Library data

**Name of the library:** Iisalmen kaupunginkirjasto / Iisalmi City Library

**Address of the library:** Kirkkopuistonkatu 9, 74100 Iisalmi, Finland

**Website:** http://www.iisalmi.fi/Suomeksi/Palvelut/Kulttuuri-ja-liikunta/Kirjasto

**Social media:**

Facebook - https://fi-fi.facebook.com/kirjastoIisalmi/

Instagram - https://www.instagram.com/iisalmenkirjasto/

Flickr - https://www.flickr.com/photos/kirjastoIisalmi

**Contact person:** Sanna Marin (sanna.marin@iisalmi.fi), Director of Library and Cultural Services

Library description

**Type of library:** Rural

**Population served:** Between 10.000 and 100.000

**Short description of the library:**

Iisalmi City Library is located in Ylä-Savo area in Eastern Finland. “Iisalmi, a vibrant Savo town surrounded by lakes and rivers, is the functional centre of the 57 688 inhabitant Ylä-Savo region. The 22 100 inhabitants of the town can enjoy living in a safe and inspiring environment close to nature. The city centre is encircled by lakes, rivers and hilly terrain.” www.iisalmi.fi

The library is located in the cultural centre and is part of cultural services. It is the biggest library in the library network Rutakko, which consists of nine public libraries in the area. Iisalmi City library does not have branch libraries but has a mobile library Pokkari and it has about 130 stops in the Iisalmi region.

Library collection has approximately 150.000 volumes. The most common materials are printed books, magazines and DVDs. The library also loans e-material, console games and musical instruments for its customers. There are over 200 events and 80 user-training sessions organized yearly. For example author visits, story hours, book talk sessions, information
retrieval training etc. Library staff consists of 14 professionals and 1-3 persons in practical training or hired with employment funds.

**Current library programs:**

The library develops its services with projects funded by Ministry of Education and Culture. In recent years, there has been 1-3 different projects per year.

**Activities you want to do with your sister library:**

Our library is interested in sharing new ideas, activities and exchange library information and practices. In addition, staff visits between sister libraries would be possible. Small-scale international projects are also welcome.

**Languages your staff speak:** Finnish, English, Swedish, French, German

**Languages your patrons speak/read:** Finnish, Swedish, English, German, Arabic, Persian

**Preferred countries for cooperation:** Croatia, Ireland, Belgium, Scotland, Denmark

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

Libraries:

- which are active with projects and events.
- developing their services especially for children and young people or elderly
- which emphasize on local history content
- developing web services and e-materials
- co-operating with multiple organizations or associations

Any library with interesting ideas :)

**European Union Programs**

**Are you searching partners for a European program?**

No

**Are you participating in any European Union program?**

No