Towards a Library Where Librarians Are a Community Hub Connecting People

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My childhood: Hungry for information

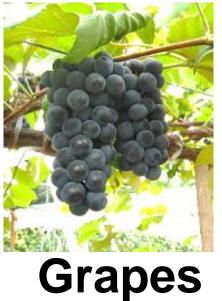


Shiwa Iwate, Japan



33,000 residents

My job was building a new library in Shiwa.





Wine



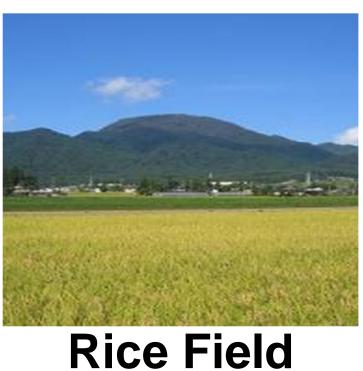






Vegetables





The town's problems:
✓ Young people are leaving.
✓ Farmers are getting old.
✓ It's getting hard to keep businesses going.

9 years ago The town decided to develop unused land.





The development gave the area new life.

We value communication, debate issues, exchange ideas, and discuss how we can help.

When we plan a small exhibit:
✓ Set an agenda (theme)
✓ Look for people who are familiar with the subject
✓ Go out and listen to their stories

Get them involved in the exhibit

We heard too few people work in the forestry industry, but Shiwa town has a policy of circulating all of its resources.







We found there are young people who dedicated their lives to forests.





We went out to hear their stories and learned they actually enjoy the work!

Cool uniforms





Effective tools

Library display shows their life Encourages people to join the industry







Library visitors see actual people and actual culture of the town via the display.

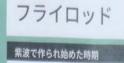
A fly fishing rod made by a new craftsman in the town





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1999年、宇田清さん、石川寛樹さん2名で設立

作っている人

宇田さん:竹の釣竿の設計、製造 石川さん:カーボンの釣竿の設計、製造 仁平さん:組立、仕上げ

入手できる場所

工場での直版、オンライン、釣り具専門店。北海道〜沖縄、北米、欧州にもユー ザーがいる。

制作背景

ノウハウなく、ゼロからのスタート。たくさんの試行、失敗を重ねて、評価されて いる今の製品たちがあります。自分達は本当にいいものを作りたいと思っているか ら、紫波にいる。流通などを考えたら東京は便利だけれど、本来道具は、使う場所 で生まれてきたものだから、その場所でものをつくるのが自然なことだと思う。漢 流が身近にある紫波だからこそ生み出されるものがある。

関連情報

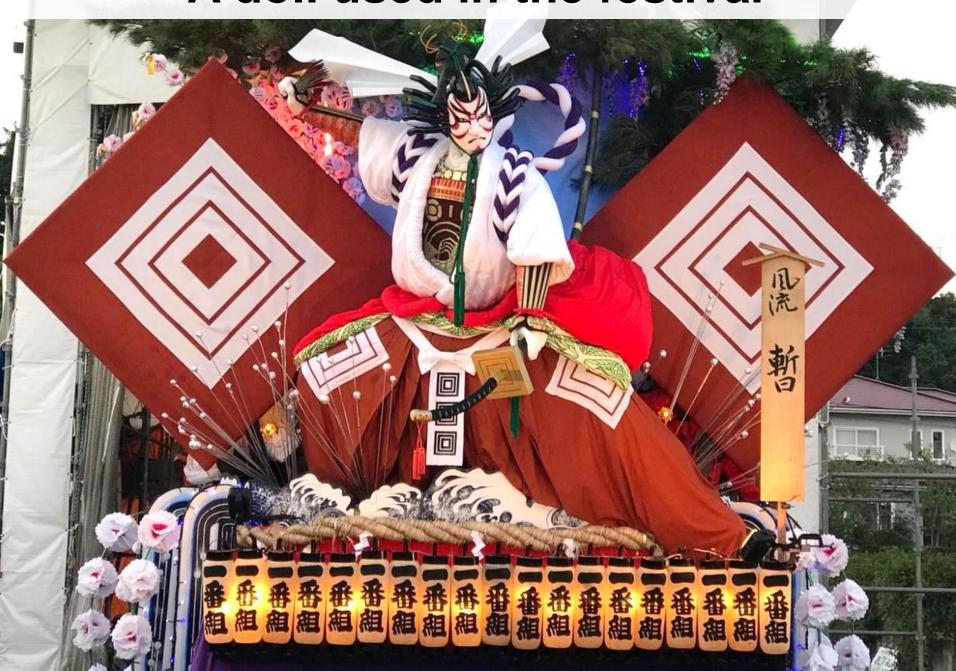
・カムパネラのロッドの特徴は、アクション(調子、竿がどこで曲がるか)が日本の釣り場に合っていること。紫波町は深流が身近で、試作から川でのテスト、製品に反映するまでのタイムラグがないから実現できる。
・仕上がりがきれい、使い心地が良いと評価されている。自分たち職人も釣り人で

あり、本当にいいものが何かを知っているから。釣りを知らないかもしれない人が 集まる工場で作られた製品とは違うところ。



Library displays actual goods and info about related people and books.

A doll used in the festival





In the library, they can show their elaborate work to the townspeople for a much longer time.

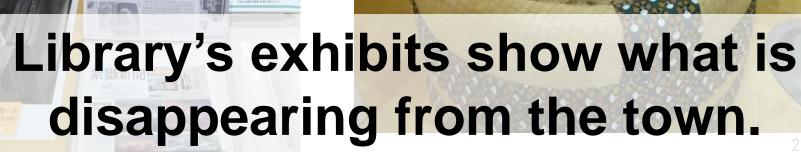


Involving people in exhibits makes them become friends of the library.

