

Socialization and Assistance in the Utilization of Islamic Digital E-Book Applications as Learning Resources for Religious Counselors at KUA Telukjambe Timur Karawang

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Abstract

The Islamic E-Book digital application which is the result of research in the form of the E-Maktabah digital application must be utilized as much as possible by the community, especially religious instructors who are tasked with teaching and providing Islamic insight lessons for their congregations in various taklim assemblies and mosques. Therefore, this Islamic E-Book digital application must be socialized to religious instructors as a source of learning and reference in increasing Islamic insight as well as assisting in effective and efficient ways of utilizing and using it. Socialization and assistance to religious instructors and the community regarding Islamic Digital Applications, namely E-Maktabah and providing education about studies in Islam is one way out to familiarize the community with continuing to learn through literacy activities that can be done anywhere without the need to create a crowd and suppress the spread of the Covid-19 virus. The activities carried out are as follows: Providing education about the importance of digital literacy and education about studies in Islam contained in the E-Maktabah application, making videos on how to use the E-Maktabah application to facilitate religious and community educators in read digital books wherever and whenever during this pandemic and conduct workshops and direct E-Maktabah assistance for religious instructors at KUA Telukjambe Timur Karawang. The results of the E-Maktabah socialization and mentoring activities show that religious instructors can use and utilize E-Maktabah properly and effectively.

Keywords : Digital Application, Islamic E-Book, Islamic Religious Counselor, E-Maktabah.

INTRODUCTION

In the digital era like today, the existence of e-books will certainly make it easier for users to access the desired reading sources anywhere and anytime. The use of e-books in this digital era has implications for the convenience of everyday human life, especially those related to reading activities (Makdis, 2020). With the development of technology, the world of digitalization has become real in front of humans in this era, where in the past, humans to shop or study had to come to the intended destination, but now humans only live at home or anywhere they can carry out their activities with just the touch of a finger. The convenience of this facility is inseparable from the many Android-based applications (Febriadi et al., 2020).

Law number 6 of 2014 article 86 concerning the Village Development Information System and Rural Area Development. In the third part of Article 86 of the Rural Law concerning Rural Development and Rural Development Information Systems, it is stated that villages have the right to access information through information systems developed by district or city governments (Praseptiawan et al., 2021). The implementation of the law is in the form of digital literacy capabilities in the community which is the most important aspect in supporting the development of their respective regions.

The East Telukjambe Religious Affairs Office (KUA) is located in Perumnas block J, Sukaluyu village, Karawang, serving the community in the religious field which includes marriage/referral services, mosques, halal products, Sakinah families, zakat, endowments, and social services in the Telukjambe Timur area of Karawang. The working area of the East Telukjambe KUA includes 9 villages, namely: Telukjambe, Pinayungan, Sirnabaya, Puseurjaya, Sukaluyu, Sukaharja, Wadas, Sukamakmur and Purwadana villages.

East Telukjambe KUA services to the community in the religious field, especially in the field of community social worship services and mosques are assisted by 10 religious instructors, 2 civil servant religious instructors, and 8 non-civil servant religious instructors who carry out the task of teaching and giving lessons to the community about Islamic studies such as worship, muamalat, interpretation, Hadith, and other Islamic studies.

However, with the closure of houses of worship, markets, and other gathering places, several problems arise in the community, namely: First. The problem of lack of understanding of Religion. Second. Social problem. Third. Mentally. Fourth. Economy problem. Looking at these conditions, it can be assumed that there is a misperception of the community with their own religion, and it is necessary to have scholars, religious literates who are qualified to produce people who have healthy attitudes, mentality, and behavior in the face of pandemics in the future (Nusuki et al., 2020).

