

Government Allocates RM19.6 Million For Writers
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 15 (Bernama) -- The government, through the National Library (PNM), has allocated RM19.6 million since 2007 to help writers to publish their own books.

PNM director-general, Datuk Raslin Abu Bakar, said RM16.72 million from the fund had been utilised for 806 writers as of April this year, during which 1,086 books, involving 832,859 volume titles, were produced.

He said the books were produced by writers, including from the Federation of Malaysian National Writers Association (Gapena), the National Writers Association (Pena) and the Tamil Writers Association.

PNM does not evaluate the price of the books, but the price is based on current market price, he told Bernama recently.

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