
ASSISTANCE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICES BASED ON THE TOMINI BAY AREA IN BILUHU TENGAH VILLAGE, BILUHU DISTRICT, GORONTALO REGENCY

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Introduction

Biluhu Tengah Village is one of the villages in the Tomini Bay area, which is precisely located in Biluhu District, Gorontalo Regency. The majority of the residents' livelihoods are farming and fishing. The education level of the population dropping out of school in this village is very high. In connection with this problem, a picture is obtained that in order to educate the nation's life and support learning facilities for the community, there needs to be assistance in managing a mobile library to be able to provide information services properly and evenly to all groups and strata of society in the Tomini Bay Area, especially in the village of Biluhu Tengah. This is considered important to do because according to Obie, et al. (2015: 78), Tomini Bay has enormous natural resource potential, ranging from agricultural and forest products companies, fisheries businesses, so it is necessary to protect the area by the government in the form of conservation. This is in line with the statement of Salim, et al. (2011: 43) that Tomini Bay contains abundant natural resources which have an impact on socio-economic development. However, changes in the environment and land and land use patterns are not well ordered. This tendency causes various problems that result in changes or degradation of the environment.

The library is a learning tool that is very important to educate the nation's children. Libraries are not only needed by students at school, but people also need libraries as a medium of information needed daily. With a library or reading garden, people can learn independently. However, every library is not necessarily able to be reached by all users, one of which is due to the inaccessibility of the library building by the community. This is what encourages libraries to provide mobile library services. The mobile library encourages people to like reading to increase their thinking insight, and can also entertain children and adults. People who do not have reading material for their families can take advantage of this mobile library service. Reading interest can be grown and developed again, so that in the end it can develop into a habit of fond of reading and learning for life. In general, mobile libraries are user services in the service sector which have a very strategic role in building the nation's intelligence. With the mobile library, the community can gain broader insights.

The mobile library is one of the non-formal education provision tools that seeks to participate in the intellectual life of the nation, as mandated by the 1945 Constitution. To carry out this mandate, the mobile library has the task of collecting, selecting and presenting human cultural works to people who do not served by the public library. In order for these tasks to be carried out efficiently and effectively, mobile libraries need to be fostered and developed conceptually, planned, directed, integrated, and sustainable within the framework of the National Library System.

Discussion

This community service program in Biluhu Tengah Village has been carried out well even in conditions where the transmission of the Covid-19 virus has increased in Indonesia, especially in Gorontalo. The implementation of this service activity is carried out in accordance with health protocols, namely by adhering to the government's appeal by not gathering large numbers of people, always using masks and maintaining a distance. Several program items that have been implemented during the activity are described as follows.

1. Dissemination of Community Service Work Programs as well as Distribution of Basic Food Packages for Poor People Affected by the Impact of Covid 19

The first step in implementing community service as a form of community service program application in Biluhu Tengah Village, Biluhu District, Gorontalo Regency is to socialize the work program. The socialization of the work program involves assisting the management of mobile library services based on the Tomini Bay area to the community in Biluhu Tengah Village. The mobile library program based on the Tomini Bay area is a new breakthrough to introduce the importance of libraries as a source of information and knowledge for the community by carrying out themes that are appropriate to the village environment on the coast of the Tomini Bay area. The targets of the socialization are all village government officials, community leaders, and all elements of society in

the local village. Through this socialization, an introduction and understanding of a mobile library based on the Tomini Bay area and its purposes, functions and benefits was carried out.

This socialization activity was fully carried out by the service team mediated by the Biluhu Tengah Village government apparatus (Figure 1). The socialization of the mobile library service management assistance based on the Tomini Bay area is running solemnly and smoothly according to planning. The response of the village officials and the community regarding the community service work program was very good.



Figure 1. Socialization of community service work programs regarding assistance in the management of mobile libraries based on the Tomini Bay area.

In line with the implementation of the socialization of the work program, it is coupled with the distribution of basic foodstuffs for people affected by the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) (Figure 2). Through this activity, people who were economically affected due to the spread of Covid 19 were given with Sembago assistance to meet their needs. The outbreak of Covid-19 which caused a public health emergency not only caused death but also caused considerable economic losses for the community. For this reason, the distribution of basic necessities is important because according to Herdiana (2020: 90), the social assistance policy for people affected by Covid19 is one of the efforts taken to protect poor families from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. The list of people receiving the staple foods is fully submitted to the local village government to sort out who is most suitable to receive the basic food assistance. The basic food distribution activities went well and did not last long. The people of Biluhu Tengah Village who are registered deserve to receive groceries are very enthusiastic and accept them happily.



