

APPLICATION FORM

LIBRARY DATA

Library name: Gradska knjižnica Ivan Vidali

Address: Obala korčulanskih brodograditelja bb

City: Korčula

Country: Croatia

Phone: ++385/20/711974

Webpage url: <http://www.gk-korcula.hr>

Contact 2.0: Facebook page, Blog's url, etc. Yes, library has facebook page

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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 first libraries in Korčula were established in the 15th and 16th centuries. They were mostly connected with churches and monasteries. Also some aristocratic families of Korčula had their own libraries, notably the families Arneri, Kapor and Žilković. An important monastery library was that on the islet of Badija off Korčula within the Franciscan monastery dating from the 14th century. It was especially active in the first half of the 20th century when the monastery had its own grammar school where most knowledgeable teachers were teaching. Its holdings, which included precious manuscripts, codes, incunabula, etc., mostly in Greek, Latin and Italian, were transferred to the library of Brothers Minor in Dubrovnik in the 1950's. The largest and most valuable library of Korčula at the very beginnings of librarianship was one belonging to the Živković family. It contained, according to the inventory list of 1547, around 300 volumes. That was the second in size Renaissance library in Dalmatia. As a comparison, it can be noted that the Zagreb cathedral library contained, at the beginning of the 15th century, 173 volumes only. The Town Library of Korčula today continues the tradition of this unique source of literacy and its special edition of the works of young authors of Korčula bears the name "Library Žilković". Some of the more significant dates connected with the history of librarianship in Korčula are as follows:

- the year 1871 – the time of Croatian national revival, when "Narodna slavjanska čitaonica" (National Slavonic Library) was founded in the premise of the Gabrielli House;
- the year 1907 – Hrvatska pučka čitaonica (Croatian Folk Library) was founded and was active in the Ismaeli Palace until 1914;

- the year 1958 – the library belonging to Radničko sveučilište (Workers' University) was founded having 500 regular members who could freely borrow books. It disposed with the holdings of 8,800 volumes, mostly fiction. It was housed, together with a reading room, in the previous Dom culture (Home of Culture).
-1990 onwards - today's Town Library was registered in Split on March 13, 1990, as the branch office of the Community Library which also included libraries in Blato, Orebić and Vela Luka. Since 1994, it has been active as the independent Town Library of Korčula. It enlarged its holdings and increased its activities significantly when it was moved to the reconstructed building of Dom kulture Korčula. It is now one of significant cultural centres of the Town of Korčula.

Current library programs:

- Digitisation and preservation of the heritage
- Exhibitions with local themes in the Korčula Town Library
- Publishing books of local authors (novels, poetry, picture books)
- Longlife learning
- Promotion of reading (literary meetings, discussions, events, reading the stories in library)
- Literary workshops for young adults
- Workshops for children (and for children with special needs)

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

We would be interesting for cooperation in projects which include work with children and young people, and activities in promotion of local history and heritage.

Languages your staff speaks:

Croatian, English, German, Italian, Russian

Languages users speak/read:

Croatian, English, German, Italian

Preferred countries for cooperation:

Belgium, Ireland, Finland

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

That could be the small library in rural area which is serve as center of discovery and communication – place where people gather and where information comes alive through teaching and personal interaction. The library with innovative programs that bring new people into the library and extend the library's role into the community.

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?:

IPA Crossborder Co-operation Programme

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

YES NO