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ABSTRACT

This chapter traces the history of school resource centre (SRC) in Malaysia. Efforts in enhancing the standard of SRC have been initiated since te 1960's. The issues of teacher-librarians trainings and competencies have also emerged from several research findings. Effective SRC programmes are not easily measured but may be understood through the characteristics equality shared by the students, teachers, and administrators.

12.1 INTRODUCTION

Libraries have existed as important public institutions in Malaysia since the era of British Colony. During that time it was more well-known as kutubkhanah. It was later called library, a term that signifies building which kept a collection of books for public reading (Fatimah, 2002). Today, most schools have their own Jibraries or also known as school resource centres (SRC) and efforts have been continuously taken to improve their standards and level of service qualities.

According to Abdul Rahim (1990) SRCs are centres that constitute the collection of both printed and non-printed materials including reference books, documents, newspapers, models, charts, diagrams, maps, slide films, projectors, tape recorders, multimedia kits, and others. Later, this definition has been changed to reflect the changing landscape of the education system. Today, most schools define SRC as a unit that integrates library books, learning tools, as well as teaching aid services (Mok, 2003).