The Exhibitions of 2019 IBBY Selection of Books for Young People with Disabilities

Report from JBBY

Due to COVID 19 measures, it will be difficult to hold exhibitions in any country now. JBBY (Japan IBBY) plans to host the exhibition of the 2019 IBBY Selection of Books for Young People with Disabilities at about 10 places. Some exhibitions have been canceled, but the exhibition is currently being held at the International Children's Library the National Diet Library.

This time all books are displayed in glass cases to prevent infection. Although visitors cannot handle and read the books, they can get information about books for children with disabilities around the world, because the books are opened the notable pages.

Braille experience corners are installed in 3 separate places so that people are not crowded.
JBBY sets the following items in addition to IBBY's books.

- Captions with accompanying Braille
- Explanatory panels
- Catalog (original version/Braille version/Japanese translated version)
- Audio service (using the Touch Memo digital voice labeler on Captions and Explanatory panels)
- Translation of books into Japanese (3 books)

This exhibition is designed so that the organizer can sterilize after people touch these braille captions or the stickers for transliteration.

Regarding the number of visitors, this time the average is about 100 people per day. The previous Exhibition of the 2017 Selection was about 305 people per day on average, so compared to that, the number of visitors is one-third.

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