

APPLICATION FORM

LIBRARY DATA

Library name: Gradska knjižnica Poreč/Porec public library

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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:

The Poreč public library is a cultural and an information center of the city of Poreč. It is a universally recognizable place of lifelong learning and a meeting place for the members of the local community. The library allows access to relevant informations, with no regard to age, gender, social status, nationality, religion and race. According to the needs of the citizens, the library establishes new services and promotes an enrichment of the cultural life of every individual and the community as well. The Poreč public library is a library with 5 employees which covers an area of 17.000 citizens. Our

library:

- promotes written word and lifelong learning,
- emphasizes the value of its users and other citizens and their cultural needs,
- is open for collaboration with other institutions and its users,
- operates in accordance with the national standards for public libraries,
- offers basic services free for all citizens.

The mission of our library:

- purchase of library materials,
- processing, preservation and protection of the same,
- preparation and publication of newsletters, bibliography catalogues and other information appliances,
- promotion of the cultural, national and intercultural values,
- organization of cultural and artistic programs, promotion of all forms of cultural and artistic creativity,
- publishing activities,
- public information

Current library programs:

The characteristic of the Poreč City Library is the rich programme of manifestations such as literary meetings, poetry evenings, children's creative workshops and book sale exhibitions. Organized by the Poreč Library, the following manifestations are also held: Verses on the well (Verši na šterni), the Laurus Nobilis

literary award and BOOKtiga – the international festival of second-hand books and “I give you-you give me: volunteers in action” (“Dam-daš: volonteri u akciji”).

BOOKtiga is the name of the new international festival that takes place on the oldest ancient square in Poreč, Marafor, where the City Library is also located. Through a new form of popularization of books and reading along with the sale, exchange and donation of second-hand books, this manifestation is created for wide public, inviting it to participate in cultural dialogue. The focus on books and reading is provided through a diverse programme that tries to satisfy different reading affinities (like different types of artistic expression, from music, stage, poetry performances, visual-artistic projects to various types of street acrobatic stunts, performances, writers performances, etc.).

The invitation to participate on BOOKtiga was accepted by the leading second-hand bookshops from Rijeka, Zagreb, Osijek, Koper and Ljubljana that offer second-hand books on sale during the festival and present their oldest publications to the public.

The framework of the Festival is the interaction between the citizens and the Library, that offers its visitors the possibility to actively participate in the creation of the contents. With this kind of approach we wanted to present the City Library as the place of mutual gathering, a place for open exchange of opinions and active synergy of the wide public. BOOKtiga also has a humanitarian character and the sale of books on the festival supported the creation of a solidary network for raising funds for persons with special needs.

“I give you-you give me: volunteers in action” (“Dam-daš: volonteri u akciji”) is a project introduced in 2009. The main goal of this program is that all the interested citizens accomplish an active role in the process of non-formal education through a series of workshops. Knowledge and skills are transferred through lectures and workshops which main goal is to accomplish spending free time in a creative and educational way and

expand the network of volunteers.

The purposes/needs of the project:

- active participation of interested citizens,
- raising public awareness about the importance of volunteerism,
- communication between citizens and cultural institution-creation of a network of volunteers.

The project is growing every year by the number of workshop managers as well as participants. The satisfaction of the participants with the project, obligates us to increase the area of involvement of all those who are willing to share their knowledge.

The target community are all the citizens and others who are willing to share their knowledge and skills with other people. The project has been recognized in other Croatian cities, as a project which main effort is to reduce the negative consequences of unemployment in Istria (in 2012 - 7764 unemployed citizens).

Verses on the Well

The idea for this manifestation was first born and realized in 1994. The meeting of Istrian Chakavian poets has become a traditional annual gathering and socializing with poetry. The meeting is called Histrijada and the collection of poems Verši na šterni (Verses on the Well). It takes place in the beginning of June in Vižinada.

Each year, the Poreč City Library announces a competition for poems on the Chakavian dialect. The emphasis is placed on the fact that the poems must be new, not yet published and this is what motivates the poets to write. To many this represents a stimulus for creation, for the production of new verses. This manifestation has been extended to the entire Croatian Chakavian area. A different selector is appointed each year and he/she chooses the most successful achievements. The authors (more than thirty authors participate) utter their verses at the Meeting at the beginning of June, in Vižinada, on the picturesque square near the old well.

Beside their narration, the verses remain permanently noted in the collection called «Verses on the Well» that represents a valuable legacy of the poets using various Chakavian idioms.

Laurus Nobilis Award

About the award:

- it was founded in 1995 with the aim of stimulating written work for pupils of higher grades of elementary school and secondary school pupils in the Croatian and Italian language
- each year a competition is held for the original work of fiction, for example: short story, humoresque, causerie, prose poem, travelogue, biographical note, essay and other.

- the right to participate belongs to the pupils of higher grades of elementary school and secondary school pupils from the Poreč area
- the text must be original and not yet published, it must not exceed four cards, and in order to achieve higher objectivity and impartiality, the works that are evaluated have a password, or a code, and the topic is free
- the most successful works are printed in the book Pozica – The Anthology of pupils works from Poreč, Zabok and Crikvenica, twin cities.
- beside this stimulus for every person with literary affinities – to have his/her work printed, the awarded pupils have the right to a valuable award and a three-day excursion to award-winning ceremony Ksaver Šandor Gjalski award in Zabok.

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

- exchange library information,
- exchange library resources,
- share library programs and exhibits,
- share cultural events,
- bring recognition of the partnership through publicity,
- develop personal contacts.

Languages your staff speaks:

Croatian, English, German, Italian, Slovenian

Languages users speak/read:

Croatian, English, German, Italian

Preferred countries for cooperation:

Spain, Portugal, Finland, Scotland, Belgium, Czech Republic, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovenia

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

We wish to cooperate with any library with similar profile and programs.

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