



Rich content:
More users are utilising the library's digital resources.

More reading online

THE Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) Sultan Abdul Samad Library (PSAS) is seeing a rise in users of its online teaching, learning and research services.

PSAS head librarian Muzaffar Shah Kassim said there was a 11% increase of virtual visitors who accessed the information portals developed by PSAS since the movement control order (MCO) was announced.

The number of visitors rose to 104,252 in March, from 93,743 in February. And the website received over 50% more hits in March compared to the previous month.

PSAS, which is closed until further notice to adhere to the MCO, has made sure its online services were functioning well and could be easily accessed throughout the period, he said.

"The library has a vast database accessible through the PSAS website. These include the UPMIR, UPM eTesis and agricultural information portals like AGRIS and MyAGRIC, as well as open access journals.

"Information links and virtual exhibits about the Covid-19 outbreak can also be found on the library website," he said.

EZAccess, which is only available to UPM students and academics through <http://ezaccess.upm.edu.my/>, is among the more popular platforms to source for scientific information.

"The number of people using EZAccess to access articles, journals and content, jumped by 22%, from 21,335 visitors in February to 26,039 in March. And, the number of hits spiked by 64%," he said.

The PSAS Discovery@Lib portal which enables faster and more convenient access to seek information under one roof, can be accessed on <http://discoverylib.upm.edu.my>.

The varsity's information literacy programme which is frequently carried out by PSAS is the main reason students and academics are skillful in seeking digital content, he said, adding that users can interact with PSAS librarians through the PSAS mobile app (<https://tawk.to/psaschat>), WhatsApp (013-3855880) or by calling 03-97698642 (9am to 6pm).

Borrowers need not worry about the library books being overdue. They can return the books after the MCO is lifted.