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# 1Malaysia library for Kg Pandan

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**MORE THAN WORDS:** Third 1Malaysia library to also serve as community centre for Titiwangsa folk

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SOME 15,000 books will be available to Titiwangsa residents in the soon-to-be-built 1Malaysia Library in Kampung Pandan.

Federal Territories and Urban Wellbeing Minister Datuk Raja Nong Chik Raja Zainal Abidin said the library, which is expected to be completed next year, would benefit some 120,000 residents in the constituency.

"The library will be built at a strategic location next to a food court (in Jalan Wirawati) and in a housing area. The library will also provide facilities and services including online tuition, e-books and Internet access," he said.

The library will be built on 17,000sq ft (1,579sq m) of land.

"This is the third such library to be built by Malaysian Resources Corporation Bhd (MRCB) as its corporate social responsibility.

"Once completed, it will be handed over to be managed by City Hall," he said after the project's groundbreaking ceremony on Tuesday.

The two other libraries are in PPR Kerinchi Lembah Pantai and Taman Danau Kota,



Datuk Raja Nong Chik Raja Zainal Abidin (third from right) at the groundbreaking ceremony of the 1Malaysia library in Jalan Wirawati. Pic by Azmaidi Abidin

Wangsa Maju.

"We call on other companies to also contribute towards such efforts.

"This (library) is in line with the ministry's aim to provide educational support for children. Efforts include Terminal Sejahtera, which is ongoing, and study rooms called Laman Ilmu at PPR flats for school-going children, which will be launched next month," he said.

Raja Nong Chik said at least three locations, including PPR Kampung Limau and Sri Pantai, have been identified for the first stage Laman Ilmu, a Federal Territory Foundation initiative.

Mayor Datuk Ahmad Phesal Talib, who was also present, said the 1Malaysia library would not be restricted to reading only, but would also be open to the public for community programmes.

"Taking libraries in cities like Paris and Amsterdam as examples, we aim to make the

libraries here centres for the community to have activities such as residents' meetings," he said.

Also present were Federal Territories and Urban Wellbeing Ministry deputy secretary-general Datuk Hashim Ismail, Federal Territory Foundation chairman Datuk Mohd Idris Mohd Isa, Barisan Nasional Titiwangsa coordinating chairman Datuk Johari Abdul Ghani, MRCB chief operating officer Imran Salim and Gapurna Sdn Bhd managing director Datuk Mohd Salim Fateh Din.