

DATU DR RASHIDAH BOLHASSAN

BLS (UiTM), MLS (Syracuse), EMBA (Ohio), PhD (VUW)

LIBRARY LEADERSHIP

Inaugural Chief Executive Officer
Sarawak State Library (SSL)
2003 – 2020

Her tenure was marked by significant innovation in library services, which **garnered several state, national and international recognitions.**

GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS

- **2021 – 2022**
  Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Women, Early Childhood, and Community Wellbeing **Development, focusing on policy development** and collaborations in critical areas of ageing and inclusivity.
- **2023**
  Special Officer to the Ministry of **Tourism, Creative Industry, and Performing Arts** Sarawak, with a portfolio focusing on culture and heritage, underscoring her strong commitment to knowledge management and indigenous knowledge systems.

LEADERSHIP IN LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS

- **President,** Librarians' Association of Malaysia (PPM) (2020 – 2022)
- **Immediate Past President,** PPM (2022 – 2026)
- **Chair,** Council of State Library Directors, Malaysia (2006 – 2009; 2013 – 2020)
- Active volunteer, International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)

GOVERNANCE & MENTORSHIP

- **Deputy Chair,** SSL's Board of Management (2023 – 2024; 2025 – 2026)
- **Board Trustee and Mentor,** Women Leadership Foundation (2022 –)
- **Member,** National Council for Women and Family (2023 – 2025; 2025 – 2027)
- **Governing Council, Yayasan Sime Darby** (appointed May 2024)
- **Adjunct Professor,** UNIMAS' Faculty of Applied and Creative Arts (2024)

IFLA ENGAGEMENT

- **Member,** Literacy and Reading Committee (2014 – 2017; 2023 – 2027)
- **Member,** Culture and Heritage Advisory Council (2021 – 2023)
- Served on the PPM team to bid for IFLA World Library and Information Congress (WLIC)
- **Member,** National Committee (2017 – 2018) for WLIC Kuala Lumpur 2018, the Congress to be held in Kuala Lumpur for the first time.

CULTURE, COMMUNITY & EDUCATION

- **Member,** National Council **for Culture** (2025 – 2027)
- **Advisor,** Islamic Information Centre in Sarawak (2023–2025)
- **Advisor,** Sarawak Federation of Women's Institutes (effective 2024)
- **Adjunct Professor,** Department of Library Science, Universiti Malaya (2026 – 2027)

RECOGNITION

Featured in the **Hall of Fame** at the Malaysia Pavilion, **Osaka World Expo 2025,** alongside other Malaysian eminent women leaders.