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Sharing@BookCafe: 10 minutes spared to inculcate reading habits

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In the continuous efforts to inculcate reading habit among campus residents at University Malaysia Pahang (UMP), UMP Library recently held a "Jom Baca Bersama Untuk 10 Minit" programme under its Sharing@BookCafe (mailto:Sharing@BookCafe) activities.

The programme was conducted in conjunction with the celebration of the World Book & Copyrights Day held simultaneously across the country on April 23, 2019. It was also a respond to the call by and objective of the Ministry of Education (MoE) to inculcate similar reading habit among the general public.

During the programme, which began at 11am, Deputy Head of Librarian, Siti Aishah Ghani, took the opportunity to share reviews on books of financial and investment topics.

According to Siti Aishah, who also manages <http://blog.ump.edu.my/> (<http://blog.ump.edu.my/>) at UMP, she would read at least three books on a particular subject matter she wishes to review before blogging on it.

“To inculcate reading habit, we need to carry at least one book wherever we go, so that we can utilize any waiting time with reading the book, and not let time waste away,” she highlighted.

“As a display of the university’s commitment to the importance of reading throughout our lifetime, the Library will continue to hold similar activities for campus residents and the surrounding communities,” Siti Aishah remarked.

During the programme, five books were reviewed – among which were “Revolusi Wang” by Alwi Adam; “Ibu Bapa Bijak, Anak Mewah” by Azizi Ali and Zaid Mohamad; “Panduan Pelaburan Unit Amanah” by Razali Razman; “Panduan Lengkap: Pelaburan Saham” by Nor Akmar; and “How You Can Get from Rich Swing Trading” by Azizi Ali and Bill Wermine.

According to Siti Aishah, “Revolusi Wang” is a simple financial management book for school students to read and comprehend, while the “Ibu Bapa Bijak, Anak Mewah” touches on tips and strategies on how parents can educate their children to be both smart and responsible in financial management.

She said the book on “Panduan Pelaburan Unit Amanah” explains the fundamentals of unit trust investment as well as the fund options available in the Malaysian market. Potential unit trust investors are encouraged to read the book before making any investment.

Meanwhile, the reviews on “Panduan Lengkap: Pelaburan Saham” and “How You Can Get from Rich Swing Trading” revealed that the books are recommended for readers who are looking for guidelines before delving into capital market investment. They are also recommended as knowledge enhancement on the subject matter.

According to Siti Aishah, based on her personal experience, potential investors should avoid indulging in stocks investment using the fund they have already set aside for other financial commitments, like monthly instalments for housing and hire-purchase loans, as such investment carry a heavy burden of financial risks.

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