



Green projects in the Public Library "Juraj Šižgorić" Šibenik

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History of the public library „Juraj Šižgorić” Šibenik

Šibenik is a town on the Adriatic coast of Croatia, deeply connected to Croatian literary and cultural history.

The first library was established in 1866 and after several types of libraries, today's public library has been opened since 1922.





Green projects in the Library

- As a part of projects Green Library, Healthy living, C-change and Green topics in Library, in **eleven years** of existence different activities have been organized such as: lectures, presentations, workshops, book proactivities motions, projections of documentary films, exhibitions ... with a goal to inform public about topics connected to environmental protection, ecology, climate changes, healthy lifestyles and sustainable development
- The first funds were obtained for project I love green as a part of **international project C-change** through the cooperation with the cities Manchester, Wroclaw, Mantova, Gelsenkirchen, Agueda and Šibenik (lectures, workshops, an exhibition, ecco collection, an art competition, an exhibition of children's works "Climate changes" and "Pop-up book store" – book fair)
- Erasmus+ project Green Library: books and nature helping us was held in cooperation with Slovenian Library **Franca Ksavra Meška Ormož**
- At the IFLA Green Library award for 2020 Public Library "Juraj Šižgorić" Šibenik shared second place with four other libraries
- "**Project Green Library**" has been exposed at the **IFLA** international conference for the librarians called "The World Library and Information Congress", August 17/19 2021
- Project Green topics in Library supported Ministry of Culture and Media

Introduction

In the last two years, as part of the Green Themes project, several lectures were held (for example, "Climate Change", and "Good Economy") and a workshop ("How to create locally sustainable development in Šibenik", "Basics of urban gardening", "How to start a permaculture garden" and "Growing plants, plant care and composting"). These lectures were led by Dr. sc. Dražen Šimleša from the Ivo Pilar Institute of Social Sciences in Zagreb and permaculture designer Petra Turčić. Our presentation shows, in chronological order, all events held with the aim of educating users and promoting sustainable development. Primary and secondary school students and students of Tourism Management in Šibenik, members of various environmental associations and users of the Library participated in the program.



Presentation of the project „Preparations from the Dalmatian herbs”

Shortly before the Day of the biological diversity (on 22nd of May) and on the occasion of the 180 years of the publication Roberto Visiani's *Flora dalmatica* the exhibition of children's work and awards ceremony was held.



Green topics in Library (2022)

Climate changes

- Lecturer Dr. sc. Dražen Šimleša, sociologist, Institute of Social Sciences Ivo Pilar
- Two lectures and a workshop
- Lecture Climate changes was held on May 17th 2022
- Topics: relationship of the individual towards to climate changes
- Gap between theory and practice as an issue
- Principles of environmental protection and sustainable development
- Education at the earliest age
- Students of higher grades of the Primary school Fausta Vrančića and Tourist school in Šibenik were participants



How to create locally sustainable development in Šibenik

- Workshop held on 1st of June 2022
- Topic: connection between existing social system and environmental devastation
- Changing one's own behavior and collective actions at the local level
- Contributes to a more sustainable and a fairer society
- Fashion trends and short-term appeasement of the consumer's conscience
- Practical application of sustainability in the field of economics and social justice
- Students of Tourist school in Šibenik and members of local green associations were participants



Good economy

- Lecture held on 13th of October 2022
- Topics: models of good or sustainable economy
- Economic system is designed in such way that it always needs uncontrolled growth
- The full price is not paid for the consumption of resources and endangering people's health
- A more sustainable and fairer economy in the long term
- Students of the first year of Tourism management in Šibenik participated



Green topics in Library (2023.)

Basics of urban gardening

Lecturer : Petra Turčić,
permaculture cultural designer

- Held on 21st of March 2023
- Topics: how to create own small urban garden through a sustainable permaculture approach
- How to create raised beds
- Cultivation of basic vegetables
- Application of knowledge on a small project task



Growing plants, caring for plants and composting

- Held on 11th of May 2023
- Topics: details of the most commonly grown plants in the garden
- Natural preparations that serve to protect plants
- Composting



Workshop for the kids „How plants are formed?“

- Interactive, fun and creative workshop on which the kids from the lower classes have been participants
- They have learned much about different kinds of the plants, their growth and reproduction; they have even planted some decorative plants and herbs.



Gardening: seed is where everything starts from

- Planting seeds
- Treated seed and plant resistance
- Soil cultivation techniques that enable growing a garden without traditional plowing and digging (permaculture)
- Sustainability and ecological balance in the garden
- Creation of fertile soil that will be abundant with crops, without causing damage to nature
- At the end of workshop, seeds were distributed and exchanged (legumes, leafy and root vegetables, cereals and flowers)





Practical workshop for making raised beds

- Participated by a group interested in gardening
- Manifestation of creativity and sustainability
- Making a raised bed from environmental materials



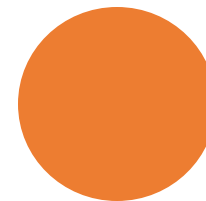
Voditeljica:
Petra Turčič, permakulturna dizajnerica

We managed to organize a **group of participants interested in gardening workshops**. They were able to exchange practical advice on organic farming, permaculture and gardening, and even help each other with work in the garden. At the meeting of the group, an initiative was created to start a public garden in the city of Šibenik, this is also supported by the local government who are keen supporters of green initiatives.



Exhibition „The best green libraries of the world“

- Exhibition of the author Ana Rubić is open on October 16th
- It is an exhibition that presents world examples of green librarianship good practice
- Six best library projects, winners of the IFLA Green Library Award 2018
- Among the awarded projects was the „Green festival“, a project of the National and University Library in Zagreb organized in September 2017
- Awarded projects are: National and University Library in Zagreb, project of the Chinese City Library of Foshan, projects of the Hungarian City Library of Tatabánya, Romanian Rural Library of Sirna, National Library and Archives of Iran, and Kenyan University Library of the International University of the United States of America in Africa.



Seed library

- Tuesday, on October 17th 2023 it was introduced Seed library
- The project is aimed at exchanging indigenous seeds, supporting sustainable development and raising awareness of the importance of caring for our planet
- Melinda Grubišić-Reiter spoke about the project





Mountaineering and ecological association Stribor

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PLANINARSKO EKOLOŠKA UDRUGA ŠIBENIK



Franka Petković, president of the association,
and Kristina Dobra, secretary, presented the
Mountaineering and ecological association
Stribor.



Autumn workshop for skin and body care with natural preparations

- Workshop was held as part of the project Green Topics at the Library. It is financed by the Ministry of culture and Media of the Republic of Croatia
- Ana Bebič, the librarian, held the workshop
- Participants learned how to make salves and elixirs for skin and body at home, as well as herbal immunity preparations





Conclusion

- In conclusion, the users adopted new values and behaviour patterns through the selected programs, and they recognized how important solving the problem of sustainable development is for the well-being of the community.
- The right to preserve autochthonous seeds and the biodiversity of certain areas should be highlighted, as well as the role of seeds in the traditions of certain cultures of the world.

Thanks

