

SCHOOL LIBRARY AS AN IQRO' CENTER FOR PRIMARY STATE OF STUDENTS

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Abstract

Library is an important element in supporting the success of learning activities. Therefore library management should be maximized. The function of the library in general is as a source of learning because in there available various library materials, but the problem is a lot of libraries especially library school of primary school (SD) which management is less than the maximum. Source of data in this research were principal, librarian, teacher, and student. Data collection techniques through observation, interview and documentation. Data analysis was used the method of reduction and tested with the test credibility. This study aims to determine the various obstacles and efforts that make the school library as Iqro' Center for students primary state of Bangetayu Wetan 02. Iqro' Center is the concept of Islamic library which aims to make the library as a center of student activities in reading and discussion according to QS. Al-'Alaq verses 1-5. The results showed that the biggest obstacle of this library is the absence of librarians so that circulation services are not running. These constraints can be overcome by fulfillment of librarians. In accordance with the results of interviews, to make the school library as Iqro' Center for business students that need to do is to adjust the library materials to the needs of students, as well as the need for motivation from teachers to build reading interest in students. Therefore, in managing the library should involve teachers and students because they are the library users.

Keywords: School Library, Iqro' Center, Primary state of Bangetayu Wetan 02

Abstrak

Perpustakaan merupakan elemen yang penting dalam menunjang keberhasilan kegiatan pembelajaran. Oleh karena itu pengelolaan perpustakaan harus dimaksimalkan. Fungsi perpustakaan pada umumnya adalah sebagai sumber belajar karena di sana tersedia berbagai bahan pustaka, tetapi masalahnya adalah banyak perpustakaan terutama perpustakaan Sekolah Dasar (SD) yang manajemennya kurang maksimal. Sumber data dalam penelitian ini adalah kepala sekolah, pustakawan, guru, dan siswa. Teknik pengumpulan data melalui observasi, wawancara, dan dokumentasi. Analisis data menggunakan metode reduksi dan diuji dengan uji kredibilitas. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui berbagai kendala dan upaya yang menjadikan perpustakaan sekolah sebagai *Iqro' Center* untuk siswa Sekolah Dasar Negeri Bangetayu Wetan 02. *Iqro' Center* adalah konsep perpustakaan Islam yang bertujuan untuk menjadikan perpustakaan sebagai pusat kegiatan siswa dalam membaca dan diskusi sesuai dengan QS. Al-'Alaq ayat 1-5. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa kendala terbesar perpustakaan ini adalah tidak adanya pustakawan sehingga layanan sirkulasi tidak berjalan. Kendala-kendala ini dapat diatasi dengan pemenuhan pustakawan. Sesuai dengan hasil wawancara, untuk menjadikan perpustakaan sekolah sebagai *Iqro' Center*. Upaya yang perlu dilakukan adalah menyesuaikan bahan pustaka

dengan kebutuhan siswa, serta kebutuhan motivasi dari guru untuk membangun minat baca siswa. Oleh karena itu, dalam mengelola perpustakaan harus melibatkan guru dan siswa karena mereka adalah pengguna perpustakaan.

Kata Kunci: Perpustakaan Sekolah, Pusat Iqro, Negara Primer Bangetayu Wetan 02

INTRODUCTION

Rasulullah Muhammad shalallahu'alaihi wasalam is the last Prophet sent by Allah to bless the whole universe. The trusteeship prophecy is marked by the revelation of Allah through the angel Jibril 'alaihissalam for the first time at the age of forty. The first revelation delivered was the command to read (Iqra ') contained in the Quran Surat (QS) Al-'Alaq verse 1-5 which contained an order for humans to read.

The reading command as written in Surah Al-'Alaq verse 1-5 can be done one of them by analyzing all of the information that has been provided in the library or in this millennial era is often called the literacy movement. In addition, to the aspect of conformity with the function of the library as a tool of learning in order to improve knowledge, the reading command can mean as an encouragement to create or establish a tool that allows reading activities. Thus, in the reading command contained the meaning that Allah wants the tools for reading, so that the teaching of reading becomes a reality which can increase human knowledge. Like Muaffaq (2014:159) said "One of the facilities that can be used for reading activities is the library".

The library as one of the facilities in school must be able to carry out its functions properly. One of the most important its function is as an Iqro' Center. Iqro' Center, in this case the researcher described as a building in which there are student scientific development activities which include reading, writing and discussion activities. Iqro' center takes an important role in improving the quality of students, because most of knowledge comes from reading.

Along with the many benefits and activities that exist in the library, library management must adequate and maximum. In this case means the library must really have complete facilities and can provide information and comfort for anyone who visits it. However, the problem is the lack students' interest to visit the library. This is due to the students' low interest in reading, in addition to the lack of teacher emphasis on students about the importance of reading.

The problems that researcher have mentioned would increase as technological development. The technological development makes the students obtain the

information easily, all the information that can be obtained on the internet makes the library lose its existence. Many students visit the library just to play, without reading a book that are available to read. As a result, many school libraries eventually become a building that changed its function.

