

The Dram Projects

Founded in 2004, **The Dram Projects** is a privately-funded community project providing a venue for youths to express themselves through the arts.

Despite the fact that TDP is relatively unknown, it's reputation is growing and is one of the unheralded highlights of Kuala Lumpur's arts scene.

The collective's main work is with youth theatre group **The Oral Stage**, who use the venue's Black Box studio to rehearse. At the end of last year, TOS staged the admirable play *The Illusion*, based on Tony Kushner's adaptation of Pierre Corneille's 17th century *L'Illusion Comique*.

In the past, TDP's venue has also hosted theatre and photography workshops for children.

The Project OMG (www.omg-series.blogspot.com)

also holds its bi-monthly open mic gigs at the Dram. Their focus for 2008 is a recently launched reading room where children can discover, nurture and indulge their love for books. The collective hope to offer an alternative to public and school libraries, and counter the high prices in bookstores.

Stocking over a thousand books (and growing), the collection covers fiction and non-fiction titles, including picture books and reference materials. Regular reading activities for children and young adults, like storytelling sessions and book groups, will also be held. *The Dram Projects, BG-6, Happy Mansions, Jalan 17/13, Petaling Jaya. (03 7960 5881/info@dramprojects.com).*