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Libraries for Children and Young Adults IFLA Section

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3. DESCRIPTION:

Subject:

 \square access

activities

□ architecture

■ reading promotion

 \square staff

Age group:

- **■** children services
- **■** young adult services

Briefly describe the "best practice", or the program, project, activity that is new and promising! The text should not exceed 150 words or 800 characters in length.

Activities at Fukuoka Prefectural Public Library, Japan --- To deliver books to children---

The Children's Library Section at Fukuoka Prefecture's Public Library was established on the 1st floor of an annex as a separate space. There are information rooms for parent & child and for children only, a story-hour room, a research corner and a multipurpose room around the main reading room. Children are able to use these rooms freely and without restriction.

Aiming to hand a memorable book to as many children as possible we select books by checking them ourselves. Full-time librarians are responsible for book selection, direct service and management of story-hours in believing the power of books. We try to understand the children's real feeling and interest for reading.

In addition to the direct services we support public and school libraries of cities, towns and villages in our prefecture. We provide book-sets for schools, book-lists for public and school libraries. We hold children's book seminar for librarians. We also send our staff to lecture at seminars organized by municipalities.

(Ms.Ritsuko Kawai: Director of planning and cooperation)

4. This Form should be accompanied by one **photo in *.jpg format** and sent by e-mail or by regular mail to the Section's officer:

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