Look for Designs in Shiwa

三川東道町日日

These designs are our town's identity



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10 times / a year 60 times / 6 years





Librarians become databank of the town

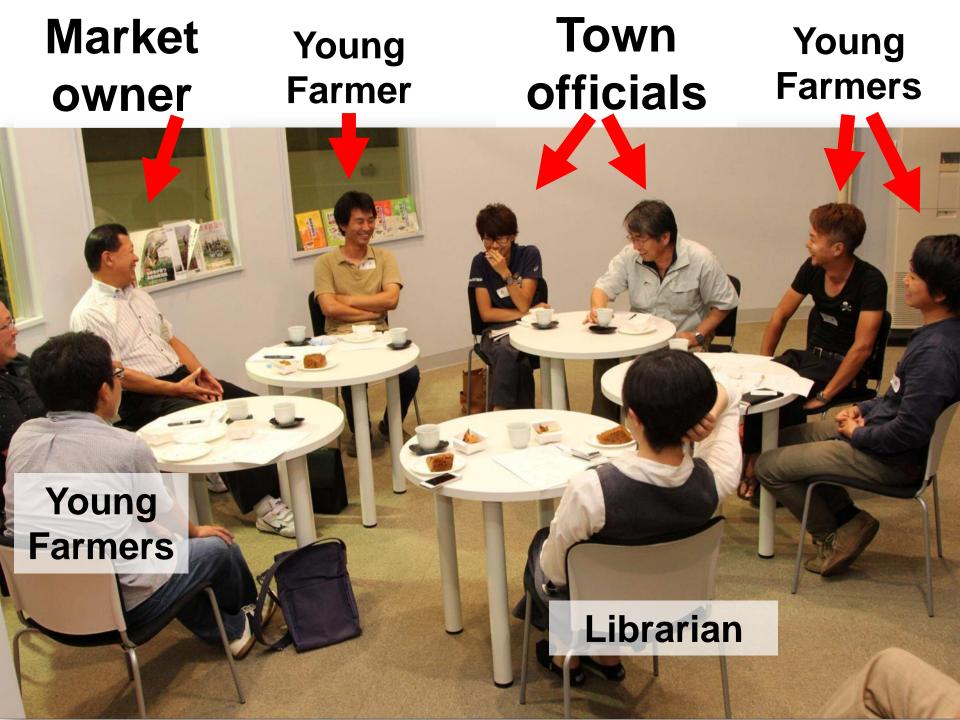


Provide better reference services to the users Better understand issues we face as a town

We directly connect people with people



We invite young farmers who are growing different veggies and crops to gather in the library.



Visit to rural area to support farmers





There was an easier way. Learning made farming more enjoyable.



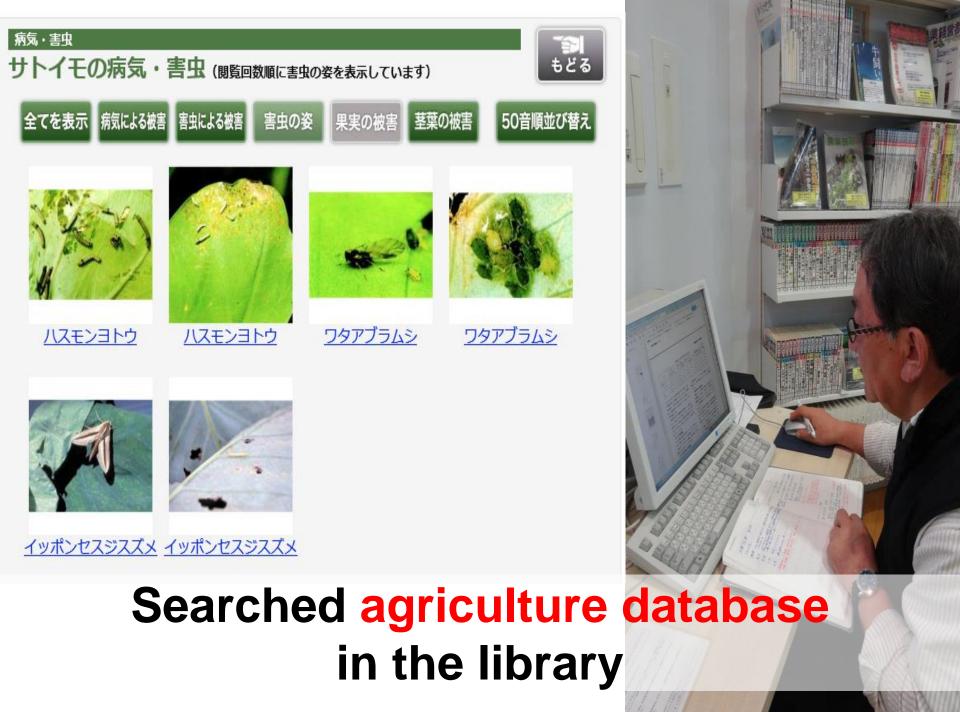
Introducing the library and books "Why don't you come?"

"How to get rid of the insects on a taro leaf?"

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Librarians telling stories

Craft Beer Festival



Event for adults who cannot come to the library during the daytime



People enjoy stories, thinking about issues, and rediscovering the community.

Librarians as a community hub We are always there for people in Shiwa.





Leave no one behind Meet every single person in town Connect them to what they need Ensure they belong to the community



People attached to the town Care about the community Proud of living here



Connecting townspeople as a hub of the community





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