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KUALA LUMPUR: As the world is headed towards total digitalisation, the role of libraries as a hub of information, knowledge and preserver of historical documents will remain as relevant as ever.

American Librarian Association president-elect Emily Drabinski said the optimistic outlook for the public institution is derived from the

inadequacy that online providers can contribute to its users, which is the human factor.

She said libraries still maintain their roles in providing not just information but access to technology in the community while emphasising the space that libraries provide for physical social interaction.

"We will always be here when the

technology falls. We see that there is a lot of bad information available very easily on the internet but a library is a place that takes very seriously the role of providing information and making sure we select and acquire quality information for our communities," she said after attending a discussion titled "The Roles of Libraries as Community Connectors from the

United States and Malaysia Perspectives" and making a courtesy call at the National Library in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

Librarians Association of Malaysia president Dr Ghazali Mohamed Fadzil said libraries, especially in rural areas, could provide solutions for social issues in the community and help to build a better community

that is more educated and modern.

"Successful libraries are all about passion at all levels of its management, not just being passionate about the work but passionate to serve the community.

"I've seen a number of good things happen when librarians are passionate about serving the community," he said. - Bernama