# THE DEVELOPMENT OF LITERACY CULTURE AS A MEAN OF ENHANCEMENT OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER'S PROFESSIONALISM IN ESTABLISHING STUDENT'S CHARACTER

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Abstract. Ever since 2013 curriculum enacted, School Literacy Movement (GLS) has been rolled out. This program is so meant to evolve literacy culture at school that a literate environment can be created so they can be a throughout life learners. Furthermore, it should solve problems, especially low reading interest and ability amongst students. Literacy Culture Development Training held for Elementary School Teachers in Lembang District is to enhance teachers' professionalism in implementing literacy based learning. Problems submitted: 1) Have elementary school teachers in Lembang district coped with GLS (School Literacy Movement)? 2) What kinds of GLS activities are held by Elementary School teachers in Lembang district? 3) Are there problems found by Elementary School teachers in Lembang district in implementing GLS? 4) What have they done in solving those problems? 5) Has this training succeeded in implementing GLS? Method used is training with data collecting technique: interview and test. There are 19 training participants from SDN 1 Cibodas and SDN Buah Batu of Cibodas subdistrict, Lembang district, West Bandung Regency. Based on data from quesioner result, elementary school teachers in Lembang district have partly (42%) coped with GLS concept since they have attended the accompaniment on 2013 curriculum. Based on test result, it shows that this Development of Literacy Culture Training has succeeded. This is shown from pretest result of 65 in average and posttest of 90. This shows that there is ability enhancement amongst elementary school teachers in Cibodas subdistrict. Lembang district in mastering the concept and implementation of School Literacy Movement.

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### I. INTRODUCTION

This development of literacy culture for elementary school teacher in lembang districtis is an accompaniment for them in understanding its importance since early. This activity is emphasized in elementary school since students at this stage can be formed into positive pattern. Moreover, positive culture of literacy is expected to have long-term impact in forming students who are able to build this nation well.

Book is a window to a world, is a phrase commonly known in Indonesian people. In its development, book has happened so many changes. The changes can be seen in so more various contents, more interesting views, and also the quality of paper and tint which can contain many ideas that it cannot be replaced from times to times.

In its development book has changed more flexible. Book is formed into e-book which no longer need paper and easily accessed since it can be found in smartphone. It makes us realize that information can be accessed easily.

The World's Most Literate Nations (WMLN) launches long list of world's most



literate nations. This experiment is done by Jhon W. Miller, the President of Central Connecticut State University, New Britain. Its result placed Finland as the most literate nation in the world (Awanis, 2016). Seen the success in Finland, Indonesia realize the importance in reading culture in developing the nation. This for sure has to be a culture since children start learning to read.

Elementary school stage is an early one in forming Human Resource. This nation leader to be starts from this stage. Automatically, elementary stage is a the beginning in accustoming someone to read, so that generation created is a generation yearns for knowledge.

Teacher a one facilitator in education world holds an important role in literacy culture. Being ready to form a human yearns for education, a teacher has to able to activate literacy culture. Teacher must have effective strategies in developing students' passion in reading.

The government has rolled out program s called GLS(School Literacy Movement) an d PPK(Character Education Reinforcement). Both programs have a very tie bond since th ey support one another. Religy, nationalism, integrity, mutual assistance, and independen ce can be formed through reading material fu ll of character reinforcing. Therefor, teachers must choose qualified reading material to fo rm good charactered students.

Based on things mentioned above, we c onsider that literacy culture is very important to develop inIndonesia, especially since the very beginning of an education which is ele mentary school. Therefore, we think that this community service in Literacy Developmen t Training for Elementary School Teacher in Lembang District is very important to hold.

Purpose to achieve from this communit y service is to develop literacy culture for ele mentary teacher, through teacher training an d reinforcement to develop and hold a learni ng that can develop literacy culture among st udents.

Specific purpose is to make elementary school teacher in Lembang district develop li teracy culture, so that literacy culture at scho ol is becoming better. Therefore, early readi ng behavior at elementary school can be well achieved.

### **II. METHOD**

Method used in this community service activity is training method. Training given is Development of Litetacy Culture fo Elemen tary School Teacher.

Data collecting technics are quessionairr e and test. Result expected is developing lite racy culture and implementing it at elementa ry school, especially in Lembang district.

