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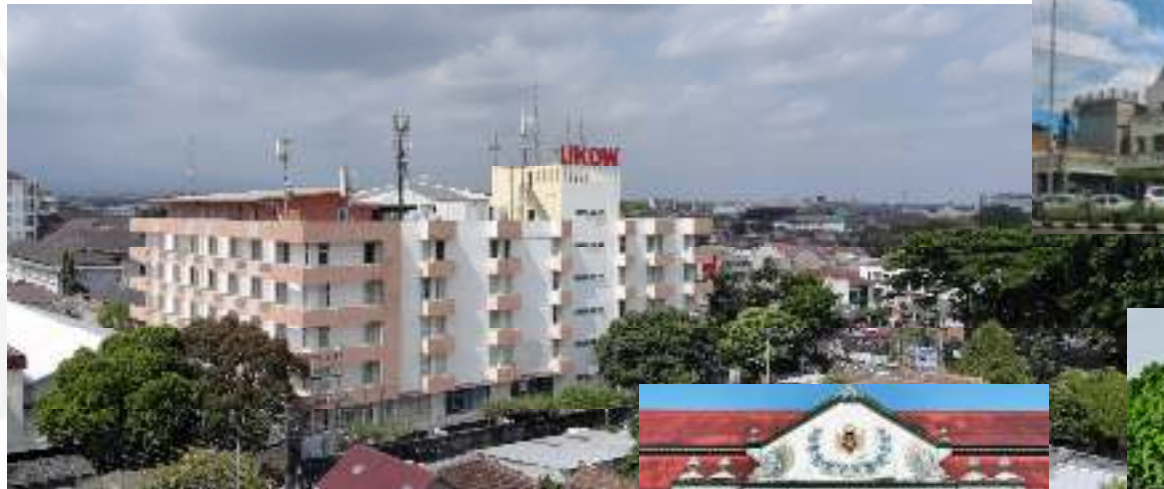
Empowering Young Learners Through ER: The Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) Library Project

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Malioboro



5 minutes
away



Keraton

6 minutes
away

Tugu



3 minutes
away

Gudeg Wijilan



7 minutes
away

The Context

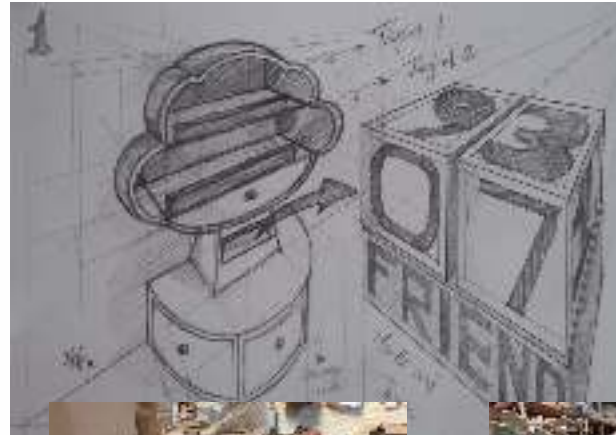
1. English will return to the Indonesian primary curriculum in 2027 (Ministerial Regulation of Education, Culture, Research, and Technology Number 12 of 2024 on the Curriculum)
2. Early exposure to English texts is crucial (Lie, 2023)
3. Challenge: Limited access to English books in schools

The Problems

1. School libraries lack leveled English readers.
2. School libraries has not provided appealing corner for English book.
3. Students exposed only to unleveled, difficult English texts.
4. English teachers face difficulties integrating reading into lessons.

The Collaboration

1. Partnership between:
English Language
Education Study
Program &
Product Design Study
Program Universitas
Kristen Duta Wacana
Yogyakarta
2. Aim: Design both
books and space for
reading



DEAR English Reading Corner

1. “Drop Everything and Read” initiative
2. Installed at Bopkri Gondolayu Primary School library
3. Equipped with:
 - 50 leveled English readers
 - Custom-designed bookshelf
 - Activity book for librarian and teacher



The Thematic Organization

Virtues in Merdeka Curriculum

1. Unity in Diversity
2. Healthy Body and Mind
3. Sustainable Living
4. Voice of Democracy
5. Entrepreneurship



The Program Goals

1. Enhance students' exposure to English texts
2. Cultivate a habit of extensive reading
3. Assist teachers in using graded readers in lessons



Drop Everything & Read

Book Series 5: Entrepreneurship

Penerbit: Duta Wacana University Press



The Activities

1. Silent reading time
2. Story sharing
3. Teacher-guided reading
4. Small group discussions



Picture & Sentence Match	10
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Book Soundtrack	12
Story Puzzle	13
Who Said This?	14
Book Trail	15
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Next Steps

1. Add high quality readers
2. Continue reading
3. Potentially primary

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Drop Everything & Read

Book Series 4:

Voice of Democracy

Penerbit: Duta Watana University Press



Initial Evaluation (a month after)

Librarian

Regular visitors

Children-friendly
bookshelf

Better reading habit

Useful activity book

Motivated readers



Initial Evaluation (a month after)

English
Teacher

Useful for teaching
material

Better
comprehension

EFL learners
friendly

Useful activity book



Drop Everything & Read

Book Series 2:

Healthy Body and Mind

Penerbit: Duta Wacana University Press



The students and their new English story books



DEAR English Corner

1. DEAR Reading Corner = simple, sustainable solution
2. Supporting curriculum 2027 and lifelong reading habits



Thank you!

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