Figure 2. Providing basic foodstuffs to people affected by Covid-19.

Through the distribution of basic foodstuffs, of course the community is also briefly introduced to how to return to activities in the Covid-19 pandemic situation by adapting to new habits that are healthier, cleaner, and more obedient to health protocols to be implemented by all components of society. This is considered important to do because the community has an important role in breaking the chain of transmission of Covid-19 so as not to cause new sources of transmission. For that, it is necessary to carry out countermeasures including prevention and control. To prevent and control the spread of the virus, people are now required to be able to adapt to the Covid-19 pandemic situation. The people of Biluhu Tengah Village must prepare for a new lifestyle. Through this introduction, the people of Biluhu Tengah are expected to get information on how to prevent the spread of Covid-19, as well as information on implementing a new lifestyle that is clean and healthy, and adheres to health protocols. As stated by Sitohang, et al. (2020: 35) that good coordination and collaboration between the central, regional and community governments is needed so that the pandemic response can run effectively and efficiently. In line with this statement, Syafrida and Hartati (2020: 503) state that the role of community members is needed as an effort to fight Covid 19, break the chain of spreading the virus by carrying out social distancing, maintaining health, and

cleanliness of the environment, and provision of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Based on this, the introduction of ways to return to activities in the Covid-19 pandemic situation by adapting to new habits that are healthier, cleaner, and more obedient to health protocols is considered very important to be included in the socialization of community service programs in society.

2. Establishment of a Village Park Library Based on the Tomini Bay Area

The presence of libraries in the village basically belongs to the village, built by the people and is intended to serve the community concerned. Village libraries have a strategic role for village communities to increase knowledge and experience (Sutarno, 2008: 139). The village library plays a role in providing community information needs, improving the welfare of the surrounding community, providing books of knowledge and skills to support the success of community activities so that they have provisions for self-development. In accordance with the Decree (SK) of the Minister of Home Affairs and Regional Autonomy Number 3 of 2001, the Village/Sub-District Library is "a community library as a means/media to improve and support the education activities of rural communities, which are an integral part of village/sub-district development activities".

The first step in making the village park library is to conduct a survey of a suitable location to serve as a place for making the village park library (Figure 3). The strategic aspect of determining the location of the village park library is of course very important. This is done so that the library can be reached by all groups and can be of maximum benefit both in terms of information functions, educational functions, cultural functions, recreational functions, and conservation functions which are included in the four pillars of the village service library, namely education services, information services, services lighting, and recreational services. One thing that is a challenge in making this village park library is public awareness of the importance of libraries, especially for people in the village of Biluhu Tengah. According to Winoto and Sukaesih (2019: 83), public awareness of the importance of reading to have learning resources in the community and establishing a library is still a problem in society. For this reason, there needs to be an aspect to attract people's attention in building a library. The current trend in society is to prioritize the aspect of recreation, so that the making of the Library gives priority to its recreational aspect so that it can attract the attention of the public to visit.



Figure 3. A survey of the location of a village park library based on the Tomini Bay area in Central Biluhu Village.

Making the village park library through community service programs is considered important and strategic enough to be carried out in Biluhu Tengah Village. According to Rohman and Sukaesih (2017: 50), the existence of a village library has a positive impact on reducing illiteracy. The target of the implementation of this library and library function is the formation of a community that has a lifelong culture of reading and learning. This is in line with Alam's (2015: 82) statement that it is necessary to have a village library in each region in order to create a knowledge-based society set by the government as a national strategic policy mission, namely realizing a smart, creative, and competitive Indonesian society in a knowledge-based civilization serious attention and handling from various parties including the government, so as to create an even intelligence of the community and broaden the horizons of society's views.

On the other hand, the library functions to support the National Education System as regulated by Law Number 20 of 2003 concerning the National Education System where the library is a source of information, science, technology, arts and culture. In addition, libraries as part of the world community participate in building an information society based on information and communication technology. Through the library as a means of education, the people of Biluhu Tengah are expected to be more easily empowered. This village park library is expected to be a means to realize the vision, mission, and programs of the Biluhu Tengah Village Government for the welfare of its people. So that the village garden library is not only a place to foster a passion for

reading, but is also actively involved in community empowerment in Biluhu Tengah Village. The making of the village park library in Biluhu Tengah Village through this community service program has not gone well according to planning because it is constrained by the Covid-19 pandemic in Gorontalo which is increasing day by day.