Socio-religious institutions oriented to the world of counseling as a forum for religious and religious education, Abdul Jamil described nicely through qualitative research in Denpasar-Bali, in the light of grounded research, Jamil weaves data and facts related to local government programs, especially the Ministry Religion in capacity building and competence of religious instructors. This effort is significant to overcome the problems that plague religious instructors, consisting of completeness of performance that is still very minimal, lack of control, the absence of operational and performance standards that become benchmarks for the effectiveness of guidance and counseling, lack of extension infrastructure and lack of further training which has implications for the poor performance of extension workers (Hasan Basri, 2014).

The religious instructor as stated in the Decree of the Minister of Religion of the Republic of Indonesia Number 791 of 1985 is religious counseling in the context of fostering spirituality, morals, and devotion to God Almighty, as well as explaining all aspects of development through the language of Religion. by the Government to carry out religious and development guidance and direction through religious language to target groups. The Islamic Religious Counselor is the guidance partner of the Directorate General of Islamic Community Guidance as well as the spearhead in carrying out the task of guiding Muslims in achieving quality and physically and mentally prosperous life.

The task of religious instructors, especially Islamic religious educators, is often tasked not only to provide learning but also to provide fatwas or advice to the public on certain matters. The advice in question is an official announcement made by a recognized authoritative organization or individual, issued by a mufti or ulema, in response to or answering questions posed by fatwa seekers (mustafti) without any strings attached. So people who are looking for a fatwa are not subject to the content or law of the fatwa given to them. (Hermawan, 2019, p. 115).

The existence of various challenges of globalization in the industrial era 4.0 and the era of society 5.0, continue to erode the human and religious sides, so certain significant steps are taken to reconstruct the strengthening and renewal more comprehensively to meet the current and future needs of Islamic education (Hermawan et al., 2021).

Religious literacy in addition to fostering interest in reading also trains students to be able to criticize sources of knowledge related to religion or the values that they get in the form of text (books), oral, visual, and digital. Through a deep understanding of the sources of knowledge, one can choose various alternative values and apply them as a form of self-actualization (Nurzakiyah, 2018).

The Islamic digital e-book application, namely e-maktabah, is the result of research that can appear interactively and can be used on multiple devices in a digital e-book application that must be utilized as much as possible by the community, especially religious instructors who are tasked with teaching and providing Islamic insight lessons. for its congregation in various taklim assemblies and mosques. Therefore, this Islamic digital e-book application must be socialized to users as a source of learning and reference in adding Islamic insight as well as assistance on effective and efficient ways of utilizing and using it.

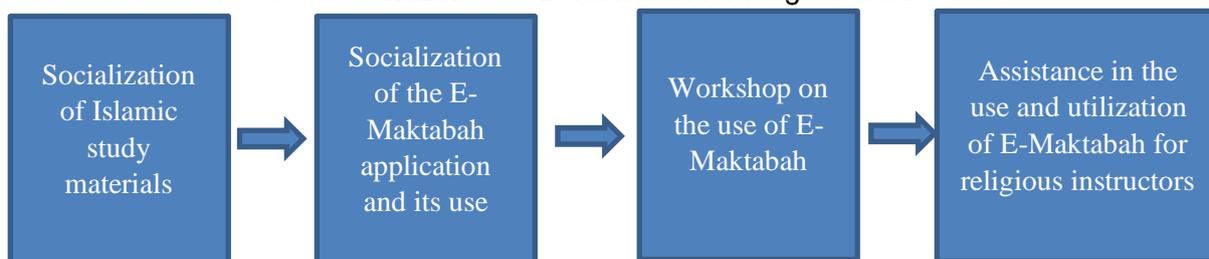
Furthermore, the definition of a digital book according to Abbott and Kelly in Buzzetto (2007:240), explains that: "E-books are simpler than the scanned print version because they can provide readers with some features which include multimedia, hyperlinks, and other interactive

components, search features. , and the ability to customize. resize text or convert text to audio to meet the needs of special readers.” Therefore, e-books encourage readers to be active and independent in how they learn and free them to make the decisions they make through the text (Muhammad et al., 2017).

