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AeU's library goes beyond its traditional role

THE "living library" at Asia e University was designed with the aim of going beyond the traditional role of providing information.

The Art Gallery is an integral part of the Asia e Library or AeU Knowledge Centre.

In conjunction with a solo batik exhibition at the AeU Gallery and as part of the Culture Building activity of the university, artist Masrina Abdullah gave a presentation on the "World of Batik".

Masrina is a renowned batik artist whose creations have won several honours and awards both at home and abroad. She was the first winner of the Piala Seri Endon in 2003, an annual award that artists in the batik world look forward to.

She introduced the AeU community to the wonders of batik. She gave an interesting talk on how age-old batiks are meticulously made, converting plain fabric into colourful designs, explaining how the creation of patterns take months of waxing and dyeing before turning it into the finished product.

Nature is a source of inspiration for Masrina as depicted in the "Awan Larat" piece which is taken after moving clouds and the "Sulur Pucuk", a design derived from the classic beauty of ferns.

Masrina also showcased some of her fashionable batik designs which include casual and evening wear. The clothes were also worn by some of the university staff.

Her batik paintings on display at the Asia e University Gallery Knowledge Centre, are themed "Relaxing Tropic" and "Unseen Call".

According to Masrina, her paintings are also her interpretations of what is happening in the world.

AeU's living library is also well-stocked with books and computers and features a cafe and gallery.

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Swa Lee Lee (left) wearing one of Masrina Abdullah's creations. Masrina's batik painting on the wall is displayed in AeU's library cum art gallery.