Figure 4. Collection books at the village library based on the tomini bay area in the village of Biluhu Timur.

3. Procurement of Smart Motorbike for Village Mobile Libraries

In addition to the village park library being built, the realization of the community service work program regarding assistance in the management of mobile libraries based on the Tomini Bay area is the procurement of smart motorbikes. This smart motorbike is assistance from the local government, namely the Gorontalo District Library and Archives Office. This smart motorbike is expected to be used as a means of a library around the village. According to Meriana and Nelisa (2013: 513), mobile libraries provide the same services as public libraries but with a different system, namely by visiting the user community and short service time at each stop because the services provided by mobile libraries are different from permanent libraries. The services it provides are adjusted to the best of its abilities so that it allows residents who live far from public libraries to take advantage of the services provided by public libraries. The smart motorbike of the village mobile library is a mobile library facility using a modified three-wheeled motorized vehicle (Figure 5). The modification was made so that the motorbike was in accordance with its designation, namely as a means of a mobile library equipped with bookshelves along with interesting reading books that could be used as literacy facilities for children, students and the community in the village.



Figure 5. Smart motorbike design for a mobile library.

The smart motorbike of a village mobile library is intended to provide library services by going around to residential areas, community activities such as schools, village offices, posyandu activities, or certain places that are considered strategic such as fields where people exercise, village parks, and crowded places. Therefore, with the functioning of the smart motorbike of the mobile library in the village as a means of independent learning, it is hoped that the community will have an impact on improving the standard of living of the people in Biluhu Tengah Village in a better direction.



Figure 6. Handover of a smart motorbike for community service based on the Tomini Bay area in Biluhu Tengah Village..

The provision of smart motorbikes as a means of a library around the village can certainly be carried out well and can be used according to their purpose. The operation of the smart motorbike of the village mobile library is entrusted to the village government and village officials to appoint the manager. So that people in Biluhu Tengah Village can enjoy the smart motorbike service of a mobile library to increase their knowledge, one effort that can be done is to offer books to read as a means of informal education, a source of knowledge and dissemination of information to improve community progress. The smart motorbike service of the village mobile library is basically open, serving all levels of society regardless of social, cultural, economic, educational or other status. All members of the community, regardless of age limit, are free to use library services around the village. However, this service has not provided book lending services due to the limited availability of book collections and only provides on-site reading services and visiting list book services.

Judging from the completeness of the facilities such as book collections, smart motorbike, the mobile library, of course, is not as optimal and adequate as expected. But the existence of a smart motorbike service for a village mobile library can provide positive social interaction values, for example discussions about environmental conservation, good farming and farming methods, fishing methods that are in accordance with conservation principles, how to process products made from fishery, agriculture, and prevent the community from negative social interactions such as gossip or other negative things.

4. Village Library Service Management Training Based on the Tomini Bay Area

After the procurement of the village park library and smart motorbike library around the village, the most important thing so that the two library facilities can be managed properly is the management aspect. For this reason, it is deemed necessary to conduct library service management training for those who will later manage the village library. This is important to do because the involvement of village libraries in community empowerment programs is a new thing in Biluhu Tengah Village. Moreover, Law Number 43 of 2007 concerning Libraries and Government Regulation Number 24 of 2014 concerning Implementation of Law Number 43 of 2007, states that libraries have strategic roles, functions and objectives. Apart from helping to educate the nation and fostering interest and reading habits, libraries are also expected to be able to play an active role in community empowerment. As Sutarno (2008) states that the village library has a mission to instill a complete and complete understanding and understanding of the importance of mastering information, science and technology. By mastering all of these, it is hoped that the community will be better prepared to be empowered and able to be efficient.

Village libraries need to be managed in accordance with the principles of library collection management, even though they are still in simple conditions. For this reason, village library service management training was conducted for village officials, youth organizations, and PKK women (program at village level to educate women on various aspects of family welfare) who would later become managers of the library. This was done to improve the performance of village libraries, because ideally village libraries have staff who are specifically tasked with managing libraries, so that they will focus on working on managing and developing libraries. At least the village library staff in Biluhu Tengah must have knowledge of library management, so that he will manage the village library professionally in accordance with the principles of library management science.



