

REBUILDING LIBRARY AS PULAU TUBA COMMUNITY HUB

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Abstract

Despite the crisis caused by the pandemic COVID-19 in March 2020, the academic library's need for community engagement activities has become an essential service. Academic libraries play a vital role in supporting teaching, learning, and research in higher education institutions among students and lecturers. However, the academic libraries serve not only students and faculty but also the community. Therefore, Tuanku Bainun Library, Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI), works with University Community Transformation Center (UCTC). UPSI traveled hundreds of miles from Tanjong Malim Perak to Pulau Tuba, Langkawi, Kedah to rebuild the library and to transform the library into a community hub. This paper aims to share the experiences and initiatives of Tuanku Bainun Library in engaging with the community. Community engagement for this project includes providing a new space for the study area, library collections development, sharing knowledge with the community, and organized activities and events. This paper illustrates our initiatives and challenges while rebuilding the library and proposes ideas to transfer knowledge to the community. Our mission is to make this library a place where the community can use the library for multiple purposes and a hub for the learning process.

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