

APPLICATION FORM

Library data

Name of the library: City and University Library of Osijek

Address of the library: Europska avenija 24, 31000 Osijek

Website: <http://www.gskos.unios.hr/>

Social media: <https://www.facebook.com/GiskoKnjiznic/>
<https://www.instagram.com/giskoknjiznica/>
<https://twitter.com/giskoknjiznica>

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Library description

(Type of library: Metropolitan

Population served : Between 10.000 and 100.000

Short description of the library : City and University Library of Osijek is the city library of Osijek and the central library of the University of Osijek. It's the only library in Croatia with dual function: public/city library and university/scientific library developed as multi-purpose facility. It is the biggest library in Slavonia and one of bigger in Croatia. City and University Library of Osijek was established as Osijek City Library on 8th of February 1949.

Library building is former House of Gillming-Hengl, art deco (secession) building on European Avenue. Building was a wedding gift from Matilda's parents. Ex major of Osijek, lawyer Vjekoslav Hengl and his wife Matilda left this building to city of Osijek. In their legacy we have some of the old furniture and private library (book collection).

In 1975, Osijek City Library become the central University Library.

At loan department we have books arranged by UDC classification. Here you can find comics, philosophy, science, literature, history... We also have dvd's. The most popular titles are singled out. Collection is free accessed.

With this department, we have 5 library branches, around the city.

At study and reading room we offer:

- access to online databases and electronic resources
- books, library materials and periodicals for reading at the library
- information and referral services

- interlibrary loan service
- copying services
- service for seminars and thesis „Ask librarian“ which is very popular

The most of the users are students who come for learning and writing papers, and older citizens who come to use computers and to read daily newspapers.

As public library, we have a very rich local collection. We are working on digitalization of this collection, step by step. As university library, we have thesis and dissertations published at our university. We have a deposit collection also, because we are one of nine libraries at Cro with this collection. If you are interested in, here you can find books on other languages too, but only to use it in the reading room.

Within the Library, there is an American Corner and Austrian reading room, holding books and magazines in English and German language.

Maybe the most interesting department is Children's department, for younger users. Here they can find books for school, reading for pleasure, films. Also we have educational toys. Kids also like to be here, just to be here and play. Summer is specially interesting and very active. Every day we have all kind of activities here. Most of them are oriented on reading promotion or developing children's creativity. This festival Story keepers, that I mentioned, is organized by this department.

Current library programs: Programs for babies, children and youth, reading promotion programs for children and teenagers, information services, library material lending, lectures, exhibits, digitization of old book material, learning programs for library users

Activities you want to do with your sister library: Planning the new library building, Digitization of local cultural heritage, Information literacy programs, Lifelong learning programs in 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 speak: English, German

Languages your patrons speak/read: english, german, italian, french, spanish

Preferred countries for cooperation: No restrictions

Features of the library that ideally you would like to cooperate with:

European Union Programs

Are you searching partners for a European program?: Yes

Are you participating in any European Union program?: Yes

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