METHOD

The methods applied in the implementation of community service include:

1. Socialization of Islamic study materials includes;
 - a. Islamic study and study materials
 - b. Islamic study methodology
 - c. Islamic Books in Islamic E-Books
2. Socialization of the E-Maktabah application and its use
3. Workshop on the use of E-Maktabah
4. Assistance in the use and utilization of E-Maktabah for religious instructors



RESULTS

The methods applied in the implementation of community service include:

Community service is an effort to disseminate science, technology, and art to the community. These activities must be able to provide an added value for the community, both in economic activities, policies, and behavior change (social). Describe that service activities have been able to provide changes for individuals/societies and institutions both in the short and long term. The results and outputs achieved from the Community Service activities of socialization and mentoring of E-Maktabah are:

1. E-Maktabah Digital Application as a result of research
2. Islamic books in Islamic E-Books as a source of learning and reference
3. Workshop on the Use of E-Maktabah for Religious Counselors of East Telukjambe KUA as a learning resource.
4. Workshop assistance on the use of E-Maktabah for religious instructors.

The benefits obtained from the results of community service activities can be seen in the table below.

Table 1. Activity Program

NO.	ACTIVITY	RESULT	BENEFIT
1.	Research on Islamic E-Book digital applications	E-Maktabah Digital Application	The E-Maktabah digital application as a personal library for every user that is user friendly and easy to use
2.	Dissemination of material and methodology of Islamic studies	Books in every category and field of Islamic study	Users can download Islamic books as needed in each field
3.	Workshop on the Use and Utilization of E-Maktabah	E-Maktabah Workshop	Users can download E-Maktabah on their respective smartphones
4.	Workshop assistance	E-Maktabah digital application	Users can easily use E-Maktabah and make good use of it

DISCUSSION

Terminology of Islamic studies or Islamic studies in Arabic is a translation of *dirosah Islamiyah* which is interpreted as all discussions and studies related to the Islamic religion. According to the term referring to the formulation of Muhaimin's definition, Abdul Mujib and Mudzakkir said that Islamic Studies is "a conscious and systematic effort to know and understand and discuss in depth about the intricacies or matters related to the religion of Islam, both related to teachings, history, and history. as well as the actual implementation practices in everyday life, throughout its history" (Arifin et al., 1996, p. 85).

Islamic studies as a scientific discipline, of course, have a special object of study, namely the religion of Islam itself. In this context, Dawam Rahardjo, referring to Bernard Lewis, suggests that Islamic studies can reveal three different, but certainly related, things from Islam itself, namely: (1) Islam as a religion or doctrine, which is unfolded. in the revelation of Allah in the form of the Qur'an and As-Sunnah. (2) Islam as theology (and others), as an interpretation of the Qur'an and As-Sunnah, both textual and contextual. (3) Islam is expressed in various forms of civilization (Arifin et al., 1996).

The study of Islam as a scientific discipline, of course, requires a reference source that is relevant to various fields in Islamic studies. Books and books of Islamic studies that became the work of classical and contemporary scholars have spread and spread to various parts of the Islamic world. Even in the digital century and era, Islamic books by these scholars have changed their shape from paper to digital books or electronic books which are shortened to e-books.

The emergence of e-books originated from the idea of an e-reader that came from Bob Brown. After Bob first watched a film with sound in the 1930s called *The Talkies*. From the idea of the film, he had the idea to write a book called *The Readies*. In his book, Brown says the film has outperformed books by creating *The Talkies* as a result, according to him reading should find new media (Erlangga, 2020).

