APPLICATION FORM

LIBRARY DATA

Library name: BIBLIOTECA DE CASTILLA-LA MANCHA
Address: Cuesta de Carlos V, s/n
City: Toledo
Country: España
Phone: 925 256680
Webpage url: http://pagina.jccm.es/biblioclm/
Contact 2.0: Facebook page, Blog’s url, etc.

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LIBRARY DESCRIPTION

Please, mark the characteristics of your library (mark all those appropriate):

- Metropolitan library ✖
- Rural library ☐
- Library service with branch libraries ☐
- Mobile library ☐
- Children and Young Adults Library ✖
- Library with less than 1,000 inhabitants ☐
- Library between 1,000 and 5,000 inhabitants ☐
- Library between 5,000 and 10,000 inhabitants ☐
- Library between 10,000 and 20,000 inhabitants ☐
- Library between 20,000 and 30,000 inhabitants ☐
- Library between 30,000 and 100,000 inhabitants ✖
More Information

Please, tell us a bit more about your library, pictures are also welcome:

**Short description:** The Biblioteca de Castilla-La Mancha is the most important library in this region due to the value and quality of its holdings and the wide scope and variety of services it provides. The history of this library dates back to the 18th century, when in accordance to a charter from King Carlos III, Cardinal Lorenzana opened up to the public the Archiepiscopal Library. Located on the top floor of the Alcázar of Toledo, a very important historic and emblematic building, merges the Public Library of Toledo and the Regional Library. In its role as a public library it is concerned with providing all people a variety of open and free information and cultural outreach services. As the regional library it is the deposit for all publications in Castilla-La Mancha and serves as the head for the regional library sistem. The library hold more than 400,000 volumes between the Regional and Local Collection, Special Collections, the Borbón-Lorenzana Collection (books printed before 1900), and the Main Collection. The latter, which holds items from all topics and in all kind of formats, is in turn divided into the adult loan section, the reference section, the serial section and the children’s and young adult’s section. The Borbón-Lorenzana Collection is one of the most distinguished sections of the Biblioteca de Castilla-La Mancha for its value and uniqueness and one of the best bibliographic heritage collections in Spain. It consists of some 1,000 manuscripts, 414 incunabula and over 100,000 books printed between the 16th and 19th centuries. At the present, from its privileged location and as a dynamic example of union between tradition and modernity, the library continues both to promote cultural development and meet the information needs of all citizens of Toledo and Castilla-La Mancha.
**Current library programs:**
Catálogo Colectivo de la Red de Bibliotecas Públicas de Castilla-La Mancha
Dialnet
"Pregunte" las bibliotecas responden
Workgroups for library cooperation of Ministerio de Cultura
REBECA
Infopoint
BIDICAM (Castilla-La Mancha Digital Library)

Please tell us about the kind of activities you would be interested in doing with your sister library:

- Share library programs and exhibits:
  Basic information about our library: web site, leaflets, photographs, presentations, videos, Facebook
  Reading clubs, photographs and illustration exhibitions, photographs and comics workshops …
  Users training information: job search training
  Virtual exhibitions of bibliographic heritage (Borbón-Lorenzana Collection)
  Translation into our sister library languages the contents of our library web site.
- Share information about our region:
  Information about our city, Toledo, and our region, Castilla-La Mancha
  Bibliographic bulletins about our city and region
- Share cultural information:
  Information about our cultural activities programme
  Toledo, Castilla-La Mancha and Spain cultural information
- Share Bibliographic information:
  New acquisitions bulletin, Reading guides …
- Develop personal contacts
To organize professional exchanges between library staff during a limited period of time focused on particular projects
- Share librarian activities:
Activities related to children and babies: selected books reading guides, selected reading for telling tales, children training programme, information about parents section, celebrations promotions, children workshops with users from both libraries ...

Languages your staff speaks:
Spanish, English, French, Italian, Portuguese

Languages users speak/read:
Spanish

Preferred countries for cooperation:
Portugal, Belgium, Finland, Ireland

Please, tell us a bit about the features of the library that ideally you would like to cooperate with:
We would like to cooperate with two kinds of libraries:
- libraries which focuses their work and services on developing better ways to meet the needs of our users
- libraries with a rich bibliographic heritage to preserve, manage and disseminate

EUROPEAN UNION PROGRAMS

Please, indicate if you are searching partners in other countries for any European Union project:

YES ☐ NO ☒

If yes, for which projects?:

Please, indicate if you are participating in any European Union program:
YES ☒  NO ☐