

The Junior Writer Group at Bogor Agricultural University

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Unsymilar with other gangs in general, the Gangs in the Bogor village of Dramaga District is a group of primary school children around the campus who are interested in the learning how to write. This geng is noted as the "Geng Pencil" (penulis cilik = junior writers). Geng Pencil was formed by five students of Bogor Agricultural University (IPB) through the Program Kreativitas Mahasiswa (Student Creativity Program - PKM), which is funded by the Directorate General of Higher Education in 2011. The group meets every Thursday and Saturday at the Head Office of the Village Hall. The Hall of the Village Head Office is selected as so far there is no school library. The basic for the establishment of this program as those students realized that the village library has been developed, it is lack of both facilities and resources, therefore, the village library does not functioning well. The 5 (five) dstudents who are committed to design the program and assist the village children are, Ludyah Annisah (team leader-20), Muhjah Fauziyah (20), Qiyamuddin Robbani (20), Rudi Hartomo (19), and Septian Maulana (20), under the supervision of Dr. Ir. Dwi Hastuti, M.Sc, faculty member of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, Faculty of Human Ecology. They have initiated the existence of the village library of Dramaga village, as the media for reading habit and writing through SMART Learning methods.

The method of SMART (Social, Morally, Active, Responsible and Think) learning is edualternatif, it is the child's motor development for primary school children. The method is designed to stimulate children's brain works in developing their potential and creativity, especially in developing their imagination. This method encourage children to develop themselves with the 3 (three) ways learning concept, namely visual, audio, and kinesthetic. All those three are relevance and influencetial in the implementation of the SMART learning method. Of course, the delivery concept has been designed in accordance with the needs of children, mostly through educational games. Some of the games that will be carried out are wall of story, story cards, play your character, and much more.

We hope Geng Pencil will be utilized as an active means of communication for younger students and will be able to produce junior writers with their sophisticated products ", said Ludyah. (Wied).