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Concept of Green Libraries Among Indonesian Librarians

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Abstract

A green library is a library concept that is based on the sustainability and benefits of the library on the environment. The concept of a green library is not just an activity to plant trees, but how libraries have an important role in the environment by doing resource-saving activities used by libraries. In other countries, the concept of green libraries has been widely studied, but in Indonesia, there is almost no discussion about green libraries. The lack of discussion about green libraries gives rise to many different interpretations from librarians. The number of interpretations of green libraries raises the question of how librarians in Indonesia understand the concept of green libraries. This is qualitative research. Data was collected through interviews and documentation. The informants in this study were librarians in Yogyakarta. This study found that many librarians do not have the same concept of green libraries. Different interpretations because there is rarely research on the green library concept. Librarians still have a general opinion that the green library concept is only limited to tree planting, weekly community service and doing greenery. On the other hand, there are some librarians who can understand the concept of a green library, such as saving electricity resources and building environmentally friendly and sustainable buildings. Green library is a foreign concept for librarians in Indonesia, so many libraries ignore environmental issues.

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