

Code of Ethics for Librarians

With God's blessing, Indonesia has reached its independence on August 17, 1945.

In the framework of achieving the aim of national independence, which is to create equal prosperity in society and continuous material and spiritual growth, Indonesian citizens, who are competent in the different fields, including librarians, who loyal and obey to Panca Sila, the five basic principles of the Republic of Indonesia and the Constitution of 1945, are needed.

The librarians, who agreed to be united in a professional organisation, Ikatan Pustakawan Indonesia, the Association of Indonesian Librarians, with supreme and sincere intention, devote themselves by giving library service, documentation and information with purpose to upgrade the knowledge and prosperity of society, nation and country.

In awareness of their existence and of their role in society, the Association of Indonesian Librarians herewith states the code ethics for librarians.

Chapter I

Definition of librarian

The librarian is an individual, who carries out the activities of the library's functions, documentation and information, by giving service to the society according to the range of duty of the main organisation, based on his/her own knowledge of library, documentation and information science obtained through the education.

Chapter II

Common duties

1. Every Indonesian librarian should be fully aware that the profession of librarians is a profession, which mainly carries out educational tasks and research.
2. Every Indonesian librarian in performing their profession should care for dignity and moral and give priority to obey the nation and the country.
3. Every Indonesian librarian must appreciate and love Indonesian identity and culture.
4. Every Indonesian librarian use his/her knowledge for the benefit of human fellowship, society, nation and religion.
5. Every Indonesian librarian should respect the secrecy of the information of personal character, received from servicing the society.

Chapter III

Duties to the organisation and profession

1. To upgrade science profession development among librarians, every Indonesian librarian should make the Association of Indonesian Librarians a forum for cooperation, a place for consultation, and a place for personal training.
2. For the interest of science development and of librarians in Indonesia, every Indonesian librarian should contribute with energy, thought and funds to the organisation.
3. By holding high the good name of the Association of Indonesian Librarians, every Indonesian librarian should keep away from all acts, expressions and attitudes, which could damage the organisation and the profession.