Electronic Books (E-Books) or Digital Books are a source of learning or information sources that are now starting to be in demand by all people in society, both young and old. Islamic e-books are books in a digital form containing various knowledge about the Islamic religion which includes the Qur'an, Al-Hadith, Aqidah, Morals, Shari'ah (Islamic law), dates (history), Islamic figures, etc

The transformation that occurs in the form of the book basically does not affect reading habits, it can even be a change from physical form to digital, it can make people more fond of reading because, in addition to low prices, digital books are also easy to carry and easy to access. The advantages of this digital book include: (a) Complete and light to carry. Easy to store and move, (b) allows searching, (c) equipped with features for adding notes and highlights or bookmarks that make it easier to reference, (d) content can be updated instantly, (e) can be used or available anytime and anywhere (Syafuruddin, 2019).

The digital e-maktabah application is a research digital book that has advantages that can be uploaded on an android smartphone, is lightweight and easy to carry, equipped with additional book features needed by users, especially religious instructors, and can be used as a personal library in increasing knowledge and insight into studies. Islam in various fields of Islamic studies.

The e-maktabah digital application, which can be downloaded and accessed on Android, is easy and user-friendly. It is a personal library that displays categories of Islamic studies from aqidah, hadith, tafsir, fiqh, Sirah, and others. In addition, in this application, users can add or delete books that are relevant to the user's needs.

Efforts to use and utilize the e-maktabah digital application are more optimal, so socialization, workshops, and assistance are carried out. The initial target and target of socialization are religious instructors, especially those who work in the East Telukjambe KUA area. Why religious educators? because the religious instructors as the front line and people who play an important role in the teaching and education of Islamic teachings to the community in mosques and taklim assemblies.

So religious instructors must-have reference sources or references in the field of Islamic studies in supporting their duties and functions in serving and learning Islamic teachings in various fields in Muslim communities and the Digital e-Maktabah application can be a source of learning

for them. in adding insight and knowledge of Islam that refers to Islamic books and books by classical and contemporary scholars.

The socialization and workshop activities began with an explanation of material insights in the field of Islamic studies including aqidah, interpretation, hadith, fiqh, Sirah, and others followed by tutorials on the use of e-maktabah with video media. at KUA Telukjambe Timur Karawang.

Workshop and assistance on the use of e-maktabah by providing ways and steps to take from downloading e-makatabah on android on the available link, downloading Islamic e-book references on the provided google drive link, opening reference sourcebooks, and how to add and remove e-books -books needed in every field of Islamic studies available on the e-maktabah digital application.

The implementation of socialization and workshops on the use of the E-Maktabah digital application as a personal library on smartphones for religious instructors in the KUA area of Telukjambe Timur Karawang is expected to provide great benefits in efforts to educate digital culture by utilizing e-maktabah as a digital personal library that is easily accessible in improving the quality of insight. religion (Islam) for religious instructors.

CONCLUSIONS And RECOMMENDATIONS

E-maktabah is a digital application for personal libraries in the field of Islamic studies that is easy to use by religious instructors as a source of learning and reference to improve self-quality in adding insight and Islamic knowledge concerning the duties, responsibilities, and authorities of religious instructors as resource persons in providing teaching and knowledge. Islam for the Muslim community in mosques and majlis taklim.

The results of the activity are shown by the fact that religious instructors in the East Telukjambe KUA working area have access to and download Islamic E.book references and the E-maktabah digital application as an Islamic digital library on their respective smartphones and can use and utilize them to support their duties as Islamic religious educators.