This training is for teachers at SDN 1 Cibodas and SDN Buah Batu, Cibodas regency,Lembang district. Ste ps held as follows.

- 1. Training program held includes:
  - a. Teacher training and accompaniment to develop and perform a learning w hich can enhance students' literacy a bility, potential and character as a whole.
  - b. Training and accompaniment to creat e and use information source, learnin g material, and text at school to acco mplish learning in developing studen ts' literacy ability and character.
  - c. Using book in interactive activity (re ad-aloud) in class, library, book store continous ly.



d. Accomplishing 15 minutes reading m ovement in empowering human pote ntial as learner who has life skill and keeps the value of culture and religio n, and nation character: religious, nat ionalism, integrity, mutual assistance , and independence.

# 2. Literacy Program Training Process

The learning uses comic method. It is expected to elevate elementary school students' early reading ability. Comic method sintax has six steps describe in the table below.

# Table 1Comic Method Sintax

Teacher reads comic book or illustrated book
loudly.
Teacher reads comic book or illustrated book
with student (shared reading).
Teacher guides student to read comic or
illustrated book (guided reading)
Teacher reads comic book with student (shared
reading).
Student reads comic book independently
(independent reading)
Student draws figure or moment in the story
and writes comment or impression in simple
sentence.

This training was held at August 26th 2017. It consisted of some material presentation activities on the development of literacy culture and PPK (Character Education Reinforcement) for elementary school teachers in Cibodas regency, Lembang district. GLS materials given are: GLS concept; GLS purpose; kinds of literacy; students' behavior and development; literacy scope at school; books

used to develop literacy culture in accordance with student's development level at elementary school. PPK materials presented are: PPK primary concept, development of PPK on the learning of teaching models.

# III. RESULT

Literacy development training held for SD teachers in Lembang district is to improve teacher professionalism in accomplishing literacy based learning. SD teachers in Lembang district is expected to build students' character which are religy, nationalism, integrity, mutual assistance and independent through this training. By lots of reading and writing, SD students. Based on problem submitted, writer gets data from quissionaire as follows.

# Table 1 Literacy ActivityQuissionaire Result

NO.	INDICAT ORS	HA S DO NE	PE RC EN TA GE	HAS NOT DON E	PERCE NTAGE	INFORMA TION
1.	There is 15 minutes reading activity everyday (before, mid, or after lesson that day)*	8	42 %	11	58%	Before lesson
2.	15 minutes reading activity (No.1) has been done for one	8	42 %	11	58%	One semester



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	semester or months**							full of text (picture,		
3.	Students have daily reading journal	8	42 %	11	58%	Some		writing) shown in every class, corridor,		
	Teacher, Headmas ter,							and other area at school.		
4.	and/or education al staff have become	8	42	11	58%	Some	10	Library used for many literacy activities.	8	42 %
4.	model in 15 minutes reading along with	0	%		30 %	30116	11	Reading corner used for many literacy activities.	8	42 %
5.	activity No.1 held There is school library collects lesson and non lesson books.	8	42 %	11	58%	Some	12.	Cozy reading area collects non lesson books used for many literacy	8	42 %
6.	There is reading corner in every class collects non lesson books. There are	8	42 %	11	58%	There are 5 reading corners	13.	activities. There is appreciati on for student achievem ent on continuou s literacy activities.	8	42 %
7.	cozy reading corner aouside class and library collects non lesson books.	8	42 %	11	58%	At waiting room, park, school alley	14.	There is academic al activity supportin g school literacy culture, such as: other library	8	42 %
8.	There are reading campaign posters in class,	8	42 %	11	58%			tour or school mobile library visit		
	corridor, or other area at school.						15.	There is specific celebratio n days	8	42 %
9.	There is materials	8	42 %	11	58%			about literacy.		



