



WONJU'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Book drive-thru in Wonju

With the closure of libraries caused due to the COVID-19, Wonju (Republic of Korea), a UNESCO Creative City of Literature, launched the initiative 'Book drive-thru', designed to continue lending books to citizens and insatiable readers.

Based on the concept of 'drive-thru' services, the initiative enables people to have access to books and literature without leaving their cars and respecting physical distancing measure. Via the Wonju City Central Library website, inhabitants can search and select up to six books to borrow at a time. They can then drive to the Central Library and pick up these books from the staff present at the library entrance.

Towards greater inclusiveness, those aged 65 or above, and persons with lack of digital access or knowledge are offered the option to phone the library to reserve their books.

Instituted in mid-March, this readers-friendly initiative will continue until the reopening of the libraries. The local government of Wonju through this initiative highlights the importance and contribution of literature in not only helping people find tranquility during these trying times but also new ways to revitalize its intangible cultural heritage.

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