CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background

Batik I Senior High School of Surakarta is located in Surakarta, Central Java. It is considered as one of the best senior high schools in Surakarta. Geographically it is surrounded by several educational institutions such as Batik I Junior High School, Batik Vocational School, Academy of Medical of Muhammadiyah and Primary Education of Sebelas Maret University.

Based on the early study that conducted by the researcher, it has approximately 610 students whose taught by more than 30 teachers with different subjects. It can be seen that the proportion between students and teacher is imbalance. Thus both teacher and student should be smart in fulfilling their needs of knowledge. It is not only supported by teacher who has competency but it is supported by good facilities as well. One of the facilities that available in Batik I Senior High School is library, where the students may utilize it in satisfying or even developing their knowledge through self discovery in library as the supporting media in teaching learning process to achieve the goals in education that proposed.

School library is an essential component that cannot be separated from parent institution. As a heart of an institution, school library takes a vital position in supporting facility that helps both teacher and students to develop their
knowledge. Indeed, it is not only a part of building in a school but also it is a place that provides so much useful information in learning process.

Library has become an integrated system to support learning activity. It means the operational of a library should be in accordance with the vision and mission of a school by facilitating relevant and actual information for the user. The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) recognize this fact and assert that libraries are indispensable to the functioning of institution and the achievement of their academic missions. Accordingly a library exists to assist the academic, researcher, or student in the process of self-discovery, adoption of high ideals life, the improvement of scholastic efficiency through self-study and the development of capacity for critical thinking.

The presence of library in an institution has and will always play significant roles. It is needed for research, teaching and learning as well. It gives teacher and students as well some opportunities to broaden and deepen their knowledge by reading books. Library provides several materials that might be useful in increasing teaching learning quality. By the presence of library, it gives a hope to enlarge students reading habit. Thus, a library as a source of information in a school should be well organized professionally in order to achieve the goals that proposed.

However, the reality on library especially in Indonesia is still far away from being good. There are several factors which causing it whether from internal or even external of the school that appear in managing library such as the quality of
library human resource which is still poor, the incompleteness library collection, unsatisfied services and also the room design that unstructured and uncomfortable. These are considered as the problems that diminish the students’ interest in utilizing the library.

Based on the research background above, the researcher is interested in conducting a research on *Library Management at Batik I Senior High School of Surakarta*.

**B. Problem Statement**

Based on the previous description, this study has a focus on how Batik I Senior High School in managing their library to be well functioned. The focus is elaborated into four sub-focuses.

1. How is the human resource management in Batik I Senior High School library?
2. How is the management of collections in Batik I Senior High School library?
3. How is the management of service in Batik I Senior High School library?
4. How is the room design in Batik I Senior High School library?

**C. Research Objectives**

This study has four purposes:

1. To describe human resource management in Batik I Senior High School library.
2. To describe the management of collection in Batik I Senior High School library.
3. To describe the management of service in Batik I Senior High School library.

4. To describe the room design in Batik I Senior High School library.

D. Significance of Research

1. Theoretical Benefit

   This study is expected to provide clear information about school library management in facilitating students and teachers need.

2. Practical Benefit

   a. For school

      The result of this study can give a real picture for other school in managing the school library in facilitating students and teachers need.

   b. For the administrator

      The result of this study can give some ideas to manage the library.

   c. For further research

      The result of this study can be used as a reference for further studies.