Fruitful Library's Effort to Change The Community

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Introduction

- Indonesia is an archipelago country consisting of over 17.000 islands, including the five big islands namely Sumatera, Java, Sulawesi ,and parts of Borneo, and Papua.
- The current population of Indonesia is >271 million (Worldometer)

Public Libraries in Indonesia

- There are 42.460 public libraries in Indonesia.
- They Consist of provincial, city, regent, and rural libraries with various conditions and activities.
- There are also mobile libraries, usually managed by volunteers

City Libraries









Rural Libraries









Mobile Libraries











Library Social Inclusion Program

- In 2011 PerpuSeru launched by Coca cola Indonesia Foundation
- This program aims at providing the right sources of knowledge and improving the well-being and future of individuals.
- Perpuseru train the trainers working for 768 public and rural libraries
- Perpuseru program ended in 2018 and National Library continues this program from 2019.

Inviting the community to Rural Public Library in Gunungkidul-Yogyakarta

- Gunungkidul is one of the four regencies and the biggest area in Yogyakarta
- It has a lot of tourism destinations
- It has various sectors to develop, including Gunungkidul Public Library.







- Gunung Kidul Regency has seven (7) rural public libraries. Each library has activities carried out by the community and librarians.
- Besides for the community in general, Gunungkidul Public library also hold programs for students e.g. writing & English classes.







Balai Pintar Library and Its Activities





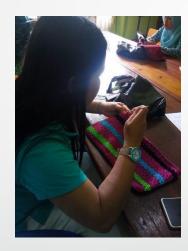
Issues of Bureaucracy To Develop The Community

Central Borneo Public Library activities

- Public libraries play a role to develop the community, but sometimes they have either administrative or bureaucratic issues to solve.
- The librarians shortcut the long bureaucracy to enable them to run their activities
- Oftentimes the middle managers disagree with the librarians' idea. So, the librarians usually discuss directly with the director Instead of the middle managers.

• The community are enthusiastic about the various activities, such as cooking class, sewing class, writing class, and beauty class.









- Books for children in the rural areas
- Mobile libraries play an important role in the rural areas.
- The condition of rural areas vary especially in terms of electricity, so the librarians have to adapt to it.





• The librarians' visit to the rural areas attracts teachers and they expect the librarians to hold activities for them too, especially providing teachers' training in order for the teachers to be certified.

• The community in general get benefit from the social inclusion activities, despite any managerial or bureaucratic issues in the librarians' side.

 The pandemic has not reduced both the activities and enthusiasm of the community; however, the librarians are concerned with the health measures.

Conclusion

- Perpuseru project was useful for developing library use, librarians creativity, and community empowerment.
- The government considered Perpuseru beneficial and takes initiative to continue the program.
- The librarians are creative and appreciate the government's support for social inclusion program.

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