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NO.	INDICAT ORS	HA S DO NE	PE RC EN TA GE	HAS NOT DON E	PERCE NTAGE	INFORMA TION
16.	Everyday 15 minutes non lessoon reading activity followed by other non academic activity (not scored) and/or academic activity (scored and one of lesson studied)	8	42 %	11	58%	
17.	Students use physical, social, affective, and academic environm ent along with various books(pri nted, visual, auditory, digital) full of literacy – besides textbook – to enrich knowledg e	8	42 %	11	58%	
18.	Student response journal from reading books and textbooks shown in classroo m and/or school corridor	8	42 %	11	58%	Some
19.	There is appreciati on about student achievem	8	42 %	11	58%	

NO.	INDICA ORS		HA S DO NE	PE RC EN TA GE	HAS NOT DON E	PER NTA		infor Tioi	
	ent in literacy activity (based on acaden claim)								
20.	There is opprtur y in develop g profess nal literacy for staff through related instituti coopera on (college educate authorit library service or experie e sharin school)	hit bin cio f, f, n on ati ess, con ty, , enc ng ner	8	42 %	11	58'	%		
Tot	tal	1 6 0		840%	6	2 2 0	1.1	160%	
Aver	age	8		42%	þ	1 1	5	58%	

Based on quissionaire result on training material given, as much as 8 people (42%) said have accomplished literacy activity and 11 people (58%) haven't accomplished it. Therefore, this School Literasi Movement should be done synergistically among school, family, and society.

Based on training pretest and post test result, can be seen in the table as follows.



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NO.	PARTICIPA	SCORE				
NO.	NTS CODE	Pre Test	Post Test			
1.	P01	60	90			
2.	P02	65	85			
3.	P03	75	95			
4.	P04	65	95			
5.	P05	60	85			
6.	P06	65	95			
7.	P07	70	95			
8.	P08	60	85			
9.	P09	60	85			
10.	P10	75	95			
11.	P11	60	85			
12.	P12	65	95			
13.	P13	80	95			
14.	P14	60	85			
15.	P15	60	85			
16.	P16	70	95			
17.	P17	65	95			
18.	P18	60	85			
19.	P19	60	85			
	TOTAL	1235	1710			
A	VERAGE	65	90			

 Table 2 Literacy Training Test Result

Based on pre test and post test result, this trianing shows significant success. It can be seen from pre test result average of 65. While post test result shows 90. There is 25 in difference. This shows that there is enhancement in SD teachers' ability in Cibodas regency, Lembang district in mastering concept and implementation of School Literacy Movement and PPK (Character Education Reinforcement)

Tests given consist of material related to: concept of School Literacy Movemnet (GLS); purpose of GLS; kinds of literacy; students' behavior and development; literacy environment at school; models of literacy application at school; books used to develop literacy culture Tes yang diberikan includes material relating to: the concept of school literacy movement (GLS); type of literacy; behavior and development of learners; the scope of literacy in schools; models for the application of literacy in schools; books that can be utilized for the development of a literacy culture according to the level of development of learners in elementary school, as well as materials on strengthening character education.

### **IV. DISCUSSION**

This activity filled with material of literacy development and character education strengthening for elementary school teacher in Lembang district. This is followed by teacher representatives from 2 schools, which is SDN 1 Cibodas and SDN Buahbatu. Cibodas regency, Lembang district, Bandung Barat. There are 19 participants. They are very enthusiastic in following the activity, seen by coming on time. This can also be seen from following every steps of training. Participants ask so many question about material given and also tell their literacy experiences held at their school.

Before given material, participants are interviewed about GLS and PPK. Question given consist of mastery and implementation on GLS, and obstacles faced at their school on literacy and charecter education. Then they are given question as pre test. This is given to know concept mastery, literacy implementation, and character education. Pre test result then used to be discussed in this training activity. At



the end of activity, post test is given to see the success of this training.

Finally, this training activity is well done, according to schedule and closed by headmaster of SDN Buahbatu, Cibodas regency, Lembang district, Bandung Barat.

# V. CONCLUSION

Literacy Culture Development for Elementary School Teacher in Lembang District is a mean of delivering and guiding elementari school teachers to understand the importance of literacy since early age. This activity is emphasized in elementary school since student at this stage is becoming human being who can be formed into positive pattern. Besides that, positive culture from literacy is expected to have long term effect to form students who can build better nation.

Character building is very closed with literacy habituation. Through literacy material read, it is expected that students's character can be formed. To enhance literacy program amongst students, teachers should master references, in class or school library.; classify books based on students's age; supervise books conformity with students' age; ask students to retell written or spoken about reference they read; discipline reading time; give reading target to form reading behavior since early age.

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