

Let's go green! Zagreb, 10. 11. 2023 Saša Vidmar and Ana Kosič France Bevk Public Library Nova Gorica



#### This is how it started ...

- The initiative came from one of the local non-governmental organizations.
- We started researching.
- The first meetings and events followed.

A ni to fenomenalno? Goriška knjižnica Franceta Bevka ali ste pripravljeni na kaj takega? 🥹



#### Shareable

28. november 2017 · 🕄

The Boston Public Library has an awesome seed library in its East Boston branch. Check out how it works — and find more resources on how you can share seeds her... Prikaži več

Prikaži prevod



# We found out ...

- The first seed libraries began to appear in the United States after the year 2000 in response to pressure from agrochemical multinationals.
- They mostly operate in public libraries.
- It's in line with the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations 2030 Agenda.









## Why the public library?

- By placing seed libraries in public libraries, we emphasize our educational function.
- We encourage individuals to be active in their communities and to preserve their cultural and natural heritage (which seeds are!).
- All of this is in line with our traditional role, our proactive approach and, last but not least, our mission.









### Why France Bevk Public Library?

- The tradition of seed exchange in our community,
- the perfect location,
- the recognition and reputation of the library in the community,
- openness of the library to novelties (Mojstrovalnica (makerspace), Rastem z e-viri (information literacy project) ect.









#### The Seed Library goals

• Educating and raising awareness in the local community on the importance of self-sufficiency, conservation of biodiversity and drawing attention to old domestic plant varieties and current environmental issues.



26. OKT. 2018 OB 09:30 - 27. OKT. 2018 OB 09:30 **Climathon Nova Gorica** 

26.

About Razprava	🗷 Pova
Podrobnosti	Vpogledi
Število oseb, ki so se odzvale: 45	Zadnjih 7 dni 29. Apr–6. N
Dogodek oseb Climathon Nova Gorica, Podružnica in drugih (2)	
Q Goriška knjižnica Franceta Bevka	št. doseženih oseb
🗴 Trajanje: 1 dan	51. 0050201111 0505
🔇 Javno · Vsi z računom Facebook ali brez njega	
V petek, 26. oktobra 2018 bomo v Novi Gorici v Goriški knjižnici Franceta Bevka organizirali prvi	26
Climathon – izziv, ki ga bomo na tem 24-urnem hackathonu reševali bo prva slovensk Prikaži več	+0 last 7 days



#### X Predavanje Pavla Medveščka | 11. april 2014 | Goriška knjižnica Franceta Bevka X

Pavel Medvešček je slovenski pisatelj, publicist, grafik, slikar in zbiratelj ljudskega izročila. Delal je v šolstvu, v sedemdesetih letih prejšnjega stoletja se je zaposlil na Zavodu za spomeniško varstvo Gorica kot konservator za ljudsko dediščino. Objavil je številne članke, tako strokovne kot poljudne in pet knjig, vse na temo ljudske dediščine. Zadnja, ki bo njegove raziskave o staroverst. Prikaži več



PET. 11, APR, 2014 Predavanje Pavla Medveščka o Starovercih Nova Gorica

☆ Zanima me

#### That's why we ...



Enriched the book collection with new titles in the field of seed and vegetable cultivation.



Organized events and workshops on gardening and other sustainable topics.



Developed an app for borrowing seeds.



#### How it works

- The Seed Library contains both domestic and heirloom seeds.
- Patrons borrow seeds and grow plants from them. Then they harvest new seeds and return some of them to the library.
- It's open from beginning of February to the end of October.





