Seeds Training for Promoting e-Resources: a Model of Public Libraries in Taiwan

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Background
To encourage resource sharing and narrow the digital divide in rural and urban areas in Taiwan, the National Library of Public Information (NLPI) established "e-Resource Promotion Group (ERPG)" in 2011.

Problems in Public Libraries (PLs)
There are 528 public libraries in Taiwan and they meet the same problems:
- Limited budget
- Lack of trained librarians
- Lack of sufficient staff

The missions of e-Resource Promotion Group (ERPG)
To promote e-resources by conducting seeds training

Solutions
Seed Teachers Training Model

NLPI Staff
ERPG Members
Public Librarians
School Teachers
Volunteers

32 trainers trained
23,700 seed teachers trained
600,000 users influenced

Results
Training programs held in the PLs of Taiwan

More than 500 training programs held since 2011

Types of e-resource training programs conducted by NLPI

Held Outside-NLPI
Held Inside-NLPI
e-Learning Materials

Amount of e-resource training programs held inside-library and outside-library

Categories of participants in e-resource programs

Teacher 2%
Student 4%
Librarian 59%
Chaper 16%
Volunteer 10%
General User 10%