

1.03 Million Books Borrowed From National Library In 2011
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 23 (Bernama) -- The National Library (PNM) statistics has revealed that 1.03 million books were borrowed from the library last year.

PNM director-general Datuk Raslin Abu Bakar said the figure represented a 33.2 per cent increase as compared to the previous year, and was the highest number ever recorded.

"In 2009, a total of 370,550 materials were borrowed and in 2010, 776,347 materials were borrowed.

"The increase in these statistics proved that the reading habit among the people showed a marked improvement," he told reporters after launching World Book Day 2012 here Monday.

He said the figures also indicated that novel and fiction books were the most preferred, with a total of 451,056 copies borrowed, home and family management (78,803) and management and services (59,954).

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