Figure 7. Village library service management training based on the Tomini Bay area in Biluhu Tengah Village.

This village library service management training activity went well and smoothly without any significant obstacles. The training participants are very enthusiastic about participating in this activity, so they can be expected to be able to manage the two types of library facilities that will be held later, namely libraries and smart motorbikes a mobile library based on the Tomini Bay area. Through the training, participants were informed that the village library management staff should also be friendly, have a helpful spirit, and have the enthusiasm to invite the community to use the village library. Thus the village library will appear more convincing so that it will attract people to visit and take advantage of all the facilities provided.

Through the training of village library service management, it was conveyed to the manager that library facilities were not only used as a means of reading to have knowledge and get information but more than that. The material presented to the training participants also contained about how it could be managed later so that village library services could empower the community in the field of environmental conservation, especially for the preservation of the Tomini Bay area, sustainability in the fields of agriculture and plantations. In addition, through training participants are directed to be able to manage the existing library in Biluhu Tengah Village so that it can be used by mothers and young women as a means of literacy to obtain information and knowledge on how to process food ingredients based on local wisdom, for example making processed snacks. made from fruits and vegetables, development of various food creations by utilizing fishery products, and community agriculture/plantations independently to support the improvement of the economic quality of rural communities.

5. Story Telling

During the community service work program about assisting the management of a mobile library based on the Tomini Bay area in Biluhu Tengah Village, in his spare time there are story telling activities (figure 8). Nufus, et al. (2016: 67) explains that story telling consists of two words, namely story which means story, and telling means telling story. The combination of the two words (story telling) means telling a story or telling a story. Story telling is an effective way to develop cognitive (knowledge), affective (feeling), social, and conative (appreciation) aspects of children. Wardiyah (2017: 44) states that story telling is a creative process of children which, in its development, always activates not only intellectual aspects but also aspects of sensitivity, refinement of mind, emotions, art, fantasy power, and children's imagination which not only prioritizes abilities left brain but also right brain.



Figure 8. Story telling for early age children in Biluhu Tengah Village.

Sari, et al. (2018: 234) explains that story telling activities are able to bring children to imagine and fantasize about the stories they are telling so that children are able to create something based on their fantasies. If the child's imagination is directed at character values, it is hoped that the child will have a good personality and character. Dinasari's research results (2018: 112) show that there is an increase in children's speaking ability through story telling activities. The results of the research by Nufus, et al. (2016: 71) group guidance services with storytelling techniques have a positive effect on increasing students' emotional literacy. For this reason, story telling activities are deemed important to be carried out where these activities can provide a positive role in the development of children's literacy.

This story telling activity was attended by early age children from Samudra Kindergarten, BungaKarang KB, and BungaKarang SPS in Biluhu Tengah Village, Biluhu District, Gorontalo Regency. The main purpose of this story telling activity is to build enthusiasm and literacy culture in early childhood through listening to stories which at the next stage is expected to create a reading spirit and culture for children when they are able to read or when they enter school age, at the elementary school level and high school level. Storytelling activities can be carried out well during community service activities in Central Biluhu Village. Through these storytelling activities, the PAUD children in Central Biluhu Village can participate in storytelling activities. Children are very motivated to listen to or listen to the stories that are read. This becomes very important because it is from this process that the message from the story can reach the child so that it is possible to absorb the knowledge conveyed by the storyteller to the audience, namely PAUD children in Biluhu Tengah Village.

Conclusion

Based on the results of the implementation of the community service program in Biluhu Tengah Village, Biluhu District, Gorontalo Regency, it is concluded that the assistance in the management of mobile library services based on the Tomini Bay area has been successfully implemented. Through the implementation of community service, a village park library and smart motorbike library can be built around the village, accompanied by training in library service management. The community's response and enthusiasm is big enough to implement and support the programs implemented by the community service team from Gorontalo State University. The programs implemented are considered very useful in terms of information functions, educational functions, cultural functions, recreational functions, and conservation functions. Community service activities carried out can create collaboration between Gorontalo State University as a tertiary institution and the community in Biluhu Tengah Village in managing a mobile library based on the Tomini Bay area.

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