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Collection of Regional Library of East Aceh Regency as a Source for Writing Scientific Papers

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Abstract

This article discusses the collections of the Regional Library and Archives of East Aceh Regency as a source of data in writing scientific papers for history education study program students. The data source was obtained from the field, namely the East Aceh District Library and Archives located in the center of Peureulak City. Data collection was carried out using documentation techniques, observations, and interviews with library and archive managers. This article found that the East Aceh District Library and Archives had a history book collection of 1,453 copies with 875 titles. This library provides a collection of history books and research method books consisting of Oral History, Social History, History of Cities, History of Women, History of Culture, History of Religion, History of Politics, History of Thought, History of Mentality, History of Biography, and Research Methods books. This article also found that the library's collection of history books and the East Aceh District Archives really helped history education study program students in finding references for writing scientific papers. The conclusion of this article is that students have used the collection of history books in the East Aceh District Library and Archives as a reference for their scientific work.

Keywords: collection of history books, East Aceh Regional Library, scientific writing, history education

Abstrak

Artikel ini mendiskusikan koleksi Perpustakaan Daerah dan Arsip Kabupaten Aceh Timur sebagai sumber data dalam penulisan karya ilmiah mahasiswa program studi pendidikan sejarah. Sumber data diperoleh dari lapangan yakni Perpustakaan dan Arsip Kabupaten Aceh Timur yang terdapat di pusat Kota Peureulak. Pengumpulan data dilakukan dengan teknik dokumentasi, observasi, dan wawancara dengan pengelola pustaka dan arsip. Artikel ini menemukan bahwa Perpustakaan dan Arsip Kabupaten Aceh Timur memiliki koleksi buku sejarah 1.453 eksamplar dengan 875 judul. Perpustakaan ini menyediakan koleksi buku sejarah dan buku metode penelitian terdiri dari Sejarah Lisan, Sejarah Sosial, Sejarah Kota, Sejarah Wanita, Sejarah Kebudayaan, Sejarah Agama, Sejarah Politik, Sejarah Pemikiran, Sejarah Mentalitas, Sejarah Biografi, dan buku Metode Penelitian. Artikel ini juga menemukan bahwa koleksi buku-buku sejarah perpustakaan dan Arsip Kabupaten Aceh Timur sangat membantu mahasiswa program studi pendidikan sejarah dalam mencari referensi untuk penulisan karya ilmiah. Simpulan artikel ini adalah mahasiswa telah memanfaatkan koleksi buku sejarah di Perpustakaan dan Arsip Kabupaten Aceh Timur sebagai referensi untuk karya ilmiah mereka.

Kata kunci: koleksi buku sejarah, Perpustakaan Daerah Aceh Timur, penulisan karya ilmiah, pendidikan sejarah

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Pendahuluan

The Regional Library and Archives Office of East Aceh Regency has various library collections, which are still limited, especially collections of history books; however, they have not been able to meet the needs of students of the Samudra University History Education Study Program in general. Mastery of information and communication technology in the field of libraries is also still limited. The role of library plays an important role, especially for students of the Samudra University History Education Study Program, in finding research sources to work on their final project in order to obtain a bachelor's degree. In the process of doing the final assignment, students are usually constrained by collecting reference sources for historical collection books, especially the research method used, namely the historical research method.

Several problems have caused the use of libraries in the community to not run well and not in accordance with the theory of public library management. This can be seen from the lack of public interest in visiting the Regional Library and Archives of East Aceh District. Therefore, it is important that there is more use of the library, and efforts that must be increased in the use of the library.

The utilization of library collections is the effective and efficient utilization of collections of library materials in the form of books and other types of reading. The use of collections in the library can be measured by three indicators, namely the availability of historical collections, the use of collections, and the motivation and interest of students in using the collections. The library collection includes a variety of information materials that are in accordance with the times to be continuously utilized by users. Utilization of the collection can be seen from how much the amount and type of library materials used. The usability of collections is important to know because it can find out how users use collections in the library.

Based on the observations of researchers, Aceh's history book collections are widely used by students of the Samudra University History Education Study Program. However, in reality, they often feel dissatisfied because the available collections are few. It can be seen that the collection of Aceh's history is still relatively small, so many user needs have not been met. Therefore, the use of book collections in the Regional Library and Archives of East Aceh Regency. It must be improved again. Based on this background, the author is interested in studying the Utilization of the Historical Collections of the East Aceh Regional Library as a

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Medium for Writing Scientific Work for Students of the History Education Study Program at Samudra University.

