



The 'Coffee, Books and Wildlife' participants.

## UMS tourism club promotes reading

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**KOTA KINABALU:** The Tourism Club UMS (TRUMS) recently organised its second 'Coffee, Books and Wildlife' of the year.

Fourteen people attended the book club event organised by Isyarah Hussin, the head of the project.

TRUMS utilized the private wildlife library of books collection of 1StopBorneo Wildlife, a local wildlife NGO. The NGO has over 100 nature related books.

During the event, everyone was invited to select any book/magazine/journal of their choice. After the selection, everyone was given 40 minutes to read their chosen material after which, they all returned to the table to

discuss what they learned from their chosen materials.

Intelligent discussions and new friendships were made during the sessions. The public is welcome to attend these events. Dr Tini Mohtar, the head of Tourism Department UMS HP08, also attended the session to lend her support.

Some of the fun facts discussed were that pygmy elephants have poor eyesight and depend on scents like urine and sweat to move, while ants have a very important role in the ecosystem such as decomposing organic matter, nutrient cycle, soil enrichment, control pests and help plants and seed dispersal. Why do birds have

feathers? They function to protect against cold, heat, wind, rain and visual display or camouflage and flight. There are seven sub species of leopards in the world and they can be differentiated by the size of their dots.

The objectives of the Coffee, Books and Wildlife event is to nurture a reading culture among the public, create further knowledge on Borneo' wildlife and also utilise this new knowledge for tourism and conservation purposes. The public can stay tuned on TRUMS Club and 1StopBorneo Wildlife Facebook pages for more future book clubs and other nature related activities.