

# The Role of Library as a Learning Source, Information Center and Innovation

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**Abstract:** The role of the library as a learning resource, information centre and innovation. This study aims to determine the importance of the role of the library as a learning resource, information centre and innovation. This type of qualitative descriptive research. Sources of data in this study are librarians and library visitors. Data collection techniques were carried out through (1) interviews, (2) observations, (3) documentation. Based on the results of the study showed that: (1) the role of the library as a learning resource was good (2) the role of the library as an information centre was good (3) the role of the library as a source of innovation was good. Libraries that are well organized and systematically directly or indirectly can provide an important role.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Libraries play an important role in Indonesia, one of which is as a knowledge bridge for the public to obtain information (Sunyowati *et al.*, 2022). The library today is no longer a place for stacks of books arranged and ready to read, libraries today are also required to be able to innovate so that library visitors feel at home in the library and come back to visit. So far many have not understood the importance of destruction (Suhariono *et al.*, 2022). During widespread socialization about the importance of libraries and the development of libraries that are now present in every educational institution.

Many various learning resources can be used as learning resources, one of which is a library, as a process of a system that is inseparable from various other components that interact with it. One component is a learning resource. The source of learning is as a place or environment, objects and people containing information that can be used as a vehicle (Subagyo, Chumaida and Romadhona, 2022).

One of the learning resources that is often used in the learning process is libraries and books. Sudono (2006) says the function of other learning resources is to improve children's development in language through communicating with them about matters related to learning resources or other things. Libraries as the current development has been used as one of

the centers of information, learning resources, innovation, research, recreation, cultural treasures, sources of knowledge and providing various other services. Libraries everywhere can play a role in increasing reading interest. It is hoped that Indonesian people will be more intelligent and skilled in anticipating the challenges of the times (Romadhona, 2022).

According to the exposure put forward by the Association for Education and Communication Technology (AECT), learning resources are everything that facilitates the learning process, including service systems, learning materials, and the environment (Romadhona, Subagyo and Agustin, 2022). Learning resources are all things in the form of data, both separately and in full, so as to facilitate the learning process that will achieve the learning objectives to be achieved.

According to Yusup (1995) the source of information is the container of the content, and the center of information sources is the place where information sources or containers are collected. If the contents of a book are the information, then it is called the source of information is the book itself which serves as a storage or information store, while the center of information sources can mean a place where books or other sources are collected. According to Hasugian (2009) Information centers are a center that is tasked with providing information processed from other sources regarding a particular field or specific field of science (Romadhona, 2020). Examples of

agricultural information centers, tourism information centers and so on.

Information is data that has been processed into a form that has been presented as an important study useful for the data seeker. This information must be actual and factual so that all information obtained is used properly and correctly in decision making (Harisanty and Anugrah, 2022).

Innovation is an idea, research and development activity that has specificities that are carried out with the aim of developing new applications of various sciences, as well as new ways to apply various existing knowledge and various technologies into products that will be renewed or replaced.

According to Wicaksono (2006), one of the components in the application of knowledge management is the availability of tools as a means of sharing knowledge. This is as the industry does in implementing knowledge management. For this form of realization of knowledge management in the library by building several facilities or sharing knowledge.

Laudon and Laudon (2004) knowledge management functions to improve the ability of an organization to learn from its environment and combine knowledge in an organization to create, collect, maintain, and disseminate knowledge of the organization. Information technology plays an important role in knowledge management as an enabling business process that aims to create, store, maintain and disseminate knowledge.

## 2 RESEARCH METHOD

We in this study used a descriptive approach. Descriptive means that it can be in the form of a problem that is categorized or in other forms such as documents, photos, and notes when research. The subjects of this study were librarians and library visitors.

Whereas for data collection techniques and get our users' perceptions through interviews, observation, and documentation. We observe and collect information about libraries as well as suggestions and criticisms for constructive libraries. The results of this study will be written in the form of qualitative reports that can address obstacles. Respondents from this study were librarians and library visitors by asking a few questions from drawing conclusions.

## 3 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The library is a place where records are accessed. Public libraries as an embodiment in terms of the development of public interest in reading, in terms of learning centers and information centers for innovation to educate the lives of the nation.

According to law NO.42 of 2007 article 1 paragraph 6 which reads "public library is a library that is intended for the wider community as a means of lifelong learning without distinguishing age, sex, ethnicity, race, religion, and economic status.

The public library is an educational institution for the public by providing various information, knowledge, technology and culture as a learning resource to acquire and improve knowledge for all levels of society ". Based on the explanation above, public libraries have an important role for the most important community in terms of learning resources, information centers and innovation. Each library can maintain its existence if it can carry out its role. In general, the roles that can be performed are:

### 1. As a learning resource center

The library is an effort to maintain and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the teaching and learning process. Libraries that are organized well and systematically directly or indirectly can provide convenience for the teaching and learning process. This is related to the progress of the education sector and with the improvement of teaching and learning methods that are felt cannot be separated from the problem of providing educational facilities and facilities.

When we observed in the public library of Surabaya, which was in the Rungkut Asri, we found that the learning process went well. Starting from elementary school to high school. The library that we observed also often held activities such as traveling and introducing all parts in the library.

The usual activities are book subject recognition activities and introduction to classification numbers in the library. Although not in-depth providing information to the children who participated in this activity, it is expected that visitors will understand that the children do not even know the book classification number in the library. Also expected children's visitors to subjects in the library even if only knowing.

### 2. As an Information Center

The library is one place that has an important role in providing information. This is because a

library must have a book collection not only one can be hundreds or even tens of thousands. In it there are various types of books. Not only library books are now also equipped with a collection of magazines, newspapers, or articles that can be used as other sources of information.

Some of the Surabaya city library visitors who are in Rungkut Asri make the library as a gathering place and a place to find the latest information in newspapers published every day. Almost every day there are visitors who come to the library to read kora daily.

### 3. As an innovation

The library as a place for storing various information that used to be just a place for storing books is now also a place for creative ideas to grow. For example, if someone reads a book about cultivation of Angora cats. If the person is a creative and resilient person, then from reading the book, the idea might be to cultivate a feline cat and could open jobs that are certainly useful for others.

Another innovation from the Surabaya city library is to build TBM (Taman Baca Masyarakat) which is spread throughout the Surabaya city environment. Every TBM is managed by one officer who is responsible for all TBM activities. Usually the TBM is in every RW, the collection of which comes from the procurement of library and archival services in the city of Surabaya

## 4 CONCLUSIONS

The library is one of the information centers or places to gather, store and maintain library collections both books and other readings, which are used for information sources as well as a fun learning tool. The library has the benefit of maintaining and improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the teaching-learning process. Libraries that are well organized and systematically directly or indirectly can facilitate the learning process. Having a library role include as a center of innovation and as a center for learning resources. It is expected that the library has complete reading of sources and references and is systematically organized and facilitates users. It is expected that library users will be able to increase the use of libraries as a source of knowledge, sources of information and learning resources. The library is utilized effectively and efficiently as possible so that the awareness of reading interest will grow and further improve intelligence.

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