

APPLICATION FORM

Library data

Library name: Castropol Public Library “Menéndez Pelayo”

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City: Castropol (Asturias)

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Webpage url: <http://www.bibliotecaspublicas.es/castropol>

Contact 2.0:

www.facebook.com/BibliotecaDeCastropol

<http://hablamosdelibros.wordpress.com>

<https://www.instagram.com/bibliocastropol/>

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Library description

Type of library: Rural library. Children and Young Adults Library.

Population served : Between 1,000 and 5,000 inhabitants.

Short description of the library: Our library was created in 1922 when a young group of students from Castropol decided to create a library (Biblioteca Popular Circulante de Castropol) to give service to the area which combined small farms and agricultural exploitations, and since then we are still providing reading and culture to the western part of Asturias.

The Menéndez Pelayo Library area of influence is spread out throughout several parishes, some kind of districts in the rural area of the Council, and other Councils around us. We have 27,000 documents, free Wi-Fi access, Adult and Children rooms, Local room. Our library is the meeting point of our small community.

About the staff working: a librarian and we have occasional help from other departments and social movements.

Current library programs: Our main programmes are related to:

- Cooperation with the local school library. “Padrinos y Madrinas de lectura”
- User Training Programme with Primary and Secondary School where local schools are involved. Rutas literarias.
- Reading Promotion through four Reading clubs, two for Adults one for Children and another one for Young Adults.

<http://hablamosdelibros.wordpress.com>

<http://paraentretenermejor.wordpress.com>

- Storytelling for children (Cuenta-cuentos)
- Art exhibitions, concerts, book presentations, Authors meetings.

Activities to do with your sister library: We like people feel easy and comfortable in our library, like at home. We try to promote reading and get involved in all our activities keeping that idea in mind. We like using social media webs and we strain to innovate in our practice. We love working with promotion of reading. We think libraries, especially public ones because of its proximity, must be “open-minded”; and revise its traditional role. In addition, we are a small library, which implies that we are always in need of having contacts and approach to what is being done in other places and other countries.

Because of that we would like to:

- Exchange and share activities, programmes, exhibitions, etc
- Exchange and share ideas, establish or encourage personal relations between staff and users, interacting with social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, blogs, etc
- Exchange ideas about marketing to promote public library services in a more efficient way

Languages your staff speaks: Spanish, English

Languages users speak/read: Mainly Spanish, English

Preferred countries for cooperation: Ireland, Scotland, Finland...

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

- Services in rural communities
- Local studies and heritage
- Social Media users and with presence in the WWW.
- Involved in training programs.
- Libraries with reading promotion programmes.

- Sharing information and best practices.
- Libraries sharing our thoughts and way of working, trying to make the library a cultural centre, a meeting point for users and readers.
- People and professionals who want to change and lookforward that “traditional role”; which shows libraries just as places where books are borrowed.

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