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The library within a cafe in Taman Tropika, Kulai has plenty of seating for visitors.

Space to nurture reading habit

Library set up in Kulai cafe has books for young and old

A COMMUNITY library, set within a cafe in Kulai, is stocked with more than 1,000 books.

Senai assemblyman Alan Tee Boon Tsong said the library, which opened to the public last month, is aimed at encouraging Kulai residents, especially children, to pick up the reading habit.

He said there were no children's libraries in the Kulai area and hoped the one in Taman Tropika could fill that need.

"We have set up a dedicated space in the cafe, complete with comfortable seating, so visitors can browse through the available read-

ing materials that are suitable for all ages.

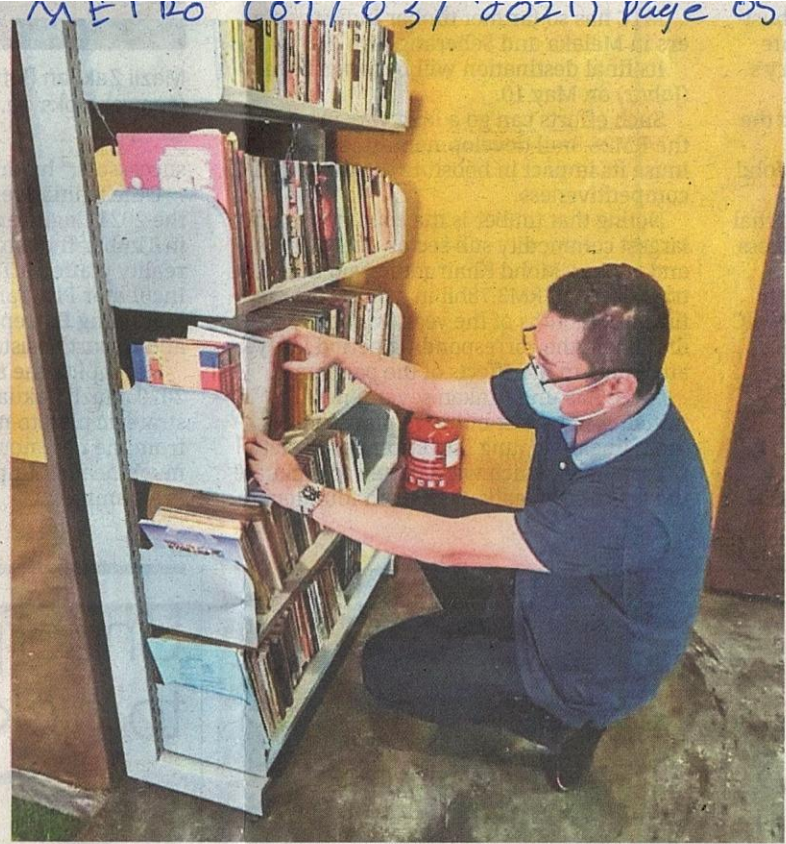
"We plan to add more books in various languages.

"About 90% of the books were donated by the public and we welcome more contributions," said Tee.

The library is open to everyone, not just the cafe's customers.

"Busy parents, who need to run errands nearby, can leave their children there temporarily as there are staff members who can keep an eye on them.

"However, it is not encouraged to leave children below five unat-



Tee (right) says the books at the library cannot be lent out as yet.

tended," he said.

He added that the book lending system was not ready yet, thus visitors were not allowed to take the books home.

The library is located at 58-5,

Jalan Tropika 9, Taman Tropika.

The opening hours follow the cafe's — 11am to 9.30pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 10pm on Saturday and Sunday. — **By YEE XIANG YUN**