

National Library Targets 28,000 New Reading Material By 2015
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 16 (Bernama) -- By 2015, the National Library expects to receive 28,000 new book titles, in addition to the current 60,885, said its director, Datuk Raslin Abu Bakar.

He said the publication of reading material in the country was about 17,000 titles annually, based on the Deposit of Library Material Act 1986 where publishers needed to deposit five copies of their published reading material to the library.

According to him, the number of reading material titles published each year was high, based on the number of applications received from publishers to obtain the 'International Standard Book Number'.

He said there were still many publishers who were unaware of the Act which required them to deposit five books from each reading material title published, to the library.

"We will triple our efforts to promote the Act through the print and electronic media, especially among new publishers," he told reporters after launching the Bahasa Melayu writing and publication forum at the library today.

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