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## Book review on tahfiz education and soft skills by Dr. Rashidi Abbas in Sharing@BookCafe programme

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Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) Library held a programme, 'Sharing@BookCafe (mailto:Sharing@BookCafe)', aimed at promoting reading and making reading part of one's lifestyle and at hand to impart the experience was none other than Dr. Rashidi Abbas, the recipient of the National Book Award for general book in the education category.

Dr. Rashidi Abbas, a senior lecturer at Centre for Modern Languages & Human Science (CMLHS), did a review on a book titled, 'Pendidikan Tahfiz dan Kemahiran Insaniah' (Tahfiz Education and Soft Skills) at the event held on April 18, 2019.

He spoke on how interest in writing and meeting the department's target resulted in the publication of the book.

The book delved on the current development of tahfiz education, incorporating seven soft skill elements -

communication skills, critical thinking and problem solving, continuing education and information management, professional ethics and moral, leadership skills, teamwork and entrepreneurial culture.

With its slogan, 'With Knowledge We Lead', the programme was given a transformation by the library as a show of support to the National Decade Reading Campaign 2021-2030 and in line with the Ministry of Education's aspiration to encourage the public to do more reading.

According to Acting Chief of Librarian. Dzul Zabarrod Ahmad, the 'Sharing@BookCafe (<mailto:Sharing@BookCafe>)' programme was one of the initiatives taken to mobilise the reading campaign among UMP community.

"It was held for an hour in a casual and relaxed setting, to attract library users and UMP community to take part in the activity that is filled with knowledge and information," he said.

He hoped more researchers and prominent, prolific writers would be invited to share their knowledge, research findings and experience.