APPLICATION FORM

Library data

Name of the library: Plunge District Municipal Public Library

Address of the library: Parko str. 7, Plungė LT-90133

Website: https://www.plunge.rvb.lt/en/

Social media: Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/plunges.biblioteka/

Contact person (name and email address): Uršulė Padagienė, manager of cultural activities, email - ursule.padagiene@gmail.com

Library description

Type of library: Library service with branch libraries

Population served: Between 10,000 and 100,000

Short description of the library: We are cozy library in the small town Plungė in Lithuania. In 2012 The Plungė District Municipal Clock Tower Library began a new life, due to the fact that the library was moved to a reconstructed castle with a clock tower and adjacent greenhouse. The library building is a state protected cultural heritage site complete with restored mid-19th century clock mechanism and a very rare and well preserved example of a 19th century orangery. The clock tower, and now the library are part of the ensemble of Duke Mykolas Oginskis' estate. This Ducal ensemble is very important and significant in both a cultural, social and natural sense not only for the city but for the country as a whole. The library has taken on a new color and form and become an outstanding and unusual space with unique participation options culturally for both locals and tourists. This purposefully chosen location drastically breaks library concept norms and challenges the time tested "dusty old library" as a source of information while completely transforming the institution's image. One of our main goals is achieve to be recognized as modern and friendly library which is based in culture heritage object. Also to be a part of local community, to provide excellent, responsive, useful service for all ages and encourage a lifelong love reading and learning, particularly in our young people, provide various trainings to them. The library offers not only traditional services devoted to promotion of reading and other educational activities but also provides and implements more comprehensive cultural projects, such as PhotoBiennials, Japan culture days, France culture days, various photography and contemporary art exhibitions, etc.
**Current library programs:** Plunge Smart Park program - virtual educational-cognitive program with control system of content and applications for mobile devices which represents park of Plungė. Virtual reality, holograms, QR codes. Lifelong learning programs, children reading programs, educations, reading promotion programs.

**Activities you want to do with your sister library:** Cooporation in projects, sharing good practice; activities for children and adult users; exchanging information, ideas, activity possibilities.

**Languages your staff speak:** English, Russian, German, French, Latvian

**Languages your patrons speak/read:** English, Russian, German.

**Preferred countries for cooperation:** All

**Features of the library that ideally you would like to cooperate with:** We are searching for libraries, cultural and art institutions who has similar advantages and are interested in finding partners or sharing experience, together participating in various projects.

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**European Union Programs**

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

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