

INFORMATION LITERACY INITIATIVES IN PERPUSTAKAAN TUN ABDUL RAZAK (PTAR) UiTM CAWANGAN PERAK



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This paper aims to describe information literacy initiatives that are carried out in Perpustakaan Tun Abdul Razak (PTAR) UiTM Cawangan Perak.

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These initiatives provide an introductory overview of information literacy in PTAR Cawangan Perak in order to educate students and staff in using information and system provided at the library.

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Data are generated directly from EIS (Executive Information System), MyKM Portal (My Knowledge Management Portal) which are inclusive of details on yearly statistics of PTAR UiTM Perak Branch.

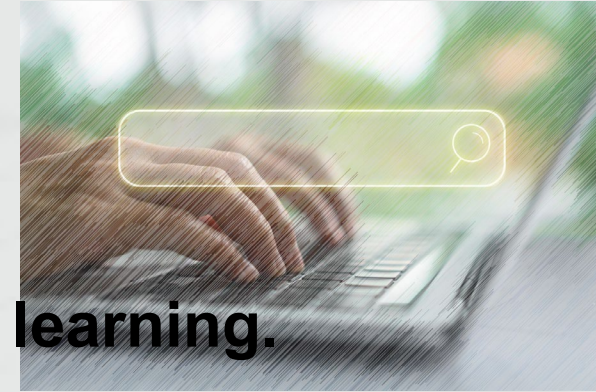
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In this article, we focus on and elaborate data of information skills class in 2022.



- ➔ **Information literacy** is the core of lifelong learning.
- ➔ Being **information literate** means a person must be able to recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate and effectively use the needed information(American Library Association, 2023).
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 - It is also a skill which becomes a means of personal empowerment, and it enables one to be educated with factual information.



Information literacy is related to information skills and learning process in searching for information.

Karim et al., (2011) elaborate the definition of information skills by (American Library Association, 2023), referring to them as a set of abilities that enable university students to recognize specific information need or goals; to search, evaluate, read, analyze, synthesize, and use the gathered information to accomplish the goals; as well as to communicate the information processes and goals.



Information literacy in academic library transforms information into knowledge through intelligent use.

Higher education libraries especially university libraries carry the responsibility to educate the use of information.



Information literacy is always applied in academic library to search for information and develop knowledge, and it is often offered as the so-called information skills or library skills.



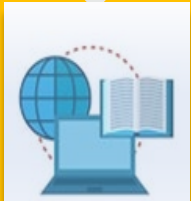


Due to various restrictions posed by the pandemic, academic courses in universities have been transitioned from physical to exclusively online learning (Caffrey et al., 2022).

Professional librarians also begin to utilize online platforms to deliver instructional design and teaching of information literacy.

This approach is applied to limit the physical contacts between librarians and students as well as staff.

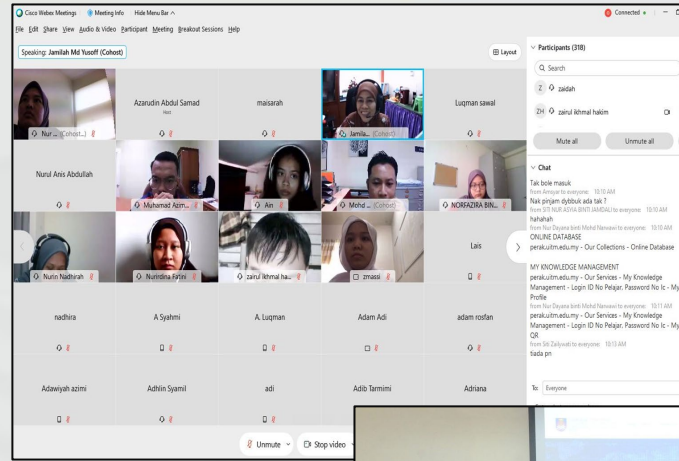
However, even when physical contact is limited, librarians are still able to teach and develop information skills among the library users.



➤ **Information Skills classes** in Perpustakaan Tun Abdul Razak (PTAR) UiTM Cawangan Perak are conducted according to a set of modules that is prepared by Perpustakaan Tun Abdul Razak (PTAR) UiTM Shah Alam.



➤ These **information literacy programs** are offered to undergraduate and postgraduate students as well as academicians to train them in locating information in library, accessing library systems, and using reference management.



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The modules consist of Introduction to Library System, Introduction to Electronic Resources, Online Database for Literature, Advanced Literature Search (Scopus), Advanced Literature Search (WoS), Library Management System (Endnote) and Library Management System (Mendeley), Easy Write with Microsoft Word, Writing and Publishing, Open Access for Scholarly Publication and Google Scholar and Google Drive

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Perpustakaan Tun Abdul Razak (PTAR) Perak Branch Information Literacy Class Statistics in 2022

- **2539 students have participated in Information Literacy Class in PTAR Perak**
- **To utilize the Social Media platform as the main tool in promoting the Information Literacy Class - Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and TikTok**
- **An email will be sent to the lecturers in both Seri Iskandar and Tapah branch campuses**
- **Courtesy visit to each faculty in Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Perak Branch**

Perpustakaan Tun Abdul Razak (PTAR) Perak Branch Information Literacy Class Statistics in 2022 (by Module)

Campus	Introduction to Library System	Introduction to PTAR Electronic Resources	Online Database	Mendeley
PTAR Perak	827	111	899	702

- The highest turnout is recorded for the Introduction to Library System module with 827 students participated for both campuses
- Each module has its own topics that serve the users' needs and requirements
- Library System module - guide library users on to the steps involved in using Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC), My Knowledge Management (MyKM) Portal and PTAR Mobile App
- Introduction to PTAR Electronic Resources and Online Database - to guide users on how to use the electronic resources effectively and efficiently
- Reference Management Software (Mendeley) - to do the in-text citation and references easily

- To conclude, the library is determined to ensure academicians and students in UiTM Perak Branch campuses gain information literacy skills.
- As the internet is becoming ubiquitous, it would be next to impossible to not utilize it for the benefit of teaching and learning process.
- Effective use of the massive amount of information readily available in the library can only be attainable when users are well-versed in the process of obtaining such information. Without information literacy skills, the library as a treasure trove of knowledge will eventually become insignificant and that, is a waste of resources.





Thank You

