

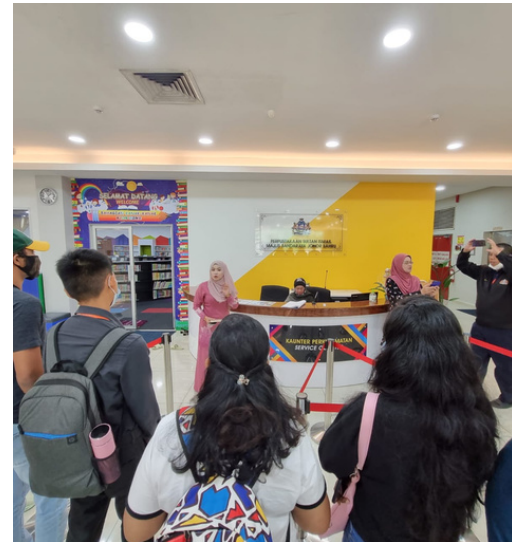
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## **FIELD TRIP TO PUBLIC LIBRARY: AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE DIFFERENT LIBRARY ENVIRONMENT.**

On 10th August 2022, AMU Library has organised a field trip to Sultan Ismail Library (Perpustakaan Sultan Ismail - PSI), Larkin, Johor Bahru, a public library parked under Johor Bahru Town Council (Majlis Bandaraya Johor Bahru – MBBJ). Twenty (20) participants involved in the trip including one (1) library staff, Mr Awis Alwie with another nineteen (19) students. PSI was chosen for the trip because this library has had a major renovation since 2018 and they started their operation with new look at the end of 2021. We believe a visit to this library will give good experience to students in exploring a newly renovated library. Among others, the purpose of the trip are to give exposure to students on different study environment, to explore different and modern type of library interior, and to experience the facilities and services provided in the library. Apart from that, this is also to introduce Johor Public Library to students coming from outside of Johor state. This trip is also expected to build more connection with other libraries, improve students' communication skills and to exchange some ideas and knowledge on library matters.



During the library tour, the staff from PSI, Puan Yuni guided the group and explaining the history of the library. In addition, she also provided further information regarding the services provided by the library. The interior of the library was designed for a different function at every level. Ground Floor is mainly for exhibition, circulation counter and children area. At the first floor they have Open Book Shelves, Silent Room, Open Table Study and Seminar Room. The top floor (second floor) is where we can find Reference Book Area, Office for Librarian and a seminar room.



After the library tour, students were gathered in PSI Seminar Room to listen for detail explanation about the library, briefed by the PSI Chief Librarian, Tuan Tengku Tarmizi regarding services and programmes offered by PSI to Johor Bahru public community. Tuan Tengku Tarmizi has also shared with the students on some sources that can be used for references which may benefit them in their studies. According to him, the sources are readily served and it is considered as complimentary service to the public and remotely accessible. One of the interesting platforms which was shared is E Sentral Reader and it is suitable for all categories of library users. At the end of the session, he stated his appreciation to the group for visiting the library and welcoming more visits in future.

