

APPLICATION FORM

LIBRARY DATA

Library name: Meath County Libraries

Address: Railway Street,

City: Navan, Co. Meath

Country: Ireland

Phone: 046~9021134

Webpage url: <http://www.meath.ie/Community/Libraries/>

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

<https://www.facebook.com/meathcountylibrary>

<https://twitter.com/MeathLibrary>

<http://meathcountylibrary.wordpress.com/>

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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 main Library and headquarters for Meath County Library is at Railway Street, Navan, Co. Meath. There are eleven other libraries located throughout the county and these offer a wide range of services. There are approximately 300,000 books and audio visual materials available to adults and children for recreation, information and study. Our current membership is 25803 and last year we had 583721 issues.

Current library programs: The library takes part in Children's Book Festival, Science Week and The Bealtaine Festival every year. In 2012 we had 101 events for CBF, 4314 children from 51 schools took part in the festival. We also run an extensive summer programme for children, last year 5829 children took part in the 369 events that we held. Our regular events include; book clubs and creative writing classes for both children and adults. Chess for children, craft groups, parent and toddler time, music appreciation groups, film club, bridge clubs and Spanish conversation to name a few.

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

Ideally we would like to exchange ideas, discuss events and possibly hold a staff exchange programme. Another activity that may work would be an online book club. As we now have a presence on social media sites interaction with a sister library would be beneficial to both staff and users. We are currently in the early stages of planning a 'Snapshot Day' during Library Ireland Week. This American initiative provides a way for libraries to show what happens in a single day in their libraries. How many books are checked out? How many people receive help finding a job? Doing their homework? This initiative provides an easy means to collect statistics, photos, and stories and increase awareness of what libraries have to offer. To see a typical day in a sister library in another country would be very interesting.

Languages your staff speaks:

English, Irish & Polish.

Languages users speak/read:

English, Irish, Polish, Latvian, Russian & Lithuanian.

Preferred countries for cooperation:

Spain, Italy, France

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

We would like to partner with a public library that would have a similar profile to our own and one that has a presence on some social media sites.

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