Library makes the dementiafriendly community where everyone lives happily



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Number of Dementia Patients in Japan

MINISTRY OF HEALTH, LABOUR, AND WELFARE (2012)

5 Million

Expected to reach 7M people by 2025

Around 1 out of 5 people 65 + years of age is affected

Dementia is a common disease that can affect anyone

Tottori Prefecture

Population: 560,852 people (as of Aug 1, 2018) *1

Least populated prefecture in Japan

Population 65 years old & above: 30.4 % *2

Elderly population ratio #1 in Japan



*1) "Tottori Prefecture Population Estimate" Tottori Prefecture Regional Development Department

*2) "Annual Report of population Estimates"
10.01.16 Statistic Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs
and Communications

Tottori Prefecture





4 cities, 14 towns, and one village 30 neighborhood libraries in total

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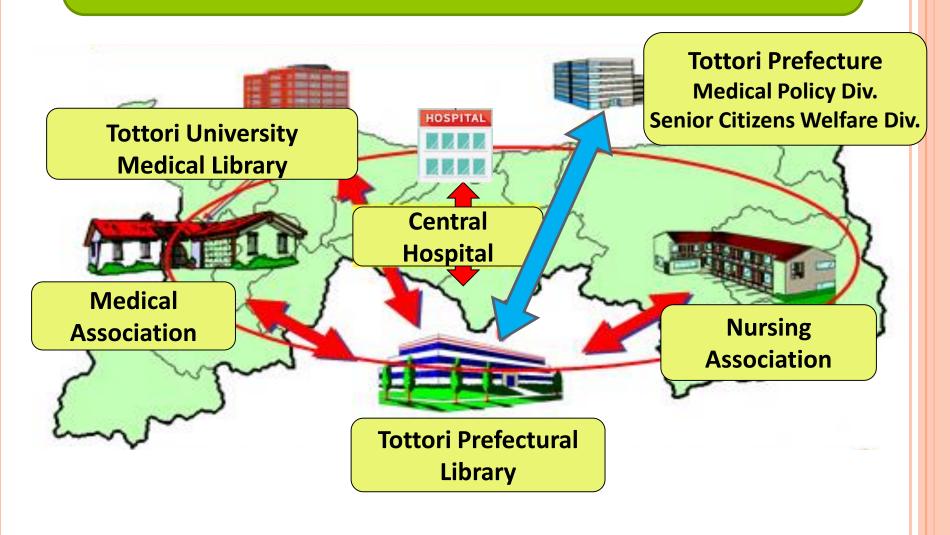
Tottori Prefectural Library's Medical Treatment and Health Information Services

Set up 2006 External Reviewing Committee



- Two Patients Associations
- Tottori Medical Association
- Tottori Nursing Association
- Tottori University Library
- Tottori Prefecture Medical Policy Division
- Etc.

Tottori Medical Treatment and Health Information Service Network



Our activities

1. Setting up a special corner



in the Library

- 2. Training staff to be dementia supporters
- 3. Promoting "Reading Aloud" classes
- 4. Supporting dementia patients and families
- 5. Getting everyone involved

1. Special Corner in the Library Medical Treatment and Health Information



Developed reliable collection with the help of external review group

books,
databases,
info. of
patients
groups, etc.

1. Special Corner in the Library Books on "Living with Illness"



Accounts of sufferers and their families.

Categorized by disease name.

1. Special Corner in the Library Dementia Related Exhibits



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2. Training Staff to Be Dementia Supporters

People with Dementia visiting the Library

- √ Yell at librarians
- ✓ Ask the same question over and over

Training helped us understand:



- **■** How dementia patients are feeling.
- **■** How we should interact with them.
- **■** How we should deal with difficult situations.

2. Training Staff to Be Dementia Supporters

In 2010, 31 attendees
In 2017, 44 attendees
(All staff of the Prefectural Library and some from neighborhood libraries)



All attendees received an orange wristband

Symbol of supporters
Wearers offer support to dementia
patients and their families

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Community Centers





Spreading outside the Library







Started the "Tottori Reading Aloud Forum" in 2017

Initiative by Tottori Prefectural Library.

Asked Tottori University to research how effective the reading aloud classes are.

Tottori University worked with a nursing home to carry out the research.



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"Reading Aloud" has been proven to be effective for dementia prevention.

出して読む「音読」。県立図書館で 昔話や詩、名作文学などを声に

域 アセン

音読で認知症を予防

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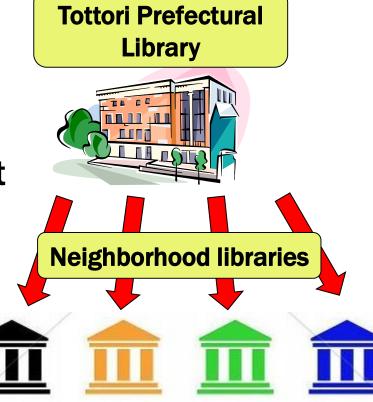
and their families



5. Getting everyone involved

4. Support Dementia sufferers & their Families

Worked with the "Dementia Patients and Family Support Group" since 2006



NEWSLETTER OF DEMENTIA PATIENTS SUPPORT GROUP



Information on how to join the patient support group and proceeding reports from the group are valuable.



4. Support Dementia sufferers & their Families

Doctor's Lecture on "Using library materials to practice the reminiscence method"

> Use old photos, school books, picture books, and other historical materials

Jointly organized by the prefectural library and neighborhood libraries



4. Support Dementia sufferers & their Families

ORANGE NETWORK TOTTORI 2019 WORKSHOP PLANNED FOR JULY!

- Dementia sufferers and their families
- Dementia support group members
- Professionals in the field
- Librarians

Discuss how to develop a dementia-friendly society

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5. Getting Everyone Involved

Orange Café (Dementia Café)
July 1, 2018



Tottori Prefectural Library Courtyard

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People got the opportunity to hear the story of a patient who authored "It's OK to get dementia!

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RUN TOMO Tottori 2018

Dementia patients, their families, support personnel, librarians, and the general public took part in a relay race





At the finish line, the Library displayed related books and materials:

- Diaries written by dementia patients
- OHome care center information
- Library brochures

Let's make a dementia-friendly community!





THANK YOU!







Tottori Prefectural Library

Library of the Year 2006 2016





