

APPLICATION FORM

LIBRARY DATA

Library name: Abusu Public Library

Address: Olatxu, 4

City: Arrigorriaga (Bizkaia)

Country: Basque Country (Spain)

Phone: 94 479 29 30

Webpage url:

Contact 2.0: Facebook page, Blog's url, etc.

<http://liburutegiak.blog.euskadi.net/arrigorriaga/>

<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100001038151711>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2mR4YuH4ws>

Contact person: Gotzone Butron

Title: Librarian

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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:

This public library is located in an urban area in Abusu, a neighborhood of Arrigorriaga. The neighborhood itself includes a part of Arrigorriaga Town and a part of Bilbao city with a population of about 12.000 people from both cities. It's essentially working class population with an increasing number of people coming from another countries, mostly from Africa.

The library joins the Basque Public Reading Network and shares catalogue with more than 200 public libraries in the Basque Country.

The library is immerse in a network project along with different associations and education centres in Abusu neighborhood, called "Abusu, a reading neighborhood" wich works for involving every single person in the education of all children and young people, and specially in supporting reading as a way of development for the whole community:

<http://www.eitb.com/es/videos/detalle/752842/bilbao-arrigorriaga-tienen-curiosa-fomentar-lectura/> (video from the basque public TV news)

Current library programs:

During the last five years, we have organised different campaigns and programmes in order to make reading popular, familiar and funny, and books easily found everywhere: book crossing editios, book fairs, reading marathons, reading clubes, etc.

This year, 2011, we involved about 36 storekeppers in the campaing called “ Take a book” where shoppers offered books to children when they were shopping with their families.

Another campaing called “I’m also a reader” showed popular people in the neighborhood reading a book; and the flash mob we recorded in April to celebrate the International Book Day gathered more than 500 people with books:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2mR4YuH4ws>

On the other hand we organise story telling sessions in the library by professional story tellers and also with parents of young children, and reading clubes for young and adults in collaboration with the Education Centres in the neighborhood, through our blogs:
<http://liburutegiak.blog.euskadi.net/abusu/>

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

We would like to share Library information and ideas on cultural events and popular reading programmes.

Develop joint programmes, such as :

- **Reading clubs where the same books are read (could be books about/from the other country)**
- **Programs for the promotion of young’ s reading**
- **Book clubs promoting the use of online forums or other ways to communicate, like Skype, facebook, etc.**

- Cross-country “read the same book” discussion for teens or adults;

Bring recognition of the partnership through publicity

- We can publicize our sister library or some projects in the social networks: Facebook, and Libray’s blog
- Share photos of the city where the library is situated, life in the city, as well as different cultural events in Flickr, Picasa, Facebook page of the library, etc.
- Have in Youtube or similar cultural events celebrated in the libraries, such as marathons of tales, reading promotion activities, etc.

Languages your staff speaks:

English, spanish and basque

Languages users speak/read:

English, spanish and basque

Preferred countries for cooperation:

Any (outside of Spain)

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 any european library involved in community network programmes in order to share information and ideas on popular reading programmes, etc.

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

