**Introduction:**

The aim of this qualitative study was to analyze the process of transforming knowledge into wisdom with Grounded theory approach. In this research, we aimed to understand the meaning of knowledge and wisdom, the ways how to transform knowledge into wisdom, obstacles and strategies to facilitate and accelerate access to wisdom and its useful role on the life and the role of books, libraries and librarians in transformation of knowledge into wisdom, which was surveyed and analyzed.

**Research Method:**

This is a qualitative study with grounded theory based on Strauss & Corbin model (1998) that found related processes systematically. To collect data we used deep interview method with 22 participants that were selected through specific criteria including 17 men (77.28%) and 5 women (22.72%) from Theran, Mashhad, Isfahan, Mazanderan and Birjand cities who were clear sighted in the subject. The interviews were recorded by a reporter voice recorder. When the interviews were ended in each stage, they were implemented and analyzed with three coding stages of Strauss & Corbin model (1998), open, axial and selective coding. The themes (concepts), core categories derived from the interviews texts were written in the related tables.

**Results:**

After analyzing data, some core categories with their related sub-categories were gained such as: 1. How knowledge was transformed into wisdom 2. Obstacles and challenges the process was faced with 3. The way and strategies that could facilitate and speed up the process, 4. The role of wisdom on life style, and 5. The role of book, library and librarians on the process of knowledge transforming into wisdom from the participants point of view and also the true meanings for the two major variables, Knowledge and Wisdom, were found that were necessary for research process.

**Conclusion:**

After the necessary survey and analysis on the obtained data and the categories formed, different cores categories were appeared again that eventually led to the final core category that was in reality the heart of theory that was formed. The final core category or the major phenomenon in total and finally titled "The process of transforming knowledge into wisdom" was emerged consisting of several related sub-components.

Based on core and sub-categories, and finding effective strategies and the methods for solving the problems

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