Animated Legends: Recovering the Imaginary From the Amazonian Region City of Igarape-Miri Through Audiovisual Productions Based on Oral Narratives

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The Animated Legends project was created with the aim of recording and disseminating the legends of Igarapé-Miri, a municipality located in the Eastern Brazilian Amazon region. The idea arose after a large number of deaths of elders during the peaks of the Covid-19 pandemic. These elderly people are like giant libraries, full of books with unique copies, so when one of them dies, all this knowledge is lost. This is a consequence of the abandonment of these traditional and regional narratives and practices by the population, especially the younger part of it. Because of the increase in the use of technological devices in the interior of the Amazon forest, the art of narrative lost its space. The Animated Legends Project changed technology status from villain to ally in the dissemination and perpetuation of these narratives, being a bridge between the elders and the youngsters. Technology can help in the recording and dissemination of these legends, in the conduction of interviews with elderly people living in Igarape-Miri and in adapting the legends collected to illustrations, texts, plays, comic books, documentaries and short films. All this material was produced by the project team and published in social networks, blog and video channels, and this helps in the process of perpetuating these narratives. In addition, it also gives protagonism to the storytellers, since the dissemination of their interviews will allow them to share these stories even after they have passed away. Maybe the reanimation of these contents will take the attention of the younger community, who will, in turn, disseminate these narratives through the use of technology.

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