

**Muslim Librarians Must Master Islamic Knowledge - Abdullah  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 4 (Bernama) -- Muslim librarians should equip themselves with skills and mastery of Islamic knowledge so that they can carry out their duties more effectively, says former prime minister Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

Abdullah, who is also chairman of the Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (IKIM) said skills will enable them to identify and select books more efficiently.

"Muslim librarians should also become professionals and be able to communicate, lead and collaborate with other librarians, he said in his opening address at the Muslim Librarianship Seminar 2014 here, today.

Abdullah's speech was read by the IKIM director-general Datuk Nik Mustapha Nik Hassan.

"Muslim librarians must also take up the challenge to be on par with Muslim scholars and librarians such as Sahal ibn Harun and Sa'id ibn Harun who led Bayt al Hikmah in Baghdad."

He said human capital aspects in administration and Islamic library management need to be addressed to achieve library governance goals comparable to prominent libraries.

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