

ANALYSIS OF THE USE ELECTRONIC BOOKS (E-BOOKS) BY USERS IN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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ABSTRACT

The research method used is a qualitative method with a descriptive approach that uses interviews to describe the data obtained by researchers directly, to obtain a clear and detailed picture of how the use of electronic books (e-books) by users at the library and archives office of Labuhan Batu district. The data collection techniques used in this study were interviews and observations. Furthermore, the researchers conducted interviews with 5 informants, namely the users at the Library and Archives Service of Labuhan Batu Regency. The results of this study indicate that the use of electronic books (e-books) by users is that they use electronic books to get references and their information needs such as doing paper assignments given by lecturers. Obstacles experienced by users, especially in unstable networks, lack of collections of books in the e-book, and according to them the obstacles are the lack of experts in the field of e-books so that e-books are not optimal and lack of socialization to users so that some users do not understand in browsing the e-book.

Keywords: Electronic Books, Users, Public Library.

1. INTRODUCTION

The increasingly rapid progress of information and communication technology affects all aspects of human life in today's world. The convenience obtained from advances in information technology has an impact on various aspects of human life such as education, economics, politics, business and others. Advances in information technology aim to provide convenience for human life in carrying out all activities carried out. The components that are part of technology itself, such as computers and internet networks, cannot be separated.

Libraries exist with the aim of making the nation's life more intelligent. In the Indonesian librarianship dictionary, a public library is a library intended for the wider community as a means of lifelong learning regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, race, religion and socio-economic status. Therefore, libraries are present not only in the world of education but also in the wider community, such as a type of public library whose library is the community in an area. One example of a public library is a district/city library.

The world of libraries continues to develop and move using the use of technology and information, causing very rapid changes in every aspect of libraries.

E-books are textbooks converted into digital format. E-books include learning resources with applications containing multimedia databases of instructional resources and storing multimedia presentations on topics in a book. Apart from that, e-books are also electronic books in the form of files in various formats, some in the form of PDF (portable document format) which can be opened with the Acrobat Reader program or similar.

The e-book collection is a library collection that has undergone a change in form from a print collection to an electronic form. E-book collections or electronic books, also known as digital books, are electronic versions of books. Books generally consist of a collection of paper containing text and images, e-books contain information in digital form and can also be in the form of text and images. According to Wiji Suwarno (2011: 74), e-books are electronic versions of books. If books generally consist of a collection of paper containing text or images, e-books contain digital information which can also be in the form of text or images.

The Labuhan Batu district library and archives service is the center information and the heart of information for the people of Labuhan Batu. As an information center, the Labuhan Batu district library service is required to be able to provide information services for all levels of society, including members of the public, students, lecturers and others.

Initially, the digital collection was owned by the library and archives service in Labuhan Batu district, when librarians or library employees visited the national library and looked at the ipusnas collection owned by the national library, they thought that if the digital collection was held in the library and archives service in Labuhan Batu district, it would be easier for users. in getting the information they need, as most people in the Labuhan Batu district library service are far from the library and have a long time to come directly to the library, the Labuhan Batu district library and archives service offers and introduces it to the public through the Labuhan Batu district government exhibition In 2018, the Regional Library already has a digital collection called Ipusda Labuhan Batu and it is a faster solution for them to get the information they need.

The digital collections usually provided by the Labuhan Batu district library and archives service are in the form of electronic books or e-books which are

subscribed to by PT. My collection currently has around 700 titles. The Labuhan Batu Regency Library and Archives Service is a public library that has provided an e-book collection for around 4 years. The collection of e-books owned by the Labuhan Batu Regency Library and Archives Service includes various kinds of books, such as: books on religion, economics, law, health, mathematics and science, agriculture, animal husbandry and maritime affairs, children's libraries, engineering and architecture, business, companion education, children with special needs (ABK), vocational training centers (BLK), encyclopedia, management, language and literature, philosophy, forestry, computers, education, psychology, social, general, history, parenting, anti-corruption, high school (SMA), and also novels, as for journals, namely: health and other user needs.

2. RESEARCH METHOD

The type of research used is descriptive research with a qualitative approach, namely research that uses interviews to describe the data that the researcher conducted directly in order to develop a clear and detailed picture of the strategy of the Rubaci reading park in increasing children's interest in reading on the coast of Batura Regency. The informants in this research come from direct interviews who are referred to as sources. The data obtained from the second source which is complementary, includes books that are references for the theme to be raised. To classify primary data, data collection is carried out in several ways, namely observation, interviews and documentation. Data analysis techniques use data reduction, data presentation and drawing conclusions.

3. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The Use Electronic Books (E-Books) By Users In Pubic Library

According to IFLA (International Federation of Library Association) in Herlina, a library is a collection of printed and non-printed materials or sources of information on computers that are arranged systematically for the benefit of users. With electronic products entering libraries, the image of libraries in the 1980s will be different from the image in the 21st century. (Nina Indriyani, 2017, p 14).

Utilization comes from the word benefit which is linguistically defined as use, benefit, profit. And then it gets the affix pe-an which means the process of making use of it.

In utilizing library services, especially electronic books, users certainly need various facilities such as: an effective catalog or database, a classification scheme that is easy to understand, and an efficient circulation system. But these are all just tools or media that help users to do so easily find the information they need in the library's collections. In essence, users will prioritize and devote their attention to

tracking the management and safeguarding of library collections that are their needs. (Devi Kurnia Khikmawati et al., 2021).

E-Books are a source of information that helps the public and students in their learning and searching for information. Utilization of E-books is a user's activities or activities in using and searching

information needed using the internet. The information in E-books is scientific and up-to-date and covers various branches of science. However, if they do not have the ability, of course they will not be able to access information sources according to their desired needs. The use of electronic books by users at the Labuhan Batu Regency Library and Archives Service uses electronic books to look for references and their information needs, such as paper assignments given by lecturers.

Obstacles Experienced By Users

Talking about the obstacles experienced by users at the Labuhan Batu district library and archives service, especially in the network section. The network is very necessary in terms of searching for anything, especially electronic books because the network can access information and other needs quickly. it cannot be read, it can only be borrowed and there is a lack of socialization by librarians towards users so that they do not understand how to browse electronic books and there is a lack of experts in the field of electronic books. The availability of books is lacking, they can't read for too long. This is especially experienced by some users who are in certain areas where the internet network is unstable, the availability of book collections and the lack of outreach by librarians to users and experts in the field of electronic books so that some users do not understand how to browse electronic books.

4. CONCLUSION

The conclusions that can be drawn from the results and discussions that have been described in the previous chapters include that the use of electronic books (e-books) by users is that they only use e-books when they are looking for references and needs that they need, such as paper assignment. There are users who rarely use electronic books (e-books) because the collection is not available enough and they choose to come directly to the library. According to them, the printed book collection is more complete than e-books, so they rarely use electronic books and choose to come directly to the library to get what they need. The obstacles experienced by users are problems in the network and also in the e-book collection section which is not large enough and always runs out so that waiting in queues takes a long time, if the book is not connected to the internet the book cannot be read, it can only be borrowed, not downloaded and lack of socialization. librarians towards users so that e-books are less than optimal.

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