



Seoul Outdoor Library

The world's first model where the concept of the library space is expanded from the inside a building to the outdoor space.





Why was the innovation developed



COVID-19 testing center

Seoul Metropolitan Library



Seoul Outdoor Library





Gwanghwamun Square





Cheonggye Stream

The needs for safe social space and the citizens' desire for culture and rest increased as people experienced depression and social disconnection after COVID-19. The square in front of Seoul Metropolitan Library has turned into Seoul Outdoor Library, a space for citizens in 2022. It is an innovative model that expands the space of the library from the inside a building to the outdoor space. Seoul Outdoor Library has been expanded to various spaces at Seoul in 2023.

What makes Seoul Outdoor Library innovative



An innovative library model

01 As the world's first model to extend the library space from the inside a building to outdoors, it represents a new library that consistently operates year-round rather than hosting one-time events like ordinary libraries.

>> It's the world's first sustainable outdoor library, operating continuously.

02 The outdoor library is a building-free library that minimizes carbon emissions associated with construction and operation. Citizens who interact with nature also become aware of the importance of the environment.

>> It's an eco-friendly library that minimizes carbon emissions.

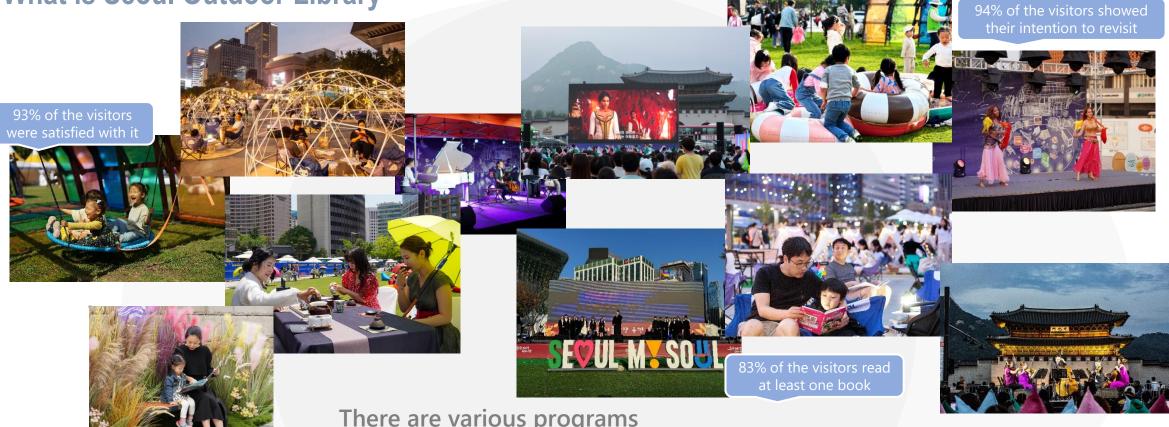
03 It's not just changed to an open space where anyone can use books without the need for membership or borrowing procedures, but also a delightful space offering various programs that couldn't be materialized within the confines of a traditional quiet library building.

>> It's a delightful library easily accessible to everyone.

It is a model of innovative change in social places and public services to improve the quality of life for citizens, as proven by 1.6 million visitors

What is Seoul Outdoor Library





There are various programs

such as books, music, movies, play areas and cultural exchange experiences





With family, friends, and lovers









It is a fun and interesting library to lower the barriers to entry for public place

What partners were involved in the innovation process





Seoul Outdoor Library is a social platform for local cooperation