As for the formulation of the problem in this study, namely, what are the conditions for the availability of historical collections at the Regional Library and Archives of East Aceh Regency as a medium for writing a thesis for students of the history education study program and how to use thesis writing for the historical study program based on the availability of historical sources at the Regional Library and Archives of Aceh Regency East.

This study aims to identify and describe the condition of the availability of historical sources in the Regional Library and Archives of East Aceh Regency as a medium for writing a thesis for students of the history education study program and to determine the utilization of thesis writing for students of the history study program based on the availability of historical sources in the Regional Library and Archives of East Aceh Regency.

Research methods

This research was conducted at the Regional Library and Archives Office of East Aceh Regency in August 2020. The subjects of this research were the Head of Service, Head of Archives, Head of Service, KTU, Staff of the Regional Library and Archives Service Section of East Aceh Regency, and alumni students of the Samudra University History Education Study Program. Meanwhile, the object of this research is the Utilization of the Historical Collections of the East Aceh Regional Library as a Media for Writing Scientific Papers for Students of the History Education Study Program at Samudra University. This study involved eight informants.

This research is a type of qualitative descriptive research. The method used in this study is a qualitative method, and the data were obtained through field research and library research. The instrument used in this research is an interview guide. Data collection was carried out by observation, interviews, documentation, and data analysis.

History of Regional Libraries and Archives of East Aceh District

The Regional Library and Archives of East Aceh Regency is one of the libraries located in the center of Peureulak City, namely Gampong Leugee, Peureulak City, East Aceh Regency.

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This library has a library staff of 39 people, including employees and contract workers. Operational Service Hours are every Monday-Friday from 08.00-16.00 WIB. This library may be visited by the general public, but usually, students who often visit this library are students.

The Regional Library and Archives of East Aceh Regency was established in 1999 during the leadership of Mr. Lukmantan. Previously this library was located in Langsa City, namely at the Social Service, which is used by the current Pemko Langsa. In 2000 led by Mr. Umar Arifin and moved to the Cakra Donya (Cakdon) Langsa City building which is currently used as the Langsa City DPKA office; his leadership period was until 2005 and was replaced by Mrs. Murai, SE, and currently, the Regional Library and Archives East Aceh district moved to Peureulak, and he only led a year. From 2006-2014 he was replaced by Mr. Zainal Abidin for eight years of his term of office; Mr. Zainal Abidin was replaced again by Mr. Sufi 2014-2016, only two years of his term of office was replaced again by Mr. Drs. Manshur, and is now led by Mr. Engineer Ahmad who was appointed in September 2020.

Regional Library and Archives of East Aceh Regency was formed based on East Aceh Regency Qanun No. 5 of 2005 concerning the Organizational Structure of the Regional Apparatuses of East Aceh Regency; the main task of the library section is to make work programs and develop libraries in East Aceh Regency.

In the regulation of the East Aceh Regent Number 20 of 2017 concerning Position, Organizational Structure, Duties, and Functions and Work Procedures of the East Aceh Regency Library and Archives Service explaining the division of tasks and responsibilities of the Head of the East Aceh Library Service along with the organizational structure below, the purpose of establishing the regulation namely the Regent of East Aceh hopes that the library will be useful for future generations. The Regional Library and Archives of East Aceh Regency has a vision and mission to improve its services, including:

1. Vision

   Empowering the potential of libraries and archives in an effort to improve the quality of the nation's life and sources of information.

2. Mission
   a. Help develop and utilize all types of libraries.
   b. Fostering, developing interest and reading habits of the community.
   c. Preserving library books as a cultural product.

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d. Organizing library services.
e. Empower archives as a backbone.
f. Preserving archives as evidence of government accountability.
g. Utilizing archives for the benefit of government and society.

This library is located in the center of Peureulak City, which is on the side of the Medan-Banda Aceh causeway, so it is very easy to visit because of its strategic location and easy access. The Regional Library and Archives Building of East Aceh Regency has a land area of around 1,478 m2 with an estimated building area of 495 m3; the condition of the building looks large and sturdy with strong materials. The construction of this building has been started since 2009; it's just not finished right away. Then the building continued to be renovated or added to the building until it became what it is today.

The Regional Library and Archives building for East Aceh Regency consists of an office head room, secretary room, sub-section room, archive room, treasurer room, head library room, library room, staff room, toilet, prayer room, car park, and motorcycle parking.

