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# DM plans more libraries

## LIBRARY OPENED AT AL TWAR; CENTRAL LIBRARY PLANNED IN MAMZAR

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**DUBAI** — Dubai Municipality (DM) plans to set up more libraries in the emirate, senior officials of the civic body have said.

Speaking on the sidelines of the opening of a public library at Al Twar, Mohammed Jassim Al Eraidi, head of the Public Libraries Section at the DM, said they were planning to set up a big central library at Al Mamzar.

Al Eraidi said: "Reading habits of the people should be improved. We are planning a big central library to cater to the needs of every age group. In addition to this, construction work is on for another public library at Al Mankhool, which is

being set up at a cost of Dh10 million. The work is expected to be over by the end of this year."

Hussain Nasser Lootah, acting director-general of DM, inaugurated the Al Twar Library, which has been set up at a cost of Dh10.4 million. This is the seventh public library of the emirate.

Speaking on the occasion, Lootah said the library would support the research work of students. The library will also host a variety of cultural programmes on different occasions, he added.

The Al Twar library has been built over an area of 2,300 sq. metres and is equipped with the most modern systems,

including the RFID (radio frequency identification) system, which is expected to bring about a qualitative improvement in the service offered by the library.

The RFID system identifies and tracks materials, ensures security, simplifies check-out and check-in, automates storing, and

handles and manages inventory more smoothly. People can also benefit from the automatic lending and borrowing of books through this system at the new library.

Currently, the library has nearly 18,000 books in addition to CDs and other knowledge materials.

The library also has

Internet facilities as well as audio-visual and multi-purpose halls which can be booked online.

A separate section for International Computer Driving Licence (ICDL) has also been set up at the new library. There is also a separate children's section.



Hussain Nasser Lootah talking with children at the opening of the library. — Photo by Pawan Singh