The primary state of Bangetayu Wetan 02 is located in Jl. Sedayu Sawo Kelurahan Bangetayu Wetan Kec. Genuk Kota Semarang has a good library. The library provides reading books completely like text, knowledge, health, fairy tales books and so on. However, the problem is the management of the library at this school less than the maximum. This is evidenced by the amount of dust attached to the book, which indicates that the book is rarely touched and cleaned.

Based on interview result, most of the students said that the library in primary state of Bangetayu Wetan 02 is only opened at certain times and in ordinary days the library is like a room that has no function at all. Students also rarely visit the library, while visiting data books and lending lists are rarely equipped. Approximately one week on average there were only 23 students who visited the library and the books borrowed were only 5.

The existence of library is expected to be able to become a center for reading activities for students as an effort to improve scientific capacity. The books available in the library must also be in appropriate with students' need. If the books available are not in appropriate with the need of student's library management will not optimal, the existence of a school library will not affect the students' scientific traditions. Based on the issue in this study, the researcher took the title of research related to the management of Primary State of Bangetayu Wetan 02 library as the Iqro 'Center.

Research Method

This research was descriptive research that used qualitative approach to get the information that provides an overview or explanation of a phenomenon or event or in appropriate with what is happening in the field. Based on the research title in this research, the researcher would describe how the condition and the essence of school library in primary state school of Bangetayu Wetan 02.

The data sources in this study were principal, teachers, librarians, and students of school library in primary state of Bangetayu Wetan 02. The technique of collecting data which used in this research were observation, interview, and documentation. After collecting data, the researcher processed the data and analyzed it by using the

data reduction method. Data reduction is defined as the process of selecting and simplifying data by focusing on important things.

The validity of the data in this study used credibility test. The credibility of the data or the validity of the data in the qualitative research is measured by extending the observation, increasing persistence, triangulation, discussion with peers, negative case analysis and member check.

DISCUSSION

The Overview Library of primary state of Bangetayu Wetan 02

The library of primary state school of Bangetayu Wetan 02 was founded on the proposal of Anik Astuti, S.Pd., M.Si, who served as the principal in 2013. When it was established, the library conditions were not like nowadays. In the past, the library function is only for saving an old book that are not used. As time goes by, the library is constantly change and improve.

At the beginning of its establishment, the materials of library's collection in the library was only around 3500 which consisted of 2006 curriculum textbooks. As time goes by, the library has books about 6500 copies from purchases and assistance from the Provincial Library Service and The Education Authorities of Semarang City. The books consist of 2006 curriculum subjects, 2013 curriculum thematic books and general knowledge books.

The books that available in primary state of Bangetayu Wetan 02 Library are complete and varied, but the amount is not proportional to the number of students. The books are neatly arranged according to their type and coded to facilitate users. The location of primary state of Bangetayu Wetan 02 library is very strategic, it has large about 78M² that located behind the school area and close with canteen and first and second grade classroom. The library design is very good and has quite complete facilities, as well as the increasing collection of library materials, the availability of special space for storing books that are not used and other supporting facilities.

The library concept as the Iqro' Center

History records that muslim ever reached the golden age for centuries because of scientific progress. The Khalifah who hold the peak of leadership love science therefore, they create a library as a facility in doing translation and also helping

research. The effort is being made, it makes Muslims to progress while at the same time the European nations suffered a setback.

Learning from history, to make Islam triumph as in the past, do the same thing like what people before had done like love science. Loving science can be realized by establishing a library as a center of intellectual development activities. The previous Ulama assumed that building library is much important in building science.

The effort to return the role of library as in the past is to make the school library as an Iqro 'Center for students. The Iqro' Center concept in this case is described as a place for students to read while in the school, study science, learn by using library, then discuss with teacher or librarian.

Iqra' is word from Qara'a, it is the first revelation and the first command to read. Reading is a fundamental thing, and it needs to be done by humans to get information or what is often called science. By reading, we can dive into words of ocean so that it permeates the soul and produces new knowledge that we have not received before. Reading activities are very synonymous with books, and books are identical with library, although not only books that can be read but also so many activities that can be done in library.

The first revelation as mention bellow:

أَقْرَأْ بِأَسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ ١ خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ عَلَقٍ ٢ أَقْرَأْ وَرَبُّكَ

 الْأَكْرَمُ ٣ الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ ٤ عَلَّمَ الْإِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ ٥

The meaning: 1. Recite in the name of your Lord who created; 2. Created man from a clinging substance; 3. Recite, and your Lord is the most Generous; 4. Who taught by the pen; 5. Taught man that which he knew not. (*Religious Department of Republic Indonesia 2011:597*).

