

**Reading Culture Paves Way To Creative Society**  
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KUALA KANGSAR, April 30 (Bernama) -- A reading society augurs well towards a growing, creative community in all sectors of Malaysia, in need of knowledge-based human capital to propel the country as a developed nation.

National Library (PNM) director-general Datuk Raslin Abu Bakar said the practice of continuous reading was a process of lifelong learning which could help shape the thinking of an individual towards national development.

"As one ages, continuous reading habit makes the individual gain more knowledge which could widen and deepen thinking," he told reporters at the launching of the Baca@Sayong programme and two book banks, in conjunction with 2012 World Book and Copyright Day here Monday.

Also present were state higher education, ICT, human resources, science and technology committee chairman Datuk Mohamad Zahir Abdul Khalid and Kolej Islam Darul Ridzuan (Kisdar) rector Prof Dr Jamil Hashim.

The book banks set up at Kisdar mosque and the Sayong Jetty were aimed at facilitating the public to contribute their reading materials to the Kisdar library, as well as the mosque, he said.

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