

# Digi-Tosho-Shinshu

## —Digital Library Co-operated by the all local municipalities and Nagano Prefecture

Nagano Prefecture



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**Context (background, objectives)**

Considering recent events including the COVID-19 pandemic, Nagano Prefecture recognised the need to introduce an e-book service to provide sustainable services even under emergency circumstances, and to promote the digitalisation of school education and take measures in accordance with the Reading Barrier-Free Act.

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**Details (project outline, etc.)**

The Nagano prefectural government and all municipalities in Nagano Prefecture joined forces to build a digital library and launch an e-book service that is accessible to all prefectural residents anytime, anywhere. The content fees are borne by the municipalities based on their respective populations, while the prefectural government covers the system costs.

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**Results (features and innovations, future developments, etc.)**

This is the first project of its kind in Japan that involves all municipalities from across a single prefecture. The service is operated by an operating committee, which is comprised of all municipalities. Subcommittees are responsible for user registration, book selection, public relations and systems and teams responsible for coordination with schools, accessible reading, original content creation and target setting and evaluation, with each organisation promptly addressing issues in their area of responsibility. Future challenges include further increasing its usage and improvement of content.

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