

APPLICATION FORM

LIBRARY DATA

Library name: Biblioteca Cal Gallifa

Address: Passeig Gallifa, 1, 1r

City: 08250 Sant Joan de Vilatorrada

Country: Barcelona (Spain)

Phone: 93 876 77 05

Webpage url:

<http://www.diba.cat/biblioteques/agda/biblioteques/BiblioView.asp?Bib=2430&Ordre=A&Mcp=08218>

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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

Library between 100,000 and 200,000 inhabitants

Library between 200,000 and 500,000 inhabitants

Library with more than 500,000 inhabitants

MORE INFORMATION

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

Short description:

Cal Gallifa library is situated in the municipality of Sant Joan de Vilatorrada, in the region of Bages, some 3 kilometres from the regional capital Manresa and 66 kilometres from Barcelona City the capital of Barcelona province in Catalunya.

The municipality extends for some 16.25 km and its urban centre, that is built on the flood plains to the right of the Cardener River, is found at a height of 220 metres above sea level. At present the town has over 10.000 inhabitants and is considered the second most populous town of Bages after the capital of the region.

The public library of Sant Joan opened to the public in June 1972. For the next 30 years it occupied a building owned by Caixa de Manresa at a very central point in the city in Carrer Major. On 6th of April 2003 it moved to one of the most emblematic city buildings the Call Gallifa Civic Centre. It occupies the 1st floor of one of the most important textile factories that were installed in Sant Joan at the end of the 19th century, built in the year 1865 this building had the Gallifa family as its main patron and for this reason that we wanted to dedicate the library to that name in recognition of their contribution to the municipality.

Current library programs:

As we are a municipal service the library is part of the "Ajuntament of Sant Joan de Villatorrada" or local council of Sant Joan which in turn is party to the Barcelona local authority.

Directly dependent on the cultural registry of the same "Ajuntament" and reliant on and supported the diputation of Barcelona as part its library services. It forms part of the library network of the province of Barcelona and our regional central library is at Casino de Manresa.

The library itself has at its disposal 858 square meters of floor space distributed over one floor and split into four distinct spaces: welcome area, children area, general area and adminsitration area.

The fact that the building is shared with the adult education centre and the CIO has permitted certain the working towards common objectives, from different areas, sharing resources and benefiting integration and participation of the citizens.

It is for this reason that three times a year there we hold a shared meeting to further benefit communication and understanding of plans and services to establish interrelations, shared projects and activities.

We have an anual program with the Adult Education Centre that include:

1) Visits for all their students adapted for different levels of need: new readers, pre literates and learning growth 1st and 2nd level. Called: "Discovering the library!".

The objective of these visits being to understand the different uses of the resources that can be found in the library in order to promote autonomous self learning. To lose fear in the use of "TIC".

Tools for learning: catalogues, electronic resources, internet, physical resources and borrowing, understanding of the distribution of sources within the library.

How: Brief explanations with projections and activities according to the level of learning.

2) Introduction of 3 activities/games for levels Alpha, New-readers and building knowledge.

We also offer many training activities aimed at schools in our town, ranging from primary to secondary education and vocational training.

All scheduled within the line of information literacy in order to train and improve information skills of the population.

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

Bring together the activities and services offered in terms of information literacy and compare what types of services we can offer to attract new users and continue to be leaders.

Languages your staff speaks:

Catalan, Spanish, French (basic), English (basic)

Languages users speak/read:

Catalan, Spanish, French (basic), English (basic)

Preferred countries for cooperation:

Indiferent

Please, tell us a bit about the features of the library that ideally you would like to cooperate with:

Any library that has this information literacy in user training as well as finding new services aimed at different segments of the population.

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