

National Library To Implement Digital Documentations By March Next Year
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 28 (Bernama) -- The National Library expects to implement the Resource Description Access (RDA) cataloguing, the gathering and inferring of information from digital and external resources by next year.

Its director-general, Datuk Raslin Abu Bakar said with the influx of digital resources or linking metadata from multiple formats like hardcover, print books and audio books, there was a need for the library to change its current standard of cataloguing the Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules (AACR2) to a more user friendly standard of RDA.

"As a leading agency in Malaysia, the National Library feels the urgency to respond to these changes and making efforts to introduce the Malaysian libraries to RDA," he told reporters after officiating a three-day seminar on "RDA: The Future Standards of Bibliographic Control" here Tuesday.

Among the speakers was Dr Barbara B. Tillet, the chief of United States Library of Congress's Policy and Standards Division.

Raslin said the National Library had formed a consortium of online Malaysian Union Catalogue (NUC), a resource sharing service, among 101 libraries in Malaysia and this online service provided access to comprehensive information resources about library materials in the country.

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