

Utilization of the Statistics Corner as a Source of Information: A Case Study of the Statistics Corner FEBI UINSU

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Abstract

The library as an information agency will make it easier for users to find the various sources of information that they need. In order to facilitate users in searching for information in particular in the field of statistics, the library provides services in the statistical field, i.e. statistical corner service. The diversity in the use of the statistical corner makes this research aimed at finding out the utilization of the Statistical Corner as a source of information that is in FEBI UINSU as well as to know the opinion of users on the sources of information provided by the statistics corner of FEBI UINSU. This research uses qualitative descriptive methods with sampling using purposive techniques. Data collection techniques are done through observations and interviews. Then triangulation is done to find valid and credible research. The usage of this statistical corner is very varied in different places according to the needs of its users. In the statistics corner of FEBI UINSU usually uses the service to find out the statistical data he needs. The need for such statistical data is then exploited for a variety of purposes such as doing a lecture assignment, doing a final assignment or simply looking for additional information that could support their research.

Keywords: Utilization; Statistic corner; Information center



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1. INTRODUCTION

The Central Statistics Agency (BPS) is an official statistics body or National Statistics Office (NSO) based in Indonesia, directly accountable to the President. The vision of BPS for the period 2020-2024 is to be a “quality statistics data provider for advanced Indonesia”, as set out in the BPS Strategic Plan for the Period 2019-2024 (Regulations of the Prime Minister’s Central Statistics Authority No.36 Year 2020) (Badan Pusat Statistik, 2020). Based on this vision, BPS is tasked with providing high-quality and increasingly important statistics data and information and strengthening the role of BPS as a data keeper in Indonesia and worldwide. The Central Statistics Agency has the same role as the library as a source of information to improve literacy among the public (Ningsih & Sayekti, 2023), unlike BPS only provides information in the form of data and statistics information available in Indonesia. Statistics data is used by a variety of data users, including researchers and practitioners in the public and private sectors (Agwil et al., 2024). To be able to see the results of the data generated, BPS

carried out the official release of statistics data in various media, one of which is the statistics corner. Statistics corner is a collaborative service between the Central Statistics Agency and the university. The statistics corner facility provides data availability, data consultation, and other information related to data required by users. This activity is a manifestation of BPS interest in socializing the diversity and excellence of statistics products produced by BPS in the college environment. Through the statistics corner, it is expected to increase the literacy and use of statistics in college. The growing need for statistics data in the world of education encourages BPS to collaborate with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with several colleges in the implementation of the statistics corner (Badan Pusat Statistik, 2021), as an information facility that becomes one of the sources of information in the library.

The library as an information agency will make it easier for users to find the various sources of information they need. (Syam et al., 2021). According to Lionel Roy Mc Colvin's Theory of Book Selection (1925) in (Yoga Prasetyawan, 2019) that a source of information will have no meaning until it is exploited by its users. Meeting user information needs in various forms of sources such as printed and electronic collections such as books, research reports, scripts, e-books, electronic journals, audio and video collections, as well as other sources (Muslih Faturrahman, 2018). In support of information needs the library provides a statistics corner service in cooperation with the Central Statistical Agency (BPS) as an information facility used by users as a source of information in completing research, tasks or other needs. To make it easier for users to find information, in the field of statistics, the library provides services in statistics. Statistics corner is a corner of the room that allows users to access and use statistics data both printed and digital, statistics data has many applications in various fields, including education, economics, health, and others that can help in research or for the needs of everyday users (Puteri et al., 2023). This statistics corner aims to improve the literacy of statistics data among academics as well as provide other benefits according to the needs of its users (Fauziyah et al., 2023). Statistics data literacy is the ability to read, write, analyze and interpret data in statistics form. (Andriatna et al., 2021).

The diversity in the use of the statistics corner makes this research has the purpose to know the utilization of the Statistics Corner as a source of information that is in FEBI UINSU as well as know the opinion of the user on the information source provided by the statistics corner. This research also has benefits for the researcher namely knowing the various uses of the statistics corner as an information source and has the benefit for the reader namely making the reference of the usage of statistics corners as the source of the information that exists in FEBI UINSU.

2. METHODOLOGY

This research uses qualitative research methods with a type of descriptive approach. Qualitative study method is a research method used to study the condition of objects naturally (Ali et al., 2022; Ardiansyah & Jailani, 2023; Magister et al. 2023). In this study, the researchers presented the results of the research qualitatively descriptively, data collected in words rather than numbers. (Firmansyah et al., 2021; Sugiyono, 2013). The data came from the manuscript of the interview. The process of data collection in this research is by conducting structured interviews to informants through data collection techniques purposive sampling. (Andrade, 2021; Campbell et al., 2020). The structured interview will take place and refer to a series of questions that have been compiled by the researchers. In this study, researchers jumped directly into the field to conduct interviews with several informants to gain a deeper understanding of their views. In the data collection, the researchers conducted interviews in the FEBI UINSU statistics corner. As for the data obtained by the researchers in this study, it is in the form of a recorded interview manuscript. The data received in the format of an interview record will be systematically and continuously analyzed to produce valid and credible research findings. Then a data validity check technique is performed to test the data obtained. The data validity technique through triangulation is a method of collecting and analyzing data that uses three different sources or methods to determine accurate and detailed values through observations, interviews and documentation (Alfansyur, 2020). (Rijal Fadli, 2021). Results interviews and observations will be checked so that researchers get conclusions regarding the use of the statistics corner as a source of information for users.