Collection of History Books at the Regional Library and Archives of East Aceh District

The Regional Library and Archives of East Aceh Regency has a collection of various types of books, with a total of 38,966 books with various titles and a total of 13,070 titles in total. As for the collection of history books, there are only around 1,453 books with 875 titles. Every day visitors such as students and students visit the library to work on assignments and look for references and sources needed to complete the final project. The number of visits per month to this library is about 55 people, and 16 people who borrow books.

The library plays an important role, especially in assisting students of the Samudra University History Education study program in finding references and research sources, both in the form of a collection of history books and a collection of research method books. However, from the author's observations during the Covid-19 outbreak, the library looked deserted. Even so, library services remain open while still implementing the applicable health protocols.

The Regional Library and Archives of East Aceh Regency provides a collection of history books and research method books which are classified into historical themes as follows:

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1. Oral History, consisting of 14 book titles.
2. Social History, consisting of 11 book titles.
3. City History, consisting of 14 book titles.
4. History of Women, consisting of 12 book titles.
5. Cultural History, consisting of 4 book titles.
6. History of Religion, consisting of 10 book titles.
7. Political History, consisting of 16 book titles.
8. History of Thought, consisting of 5 book titles.
9. History of Mentality, consisting of 3 book titles.
10. History of Biography, consisting of 6 book titles.Buku Metode Penelitian, yang terdiri dari 4 judul buku.

The availability of collections of local and non-local history books at the Regional Library and Archives of East Aceh Regency is the main reason for students choosing this location as a source of learning and information gathering. The availability of a collection of history books is a starting point for the library to provide and direct students to be served. The purpose of the availability of historical collections as an attraction and attention for visitors. More complete historical collections and relatively new publications will provide visitors with greater opportunities to choose and obtain the latest information about history. According to Ernita (2002: 13), there are several things that must be considered in making the availability of collections, namely relevance, user-oriented, collection completeness, collection updates, and collaboration.

Related to the books that are sought after by students but are available in the library, the library suggests looking at other libraries and proposing to the relevant offices for the procurement of these collections in the future. From the results of the author's observations, the number of historical book collections is only 221 books and journals because many books have been lost and not returned by borrowers, and there are no sanctions for those who violate the rules at the Regional Library and Archives of East Aceh Regency. This is inversely proportional to the theory of National Standards (SNI 7495:2011:3), which states that public libraries have a collection of at least 5000 titles. Meanwhile, in the guidebook for organizing a public library, it is stated that the collection of library materials, specifically for books, must be at least 1,000 titles. This collection has been processed and is ready to be used by users.

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The availability of the collection is closely related to its utilization; if the available collection is complete, the collection will be used by users. From the results of interviews with users of the Regional Library and Archives of East Aceh Regency, information was obtained that the collection of history books in the library was still limited and only available soberly, even though the library had tried to procure it, but it had not fully met the needs of library users. Even so, the presence of the Regional Library and Archives of East Aceh Regency has helped students of the Samudra University History Education Study Program, in particular assisting with the number of historical book references in completing their final assignment.

Writing of Scientific Papers and Availability of Collections of History Books

Utilization of collections is a process or method of utilizing collections, both printed and other recorded media, to meet the information needs of library users. There are several factors that influence students to utilize the collections at the Regional Library and Archives of East Aceh Regency, one of which is due to the need for information. This aspect motivates users to always visit the library when they need some information, for example, looking for references to complete their thesis and to satisfy their curiosity about something. In addition, the use of the book collection also provides an educational tool where students search for and dig up the information they need and know the steps in completing their thesis.

Related to the availability of collections to meet the needs of visitors, the library continues to strive to provide collections that suit their needs, one of which is by carrying out collection procurement activities.

As for the responses from students who conducted research at the Regional Library and Archives of East Aceh Regency, they admitted that they were greatly helped because this library became a means of information and education on how to prepare a thesis and helped students to find reference sources in accordance with the data needed in the thesis.

Conclusion

Although the availability of history book sources at the Regional Library and Archives of East Aceh Regency is still limited, the library is trying to procure and add collections. Even so, the existence of the Regional Library and Archives of East Aceh Regency has helped students of the History Education Study Program, especially students from Samudra

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University, in completing their final assignment. The total number of history collection books available at the Regional Library and Archives of East Aceh Regency is 875 books. This collection of history books provides many great benefits for writing student scientific work, such as theses for the History Education Study Program. Thus, students have utilized the collection of history books in the East Aceh District Library and Archives as a reference for their scientific work.

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