OPINION ESSAY

REVITALIZING LIBRARIES IN INDONESIA REFLECTS ON THE GROWTH OF LIBRARIES ABROAD



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The development of developed countries with developing countries is very different, in terms of technology and economics. Technology in developed countries that is faster and higher can affect all aspects such as education, culture, including growth in the library. Library growth in developed countries is indeed recognized to be very superior. This can be seen by the physical eye of buildings or library buildings in developed countries such as America, Japan, Germany etc. Which are very majestic. There are also very many books available from various sources.

Library support facilities in developed countries are also very superior. Almost in various libraries in developed countries are supported by electronic equipment such as printers, photocopies, and computers. However, the rapid technological development in developed countries is only as a complement to complete shortcomings in manual management not as the main one.

The existence of libraries in developed countries is very important in the progress in various aspects of life, so that the country poured a substantial amount of funds for library growth. For example universities in developed countries always prioritize the construction of library buildings that are more magnificent than other buildings, it is an attraction to invite prospective students to register there. Besides the magnificent building, the existence of the books in it is arranged very neatly and pleasantly so that the visitors feel very comfortable.

Reflecting on the progress and grandeur of libraries in developed countries, we are sure that library growth in Indonesia will be able to match it. For a glimpse of the library in Indonesia currently has experienced development. In 2017 the construction of a new national library building of the republic of Indonesia located in Jakarta. This building was built to attract the interest of the community to visit it. In addition to facilities that are quite modern, the book collection is also complete. This library can also be enjoyed by children, the elderly and also for people with disabilities. In addition to Jakarta the magnificent and complete library buildings are in Riau and Yogyakarta. This is still considered lacking, each region should have a magnificent and complete library in order to attract the interest of the community to visit it. Thus the interest in reading the community will arise after they visit the library.

To realize the existence of a magnificent and complete library in all regions of Indonesia there must be a large enough special fund. It is like that done by developed countries, they use a large enough fund for library development. Because for them the library is very important in progress in various aspects of life. However, this is very difficult to do because the Indonesian economy is not as strong as developed countries so that the construction of complete libraries is not evenly distributed throughout Indonesia. To keep growing interest in reading the community, the Indonesian government should create a reading park in every environment.