3. RESULTS

From the results of the interviews that have been conducted, it can be concluded that users of the statistics corner of FEBI UINSU use these statistics corners as a source of information. If the user has trouble finding the data he is looking for, then the user can ask for help from the on-the-go officer so that the data is sure to meet the needs and can be used by the user. Then users read and sort the data they have obtained from the statistics corner to choose which data they will use.

From the results of the interviews that have been conducted, it can be concluded that the statistics corner of FEBI UINSU is used for various needs according to the needs of its users. Usually the user of the statistics corner uses data from various fields that he has obtained for the need of the assignment, working the final task, or simply looking for additional information that can support their research.

4. DISCUSSION

Today the library is not only moving as a source of literacy for the society but also must be the source of creativity and innovation in the fulfillment of the information source of its users (Syam et al., 2021). A library must have many ways to meet the needs of its users, one of which is through cooperation and making a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Central Statistics Agency (BPS). The Central Statistics Agency (BPS) cooperates with various libraries, mainly college libraries by providing statistics services through the statistics corner. Statistics corner itself is a collaborative service provided by the Central Statistics Agency (BPS) with colleges as a media of statistics promotion services in the university environment and aims to improve statistics literacy. With this statistics corner, the library has a new source of information that can be used by users according to their needs. Statistics corner has many facilities such as providing data availability services, data consultation and other data information required by users. With this statistics corner, the Central Statistics Agency (BPS) aims to introduce the diversity and excellence of statistical products. Through this statistics corner, the Central Statistics Agency (BPS) hopes to increase literacy and use of statistics in colleges.

The statistics corner is almost like the literacy corner where they provide information services to its users in order to improve literacy for its users. (Dafit et al., 2020). Just like other sources of information provided by the library, this statistics corner must be used as a source of information that we need in everyday life (Rahman, 2020) (Sasmita, 2020). The results of interviews with users of statistics corner FEBI UINSU revealed that the service provides a good role as a vital source of statistics information. Users come to the statistics corner to access the range of data they need, both for academic and personal research purposes. The process of using the statistics corner begins with direct visits by users looking for specific data. When faced with difficulties in finding the right information, they can ask for help from the officers who are guarding the place. These officers have an important role in helping users by ensuring that the data they are looking for can be found and suited to the desired needs. Once the data is obtained, the user does not directly use it raw. They will read and sort information to determine which data is relevant and useful for their purposes according to Lionel Roy Mc Colvin's Theory of Book Selection (1925) that a source of information will have no meaning until the source is used by its users. This shows that users have a systematic approach to using data obtained from the statistics corner.

The use of data from this statistics angle varies greatly according to the individual user's needs. Some of them use the data to complete a lecture assignment, work on a final assignment or just look for additional information that could support their research. The flexibility of the statistics corner in providing data that covers a wide range of fields is one of

its main strengths. The data that users search for covers a wide range of topics according to their needs, indicating that the facility is capable of handling a wide and diverse information request. With the support of a willing officer and a varied collection of data, statistics corner FEBI UINSU not only serves as a data storage, but also as an adaptive and responsive information center to a wide range of user needs. Overall, statistics corner FEBI UINSU makes a significant contribution to supporting academic and research activities at UINSU. By providing extensive data access and effective assistance, this facility helps users in obtaining and utilizing statistical information optimally. This statistics corner is an important asset that improves the quality of research and user understanding of the data they need.

5. CONCLUSION

The conclusion of this study is that today's libraries not only serve as a source of literature, but should also be a centre of creativity and innovation in meeting the information needs of its users. One example of this implementation is the collaboration between the Central Statistics Agency (BPS) and the university library, such as at FEBI UINSU, which provides statistics corner services. The statistics corner FEBI UINSU is a very useful facility in support of academic and research activities at the FEBI UINSU. This facility not only provides access to data but also provides the necessary support to ensure that users can use the information effectively. The recommendation for improving the service of the statistics corner FEBI UINSU was to improve accessibility and availability of data by updating and expanding the available data collection, continuously providing regular training for officers to improve communication skills, knowledge of data, and information technology. It is highly recommended to ensure high-quality assistance, continue to develop a digital system or online platform for online data access to make it easier for users who cannot visit the statistics corner directly, it is also important to regularly collect feedback from users to evaluate satisfaction and identify the latest improvements in the area, promote and socialise the existence of benefits and statistics for the users who are not able to access the statistics corner in a direct manner, and to optimize the use of these data by the students and to improve the level of use of the data. By implementing these recommendations, statistics corner FEBI UINSU can improve the quality of its service and its usefulness for its entire users.

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