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APPENDIX

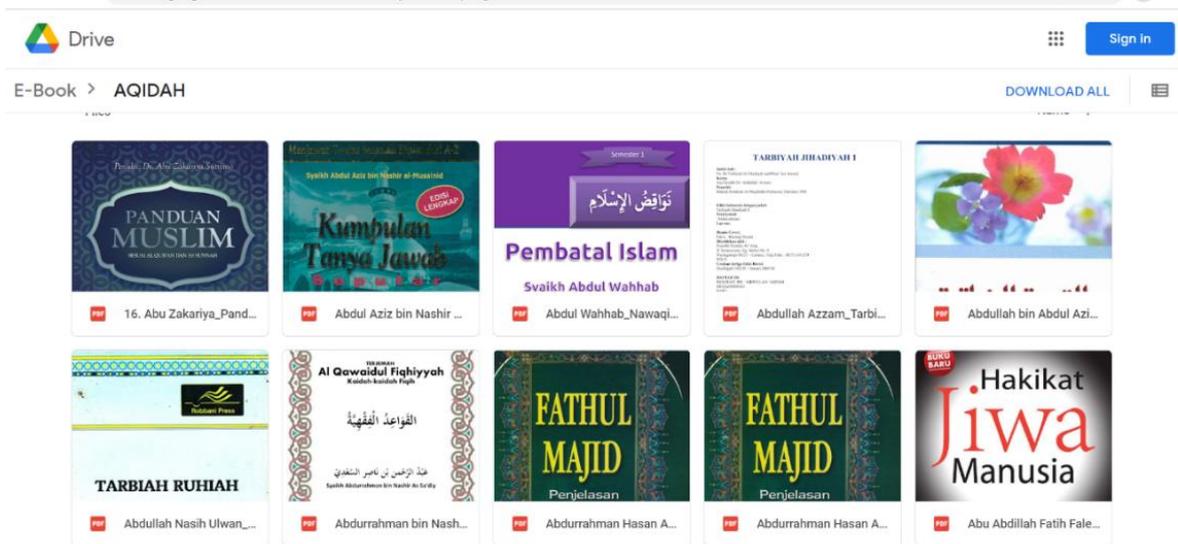


Figure 1. Islamic E-Book in the field of Aqidah



Figure 2. E-Maktabah digital application display

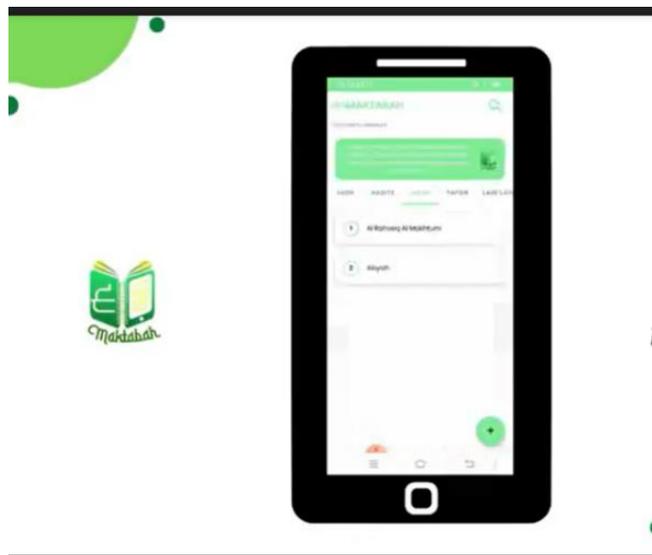


Figure 3. Fields of Islamic studies on E-Maktabah

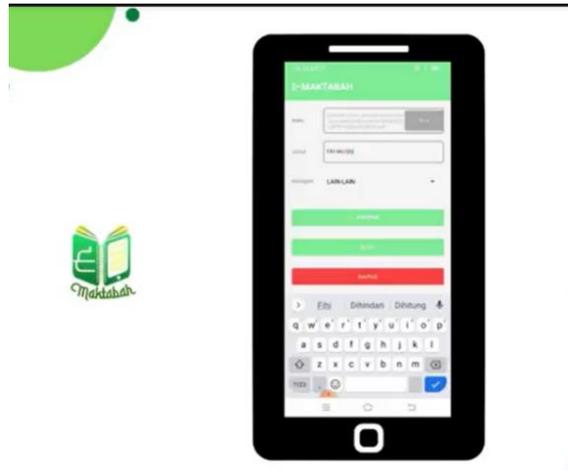


Figure 4. Add and remove features



Figure 5. Socialization and Workshop on the Use of E-Maktabah



Figure 6. Assistance in the Utilization of E-Maktabah