

# APPLICATION FORM

## LIBRARY DATA

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**Library name:** Mestna knjižnica Ljubljana / Ljubljana City Library

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<http://www.facebook.com/mestna.ljubljana>

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## LIBRARY DESCRIPTION

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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

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

### Short description:

Municipality authorities of Ljubljana merged in 2008 six Ljubljana libraries (5 public libraries and on special library) into a consolidated institution, Ljubljana City Library (LCL), the largest public library in Slovenia. It represents the cultural, informational, social and communicational meeting point of individuals, groups, local communities, cultural institutions and organizations.

LCL performs its activities as a public service for the Municipality of Ljubljana (MOL) area with five central libraries and seventeen branches. It also represents a central library for seven municipalities outside MOL with thirteen branches. It is the regional library of the central Slovenia region with special tasks for eight public libraries of the neighbouring communities.

It also provides some special services as:

- Mobile library with 46 bus stops
- Special library – Slovanska - Centre for local studies and specialized collections for Humanities,
- develops reading culture for children and youth – The Centre for Youth Literature and Librarianship,
- Lifelong learning in The Centre for Lifelong learning LCL
- develops reading culture, information literacy and cultural activities.

Some numbers (2010):

LCL has a library stock of 1.600,000 units,

4. 700,000 loan of units

84.000 members

1.750,000 visits

In 2010 visit of virtual library grew for 63 %.

In 2010 we prepared and organized 2. 300 events and 900 different learning activities (courses or workshops).

**Current library programs:**

The Centre for Lifelong learning is responsible for training users of all age groups, employees and wider professional public. The Center consists of:

- The Learning Exchange is the information center collecting, managing and mediating information from the people who offer knowledge to those that are searching for it.
- At The Centre for independent learning we have made available adjusted materials, modern educational technology and professional help from librarians, advisers and mentors.
- The Labor exchange, aimed at job seekers, gathers, actualizes and provides information on labor markets in Slovenia, the European Union and other countries.
- At Points of lifelong learning there are two types of activities carried out: tutoring and organized education for adults who need informal, free and independent learning.

The library runs three activities to promote reading for all generations:

- Ciciuhec for small children
- Poletavci for pupils during summer holidays
- Mesto bere / City reads for adults

Slovenian library and museum MEGA quiz is a national project, prepared and organized by LCL, Pionirska in collaboration with the Museums Community of Slovenia for primary school pupils. The quiz promotes modern forms of teaching and learning, encourages creativity, provides information literacy and promotes reading and visits of cultural institutions.

My favorite book is the recognition of choice of young readers and is awarded since 1998 for favorite Slovenian youth book and favorite youth book translated into Slovenian. Award had been founded in the predecessor of the LCL in cooperation with the Slovenian

Section of IBBY and the Federation of Library Associations of Slovenia in order to encourage young readers to read and become interested in youth literature.

The library pays special attention to integrating the most vulnerable social groups. We have electronic magnifying glasses, providing the elderly and partially sighted people with a tool to facilitate reading, as well as books with large print, e-readers for e-books and audio books. We have Home Library Service for the mobile impaired users. In cooperation with the asylum home in Ljubljana, we have prepared a project Library, my asylum the purpose of which is trying to integrate asylum seekers into the local environment.

Golden Pear (Zlata hruška) is the LCL award and our first registered trademark, which is awarded to the best achievements in the field of publishing original and translated Slovenian youth fiction and educational books.

LCL successfully coordinated 107 libraries selling Books for Everybody, a project which took place within the project Ljubljana - the World Book Capital had been developed to raise awareness about the importance of reading and the role of books on development of individuals and the society as a whole. Books had been sold at a reasonable price in libraries, museums and galleries.

Trubar Literature House was opened in cooperation with the Municipality Department of Culture and the City Museum of Ljubljana. Its program consists of several sections: literary events, art and society, digital stories, children's activities, workshops, exhibitions, outdoor events and hosting events in the framework of the Ljubljana - World Book Capital.

Local studies collection is the memory and the beat of the local community, that awakens to life the area of Ljubljana and its surroundings. By creating an enriched program for the Slovanska - Centre for local materials and specialized collections for Humanities we have opened an important new library topic in Ljubljana.

In 2011 we started with a Health information corner with basic printed material and access to electronic sources. We plan to invite experts to run some lectures.

The one week cycle of ICT courses for elderly people is very popular and visited among target group of users.

The library mostly runs activities for users by itself, although sometimes we invite experts. All activities in the library are free of charge for the end users.

Digital collection of local newspapers, miscellanies; digital contents "Moja ulica / My street from libraries of central Slovene region published on portal KAMRA (<http://www.kamra.si/>)

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

- organize a cross-country "read the same book" discussion for teens or adults; pick a specific topic to focus on such as health or art and share resources and programs
- exchange children's artwork and do displays in both countries with photographs of the children.
- celebrate each other's national holidays and displays and programs
- schedule native speakers who are living in their partner country to give in-person presentations and slide shows
- sponsor displays of quality arts and crafts or historical documents from your local community.
- agree to provide free searches and electronic ILLs to your partner
- offer to purchase resources that are difficult to purchase in your Sister Library's country
- assist with solving a library or community problem such as health care or art preservation by donating your library's resources and expertise.
- publicize your Sister Library status via your library newsletter and at speaking engagements at NGOs like Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, and library association meetings
- organize a pen-pan (now key-pals) for library staff and users to learn about each other as individuals
- arrange for exchanges between library staff
- organize a delegation of staff and community members to visit the Sister Library

**Languages your staff speaks:**

English, German

**Languages users speak/read:**

English

**Preferred countries for cooperation:**

Finland, Ireland, Croatia, Portugal, Poland

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

- Urban library
- Library as a catalyst in urban development
- Hybrid library which supports services of physical and virtual library
- Library as space for experiences
- Library as citizen's service
- Library with good community partnerships
- Library develops new methods in the field of reading promotion for all generations
- Library services for people with special needs
- Library digitalizes local studies and local heritage contents
- Well-formed ICT department

**EUROPEAN UNION PROGRAMS**

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**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