SURABAYA PUBLIC LIBRARY
THEME: EXPLORE

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ABSTRACT

Reading is a method of study. According to Lasa Hs (2009), reading is an effective way of gathering informations that not only activate one sense but some in one time and more effective than hearing. Reading has not been a culture in Indonesia. According to a survey by UNESCO, Indonesians’ reading interest is the lowest in ASEAN with only 0.01% of Indonesians is interested in reading. A library is actually a right solution to push the number higher in the midst of inability of people to buy books. Unfortunately existed libraries are often seen as unattractive and stiff. This makes people does not consider library as a place to go in spare time. Library has not been able to be a recreational place that is interesting to visit.

Thereby, there is a need to build a modern public library which not only serves as an educational place but also as a recreational public space where citizens can interact with each other and express themselves. Surabaya Public Library is hoped to spark citizens’ interest in reading and urge them to love reading. Surabaya Public Library is planned to be a fun and interesting educational and recreational facility. This library will contain approximately 50000 books. This library is also designed to be not just a common library but also a public place which can serve as a lively citizen center.

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