

APPLICATION FORM

LIBRARY DATA

Library name: Gradska knjižnica i čitaonica "Viktor Car Emin" Opatija

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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:

Public library "Viktor Car Emin" Opatija was founded in 1950., and was opened for public in the fall of 1951. However, the library activities on Opatija's area date from 2nd half of 19th century when the croatian and italian reading rooms were founded, but the development of the reading activity in Opatija starts in 1888. with the institution of Society Zora, in whose activities also participated respected writers of local and national literary history.

Due to the troubled historical times (World war I. and II.) in 1927. stop the Society's activities, but continues in 1945., which included the library activity.

Since it's foundation in 1950., Library "Viktor Car Emin" Opatija changed it's status several times, working either as an independent institution or as a part of another social organisation. On July 16th 1993. Library got a permanent status as an independent institution.

Our library is situated in the renewed building of the Cultural home Zora. Since 1996. it is runned by director Suzana Šturm-Kržić and it has 13 employees. Library in Opatija forms a central department with 4 branch libraries (Matulji, Kastav, Lovran, Mošćenička Draga). Library offers it's users a wide spread of belletristical and professional literature for children and adults, along with the children's department, department for teenagers, reading room with newspapers and magazines, study reading room, regional book corpus that consists of items connected with the wider homeland area and people related to it by birth or work and internet service.

Current library programs:

For years, Library implements programs for children such as children's creative workshop and the storytelling group for the youngest guided by it's staff members, english group for people of third age, book club for young adults and other occasional events such as literary encounters, book promotions, educational workshops for children, exhibitions and similar activities that have excellent reception among it's users.

Currently, across the state it is conducted a manifestation - Croatian's book month dedicated to promotion of croatian books and writers. This year the manifestation is called "Let's read poets!" to add the attention to old and new poetry generations. the Library Opatija also participates in the manifestation with it's program: exhibition Our poets, literary workshop for grown-ups Verse as gift, workshop and reading poetry - Poetry for good morning for the members of Retirement home Volosko, poetry reading of students from High school Eugen Kumičić Opatija and poetry evenings with young local poets.

For children: project for children from Elementary school Rikard Katalinić Jeretov Opatija in which they will learn about Library and it's activities - Ask the question, seek the answer!, Big ones for the youngest - literary encounter in which the children from elementary school read to the youngest children their favourite poems, picture books etc., poetry study group and participation in the National quiz to encourage reading.

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

Library Opatija is interested in maintaining regular contact between library staff (e.g. Twitter), sharing basic information about each library, as well as exchanging plans, informations, news, programs... - any type of informational exchange, making scrapbooks, slide presentations, CD...participating in each

other's programs, creating joint programs such displays, book clubs, exhibitions with pictures of sister library etc. in order to learn about sister library, it's country, people, culture, local customs, users' habits, library's organisation, staff...

Languages your staff speaks:

croatian, english

Languages users speak/read:

croatian, english, italian, german

Preferred countries for cooperation:

Poland, Ireland, Portugal

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

We are interested in collaboration with a public library which would, with it's characteristics such as number of users, town's inhabitants, choice of interests etc., be compatible to ours. Of course, we are open for cooperation with any other library, regardless of our preferred features, that expresses a desire to establish partnership as our sister library.

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