

UGM Librarian: The Best National Librarian


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Again, achievement is made by UGM librarian at the national level. Nur Cahyati Wahyuni, librarian of UGM Library Unit I, managed to become the best librarian in the National Selection of Outstanding Academicians. The event was organized by Directorate General of Higher Education from 14-16 August in Jakarta.

In the selection, Nur Cahyati became the winner after beating 60 librarians from several universities in Indonesia, among others, UI, ITS, ITB, and IPB. The runner-up was the librarian of Yogyakarta State University while the third position was the librarian of Stikes Aisyah Yogyakarta. Both are alumni of D-3 of Library and Information System, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences UGM.

Nur Cahyati, who is also PIC of UGM American Corner, did not easily win the selection. Previously, she had to compete with 15 other librarians at UGM to become the best librarian of the university. The victory brought her to compete at the national level. In the early stage, 30 librarians were selected from 60 people and selected again into 15. The selection included administration, presentation of papers, and focus group discussion. "At that time, I presented a paper with the theme Information Literacy," she said on Monday (22/8) at the UGM Library.

The concept of information literacy offered by the lady born in Surakarta, September 2, 1976, included designing and implementing a scholarship program information package for students, library outreach program, digital video conference and web chat in the Library, and also library internship for international students. In addition, it includes designing the standard library operation for library users, technical and administrative matters and American Corner services as well as designing UGM Library activities in 2010/2011.



Talking about the achievement, Nur Cahyati said that she was happy to be the best at the national level. However, during the competition she felt the pressure for promoting the name of UGM at the national level. "Yes, I felt a little burdened because in the previous year, 2009, UGM won the third and the second in 2010. So, many people had hoped that I could be the best in the selection this time. With this result, I am very grateful to be able to meet everyone's expectation," the organizer of Indonesia Librarian Association of Yogyakarta Special Province said.

Her achievement did not burden Nur Cahyati in doing the task because she had performed her best. "In the future I will continue to be like this, trying to excel every time at work, not only in competitions. This spirit will continue in or out of competition," the lady who is active in the Biblio-community and weaving community in Yogyakarta explained.

Head of UGM Library, Drs. Ida Fajar Priyanto, M.A., who became one of the judges in the selection, said that Nur Cahyati's success in this competition because of her superiority in several aspects. Some of these were in terms of visibility, both at home and abroad, and generating real work for the campus community and the public. "Nur Cahyati is diligent in providing guidance and training to libraries in regions for free and also introduces the library to children," Ida Fajar said.

In addition, Nur Cahyati's paper did not only offer a concept, but it has actually been implemented on campus and community environment. "She has presented papers abroad. That is one of her added values that is not owned by other finalists," he added.

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