

A Big Reading Room in a Small Village:

the Renovation Projects of Taiwan Public Libraries



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小地方大書房：臺灣公共圖書館的空間再造成果

Taiwan Government launched a four-year project entitled the Project for Improving Reading Environment and Facilities of Public Libraries (hereafter "the Project") to renovate village/town libraries from 2009 to 2012. In four years, there are 143 village/town libraries completed their renovation.

從2009到2012年，政府在進行了一項為期4年的「公共圖書館閱讀環境與設備升級補助專案計畫」，為各地公共圖書館進行空間改善。4年間共有143所圖書館獲得這項補助。

The Project received positive responses from statistical data, librarians and patrons. It reveals that the average frequency of patron library visits per month after renovations is higher than before the project began, jumping from 1.44 times to 2.06 times. Also, time spent in the library by patrons increased from 2.44 hours to 3.11 hours. The results also indicate that patron satisfaction has greatly increased, with the highest satisfaction coming from children areas, youth areas, new collection display areas, and self-study areas. Furthermore, an improved reading atmosphere is the primary positive result of the Project.

依據統計數據，以及館員、讀者的回饋，均為正面的回應，例如讀者每個月到圖書館的次數，由改造前的1.44次增加到2.06次；在圖書館的時間也從2.44小時拉長到3.11小時。讀者的滿意程度也大幅提升，其中以兒童區、青少年區、新到館藏展示區和自修室的滿意度為最高。具體而言，整體閱讀氛圍的提升是最重要的成果。