According to Alqura Tafsir of Religious Department (2009: 720) explains "Allah asks human being to read (study, analyze, so on) what have He created, both the verses that written (qauliyah) in the alquran and the verses that implied, it means is universe. Reading must because of Allah, He's the Creator and only to Him the human being asks for helping. So, the purpose of reading and exploring His verses is to get result with His pleases in form of knowledge that useful for human being and universe.

In the beginning of this verse, Allah introduces Himself as The Almighty with His knowledge encompasses everything. While, His karam (mercy) is not limited so that, He has the power and pleasure to teach man with or without a pen. (Shihab, Q: 2002: 463).

Allah's command to read the Qur'an as the first revelation revealed should be a guideline and warning for all of us. Recite! Allah's call to His creatures, by reading we will know His various favors and powers that make humans from clinging substance become intelligent and mighty humans. Allah who made Kalam as a tool to develop knowledge and Allah Most Gracious by giving all knowledge to His creators who want to be grateful, sincere and trust. *Taught man that which he knew not.* (Tafsir Al-'Usyr Al-Akhir, 2012: 67). The school library it can be called as an Iqra' Center if it has several criteria bellow:

- a. Become a center for reading activity, scientific discussion and other intellectual development activities.
- b. The books available are in appropriate with students' need and linear with Islamic teachings.
- c. Visiting time between male and female students are separate.
- d. Involving teachers and students in improvement effort.

An Iqro' Center is an effort to utilize the library so that it fits its function. The function of the library is essentially to support learning activities and increase students' reading interest. If reading activities of students are centered in a place, it is likely to increase students' interest for reading. The students who initially do not like to read, then over time will assume that reading is a necessity because they live in the environment of people who love to read. The library as an Iqro 'Center for students is expected to carry out its functions properly and it depends on the management of the library in each school.

The library implementation as an Iqro' Center in Primary School can be done by providing books that appropriate with Islamic teaching. The students who are in primary school which is as a foundation education they must be equipped with strong religious values to become their future provision. Besides that, the separation of visiting hours must be planned in order to train and adapt students with the culture that has been taught in Islam and prevent unwanted things.

The library management in Primary state school of Bangetayu Wetan 02

The Library management must be adjusted to its vision and mission to find out how far the library has achieved its objectives. One of the main priorities in managing library in order to appropriate with its vision, mission, and purpose it needs a competent team to reach it. The library of primary state of Bangetayu Wetan 02 in managing the library it assisted by a librarian who was directly monitored by the principal. Whereas to help the management of the library the library needs a rule. The Existing rules must be realized in its implementation. Library rules are designed to assist library management so that in carrying out its functions can be maximized and able to support the success of learning activities. According to Darmono (2007: 5) how to Empower library in school are as follows:

- a. Creating "institutional strengthening" of the school library.
- b. Teaching must be associated with the available of the utilization of facilities in the library.
- c. Involving the teacher in the selection of library collections, so that it will appropriate with the library's need.
- d. The school need to plan the learning time in library, so the students are used to visit and utilize what is in the library.
- e. The appreciation is needed to the student who always borrows books in library, so that it will stimulate another student.

Making the school library as an Iqro 'Center is not easy, managing the library is faced with various obstacles. These obstacles include the absence of librarians so that circulation services are not going well. Another obstacle is there are many general knowledge books available, but they are not comparable to the number of students at primary state of Bangetayu Wetan 02. The number of books that are not comparable makes students are snatching so that many books are broken.

According to the issues, the effort that must be planned to make library as an Iqro' Center is adding the librarian so that circulation services can run well and minimize books so they will not lose. The second effort is adjusting the number of books with the number of students. The book fulfillment is expected with the books are containing Islamic teachings so that it can be a foundation for students. The efforts made by the school must be adjusted to the aspirations of the teachers and students, because they are the library users.

Library management cannot be done individually, but there must be a cooperation from various parties. The cooperation between the principal, the teachers, and also the students is needed. The principal must be a good leader and direct the librarian correctly. The Librarian must also collaborate with classroom teachers to make the school library as a learning center. The classroom teacher motivation is really needed for students, students must get an encouragement to read always and the teachers must use library as a learning center.

The principal, the librarian, the teacher in managing library will not succeed without parents' helping. When in school, everything that related to students is the responsibility of the teacher and when in the home the responsibilities are taken by parents and family. Therefore, in this case the role of the family, especially parents are very necessary. The parents must build the atmosphere of reading in the home by providing several books so, students will love reading and assume that reading is necessity.

CONCLUSION

The school effort to make the library as an Iqro' Center can be done in several ways. According to the obstacles, the first way that can be done is the fulfillment of competent librarian staff. The cooperation between the principal, the librarian, the teacher, and the parents is really needed. The teacher motivation is really necessary to build students' interest in reading. To improve library management, students' suggestions are necessary because of students are the main visitor of library. For instance, the books are available in library must appropriate with the student's number and what are needed by the students. The school library as an Iqro 'center can be realized by providing Islamic books in the library. Besides that, evaluation and follow-up of the principal is very necessary to make the school library as an Iqro 'Center.

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