

APPLICATION FORM

LIBRARY DATA

Library name: Povilas Višinskis Šiauliai County Public Library / Šiaulių apskrities Povilo Višinskio viešoji biblioteka

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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: Šiauliai is the 4th biggest Lithuanian city located in North Lithuania. There are approximately 130000 inhabitants living in the 81 km² area of the city. The Šiauliai name was first mentioned in Livonian Order chronicles in 1236 as the famous battle of Sun (Saule lit.) took place near Šiauliai. The nearby Hill of Crosses is probably the most known landmark in the region – a hill with about 60,000 crosses of various sizes and decorations has become a tourist attraction to whoever visits Šiauliai. Povilas Višinskis Šiauliai County Public Library the largest library in the North of Lithuania is equally available to all users. About 120 thousand visitors come to the library per year. On average about 16 thousand users register per year. About 160 000 users use library services online. The library was founded without any initial fund. There are about 620 thousand documents in the collections of the library at the moment. Approximately 500 thousand different documents are lent to the users per year. The Library runs: Lending Department, Reader Service Department, Art and Music Department, Children's Literature Department, Information and Regional Studies Department, Regional Libraries and Management Department. On the initiative of the Embassy of America in Lithuania, an American Corner was installed in this library in 2005, which is the only corner of this type in Lithuania. The aim of the American Corner is to introduce the culture, economics and history of the USA to the readers and to promote

cultural cooperation between the two countries. The personal consist of 92 employees, 65 of whom are librarians. More than 200 art and photography works, exhibitions of library publications, literary and thematic events, meetings with interesting people, educational sessions, creative workshops and other events for people of different ages are organized per year.

Current library programs:

- Reading promotion programs for children and young adults
- Computer courses for citizens
- Club activities: Šiauliai county writers association, Readers club, Classical music fans club, English club
- Cooperating with non-governmental organization Šiauliai University of the Third Age
- Local history digitization project: development of video and photo archive of Šiauliai region from 1989
- Meetings with the National award laureates

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

It would be nice to get to know our sister library, exchanging information about library staff, work, events, ideas. It would also be interesting to learn about the culture in the sister library country, and then promote it in our library through exhibitions and other activities. We could also think about common projects, as reading promotion programs for children and young adults, training to the all groups of citizens and library staff.

Languages your staff speaks:

Lithuanian, English, German, Russian

Languages users speak/read:

Lithuanian, English, German, Russian

Preferred countries for cooperation:

All the countries would be interesting

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

Exchange in developing the multicultural programs, programs for all ages of users, organizing of exchange of staff with the purpose of expert improvement, the partnership possibilities with the projects of EU.

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?:

we are open for any kind of international cooperation

Please, indicate if you are participating in any European Union program:

YES

NO