



1. INSTITUTION INFORMATION:

<http://www.city.yokohama.jp/me/kyoiku/library/index.html>

2. NAME AND POSITION OF THE CONTACTPERSON WHO SENDS THE FORM

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3. DESCRIPTION:

Subject :

access

activities

architecture

reading promotion

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.

Children's Services at the Yokohama City Libraries, Japan

1. New Book Selection

Librarians in charge of the children's book selection gather from 18 libraries in Yokohama City once a week, each bringing evaluation sheets for books they have read. They then discuss the books and make a final evaluation to help in the purchasing books for each library. Plural numbers of librarians write evaluation sheets for the same book to try to make the decisions objective.

2. Story Hour

There are several kinds of story hours for different age groups. Nursery rhymes, reading aloud easy picture books, picture shows for smaller children with their guardians and reading aloud picture books and storytelling for older children.

Librarians go to schools to enact such activities for children.

3. Seminars for volunteers

Libraries hold seminars of reading aloud and storytelling for volunteers who are doing activities in schools or in their local communities.

Many people apply for the seminars on book selection, reading aloud and storytelling. In addition to the guest lecturers librarians work as lecturers.

(Ms.Hiromi Sugiura: librarian in Yokohama City Central Library)

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:

See the Section's officers' addresses at: <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s10/index.htm#Addresses>

