan Megara Malaysia oleh Cik Nur Ain Meskam, Pustakawan IMR dan Puan Zarinah Kulam Hassan, Penolong Pegawai Perpustakaan Institut Kesihatan Umum (IKU).



Pada hari kedua, taklimat mengenai "Evidence-Based Medicine Reviews" telah disampaikan oleh Dr. Hajah Rugayah Haji Bakri dari Clinical Research Centre, HKL. Ini diikuti dengan taklimat projek MYLIB oleh Pustakawan Kanan PNM, Encik Mohd. Azri. Kumpulan kami juga mengambil kesempatan melawat dua buah Perpustakaan di negeri 'di bawah bayu' iaitu Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) dan Pustaka Negeri Sarawak.

## Medical Librarianship: The Cutting Edge

Jim Bulger, Allina Hospitals & Clinics,

With the rapid pace of medical discovery and innovation, health professionals find it a constant challenge to keep abreast of current, accurate information. But they don't have to go it alone. Medical librarians to the rescue!

Medical librarians provide information across a wide spectrum of medical knowledge – from new medical treatments, procedures or instruments, to clinical trials and practice guidelines. Medical librarians help doctors provide quality care, help patients find information to cope with their illness, and help researchers who are on the cutting edge of medical knowledge.

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Medical librarians serve physicians, nurses and allied health workers. They also serve patients, their families, and the broader public in the growing area of consumer health information. Medical librarians serve corporations involved in various health care industries, including biotechnology, health insurance, medical devices or equipment, pharmaceuticals, and medical publishing. They serve medical students and faculty.

Medical librarians can be found working in a wide variety of places – hospitals or clinics, research and development labs, medical schools, corporate headquarters, consumer health resource centers, government agencies, or anywhere that health science information is needed.

### What kind of jobs are available?

A medical librarian could be a Web manager for an academic health science center, a reference librarian at a hospital, an information architect for a pharmaceutical company, a knowledge manager in a cardiac pacemaker firm, an electronic resource cataloger for a dot-com startup company, or an information specialist at a cancer patient resource center. Minimum qualifications for a professional health sciences librarian usually include a master's of library science from an ALA-accredited school. Strong communication skills, interpersonal skills, and computer skills are also necessary. Salaries vary greatly according to the type of institution and level of responsibility.

### What difference can a medical librarian make?

In 1991 a scientific study was conducted in 15 hospitals in the Rochester, NY area. 80% of the 208 participating physicians said they handled some aspect of their patient's care differently as a result of information provided by their hospital library. This included changing diagnoses, choice of tests, choice of drugs, or changing advice given to patients.

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Most of the physicians (85%) said the information provided by hospital librarians saved them time, and nearly all (96.5%) said the information provided contributed to better-informed clinical decisions. Personally, I find great satisfaction in knowing that what I do contributes to better care for patients.

If you are interested in more information on medical librarianship, visit the Medical Library Association website: [www.mlanet.org](http://www.mlanet.org), or contact a member of HSLM. You'll find a few of us listed on our conference website.