APPLICATION FORM

LIBRARY DATA

Library name: GETXOKO UDAL LIBURUTEGIAK- BIBLIOTECAS MUNICIPALES DE GETXO
Address: Gobela Library: Luis López Osés, s/n 48930 Getxo / San Nikolas Library: Plaza San Nikolas, s/n 48991 Getxo / Villamonte Library: Villamonte A-8 48991 Getxo
City: Getxo (Bizkaia)
Country: Spain
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Webpage url:
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http://liburutegiak.blog.euskadi.net/getxo (BLOG)
http://twitter.com/#!/bibgetxo (TWITTER)
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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:** We are a network of three public libraries in Getxo (Bizkaia, Euskadi, Spain), two of them with children and youth sections and the third one with adults-only section. The three libraries are: Gobela, San Nikolas and Villamonte.

We belong to a public entity called Aula de Cultura de Getxo, with whom we share resources, part of the cultural programming and staff. A total of fourteen people work in the three libraries with varying schedules.

From the standpoint of equipment and buildings, we are quite modest libraries, with some lacks, however, in terms of programming and staff are a little better.

We are part of the National Library System of Euskadi, dependent of the Basque Government.

Getxo is a northern coastal town, to 132 km. of the border with France, of great tourist interest.
**Current library programs:**

Travellers books program
Allows users (via web) request the book that interests them

Interlibrary loan
Between libraries of Getxo and from other libraries outside Getxo

Free Internet Service
We have 13 computers available to the public for 30 minutes

Local collection
Documents about Getxo (monographs, music, videos, newspapers).
Also 21,000 local photographic archive digitized images

School visits
A program / school to promote reading, bibliographic management and respect for books and libraries

The Storytellers’ Club
A group of people who are interested in the love of restoring and maintaining the tradition of listening and telling stories and tales (http://liburutegiak.blog.euskadi.net/getxo)

Book Fair
During several days In April, we celebrate the book fair with the libraries of the municipality

Literature workshops
Creative writing workshop

Reading Clubs
Fortnightly meetings where we discuss a selected reading

The terraces of the letters
Borrowing books outdoors during the summer months

Used book market
A book market that are sold at symbolic prices (1 euro). These books come from private donations and the proceeds going to fund humanitarian projects
Seminars
Libraries are a place of encounter of culture dedicated to an invited country, this year has been the Philippines, and include different activities: reading guides, book exhibitions, film and music, crafts and film and party

Reading Encouragement
In addition to, the libraries have a cultural program that includes:
* storytelling for children and adults
* poetry reading
* literary presentations
* exhibitions
* selected list of books
* printed catalogs on a topic requested by a reader

Other programs are also organized to encourage reading by providing books to pubs, pools and telephone booths for any person to take them on loan

World Newspapers
Users from other countries are likely to read newspapers from their countries in paper-size (original)

Press review
Local media broadcast the programming of the libraries of Getxo

Story Time
Every month, with free admission, will tell stories to children in Spanish or Basque or English

e-books loan
For a period of 15 days and with an extensive catalog of digitized readings

Library 2.0 Program
Our goal is to give visibility to the libraries of Getxo on the network, from a social standpoint, participatory, with a broad scope.
Our intention is to reach all audiences: children and adults, potential users, onsite and online, men and women, Basques and Spanish speakers, immigrants and local people...
Main actions and tools:
* Library page in different social networks (facebook, twitter) and link their content:
Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/Getxo.Liburutegiak
Twitter: http://twitter.com/#!/bibgetxo

* Library blogs to recommend books, movies, music ... and be a source of information on activities and library programs:
  http://liburutegiak.blog.euskadi.net/getxo

* use social bookmarks to organize libraries favorites
* use the tools most appropriate to share digital products: local photographs, videos (Flikr, Picasa, Slideshare)
* use the best tools for editing web content (Issue)
* Start creating a virtual desktop using the syndication of content and widgets that these tools offer (Netvibes)

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

- exchange of duplicates (adult literature, rather than knowledge books, originally written in English)

- exchange of duplicates (children’s literature, especially written originally in English)

- exchange of tourist and anthropological information of two locations, more specifically those organized by the libraries

- possibility to promote a Bilingual Reading Club, with reading suggestions in English and Spanish; and also could be proposed Euskera and Gaelic readings, if users are interested in these languages.

- possibility of fostering contact between workers of both libraries and also between readers.

- with the cooperation of the local tourist offices, advertising the visit of both villages between the readers

- advertising and mutual information of the local writers
- exchange of experiences in general

- exchange of experiences in web 2.0 with the commitment to include from time to time in our Blogs, Facebook, etc ... references to the library twinned: some concrete experience, some video ...

Languages your staff speaks:
* Spanish (all staff)
* Basque (almost all staff)
* English (high level, the contact person; basic level some workers more)
* French (high level, the contact person, basic level some workers more)

Languages users speak/read:
* Spanish
* Basque
* English
* French
* Others

Preferred countries for cooperation:
Ireland

Please, tell us a bit about the features of the library that ideally you would like to cooperate with:
* That is in a town similar in size to ours (between 30,000 and 100,000 inhabitants)

  * That interest him our land, Euskadi, and our two languages, Spanish and Basque, or think that can have users interested in

  * That it was in an area with a minimum tourist infrastructure to encourage our users to visit it

  * To have children-youth fund and organize or have interest in organizing activities to encourage reading

  * To have or have interest in having, a presence on social networks (Facebook and Twitter) and Blog

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 ☒