The Great East Japan Earthquake and Libraries

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World hypocenter distribution

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Rikuzentakata City Library (left) and Museum (right) in Iwate prefecture
photo by Kokushikan Project of Cultural Heritage Studies

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Activities Supporting Reconstruction 1

**Salvaging Damaged Materials:**
- “The Cultural Property Rescue Programme”
  - consists of the Agency for Cultural Affairs, national museums, academic societies, the board of education in stricken areas, the NDL, and others.
  - dispatches specialists to rescue damaged materials
- Support activities by the NDL:
  - own field investigation
  - technical advice and instruction to salvage damaged materials

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Salvage treatment by neighborhood librarians at Noda Village Library, Iwate Prefecture

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Support for the Restoration of Libraries and Reading Environments in Stricken Area:

- “Help-Toshokan” (*Toshokan means “Libraries”) by the Japan Library Association
- Support by many associations and libraries
  - Dispatching volunteers to support restarting library services
  - Providing needed materials
  - Distributing books to evacuation centers
  - Donating automobiles for “mobile library” etc...
Support of Stricken Area Through Library Services:

- Request for time-limited restriction on the right of public transmission to afflicted area via the Internet
- Providing free access to e-books and e-journals in afflicted areas for a limited time
Internet Portal Sites for Supporting Affected Libraries:

- "saveMLAK"
  - opening a support portal website to provide information by museums, libraries, archives, community centers and supporters

http://savemlak.jp/

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Building a Digital Archive of the Great East Japan Earthquake 1

- We aim at:
  - 1- Establishing a Portal
  - 2- Web Archiving
  - 3- Long-term Preservation
The NDL announces info page of Great East Japan Earthquake archive

Conclusion

Three important points:
1. Earthquake-resistant measures for facilities
2. Building a cooperative framework among libraries
3. Establishing first a collaborative relationship with museums to restore and preserve damaged materials