We've offered the Raleigh community space-saving solutions for the past 10 years. We recommend Northwind Traders to anyone who will listen to us. They helped us reclaim over 700 square feet of our house!

- Annie D. Balitmore

NAPLE Sister Libraries was created in 2011 to help public libraries in different countries contact each other to start a cooperation.

https://sisterlibrariesnaple.wordpress.com
What we do

The NAPLE Sister Libraries programme helps European Public Libraries get in touch and cooperate with others. This not only helps librarians in their work through the co-designing of activities, or the patrons that’ll benefit from participating in them, but also helps building a European Public Libraries Network, bringing together the countries that are part of the European Union through knowledge and culture. It creates understanding and solidarity amongst people.

The do this by disseminating the program amongst librarians in each of the 15 countries that are part of this initiative, encouraging them to join and form a sistership.

Furthermore, we serve as a platform for the promotion at a worldwide level of the libraries -by publishing the projects they develop alone or with their sisters- and dissemination of their activities.

We also engage in other dissemination campaigns, such as the interviews we make to librarians participating in the program and the celebration of the NAPLE Sisters Libraries Day.

Join the program

The NAPLE Sister Libraries programme seeks to enrich library activities by cooperating with others. This could for example be a great opportunity for libraries serving multicultural populations whose origin is in another European country to improve their services to these communities and to help foster links with the countries of origin as well as to introduce the language, culture, etc. of these groups to the local population.

«Once you’ve found a library that meets your requirements, you can establish an informal cooperation type, without signing any agreements, or you can sign one and make it more formal».

It is a completely open programme: the libraries involved will decide on the content of their sister relationship. We suggest some activities (cambiar enlace a Suggested activities) as inspiration, but libraries are free to propose and carry out different ones.

Promote your activities

In order to promote library cooperation, we encourage you to send us information about the activities you design along with your sister library. It will help other sisters to find ideas they can replicate in their libraries.

You can also use this channel for promoting activities you do on your own, without the cooperation with your sister. Our blog and Twitter have a worldwide audience and you can easily give your activities a publicity abroad that’s not always easy to get. Your work can be very helpful and an inspiration for others.

Don’t forget to keep us updated. Have you found a sister? Signed an agreement? Write us at naple.sisterlibraries@gmail.com so we can promote it through the blog.

Are you experiencing troubles in finding a sister library? Both your national representative and the Secretariat are there to help you: contact us and we’ll help you find your Sister!

Contact us

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