Ko Si







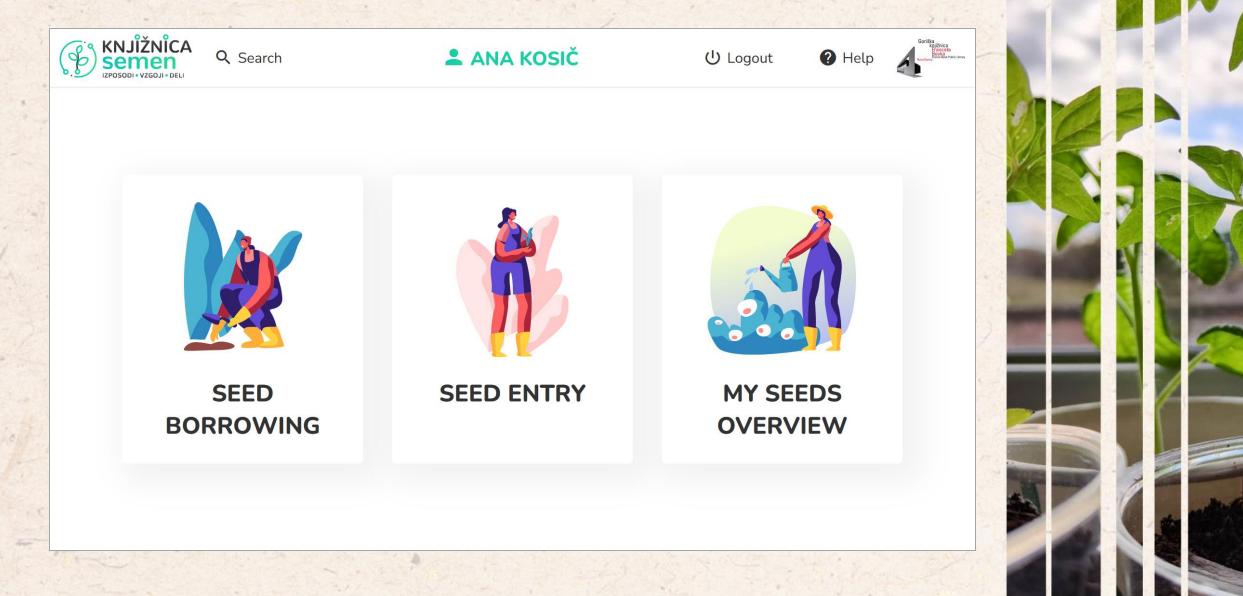
Kum

# The app

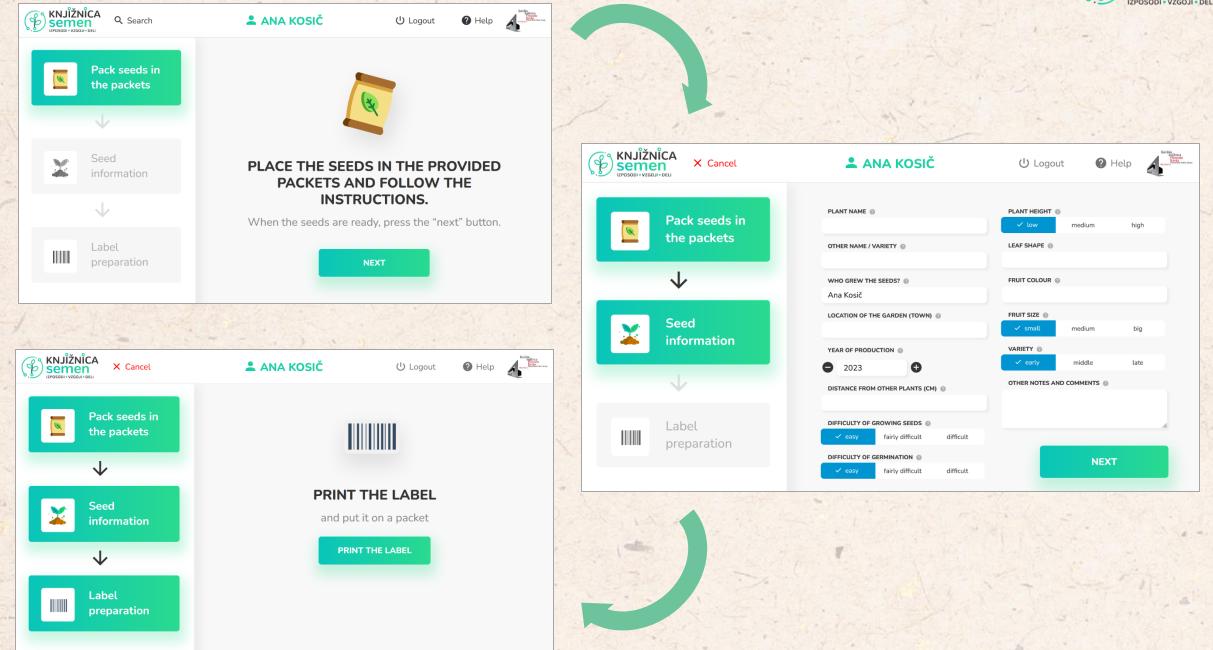
- We developed it in collaboration with the company Ekosplet.
- It's very easy to use, which allows patrons to use it independently.
- Everyone who has a library card can borrow seeds.



### Entry page







### Other activities

- Seed germination test.
- Workshops, school visits, events.
- More than 300 different seeds, 250 patrons and almost 1700 packets of seeds.















### Seed libraries across Slovenia

F

Photo: Kobarid library, Ciril Kosmač Public Library, Tolmin



Photo: Lavričeva knjižnica Ajdovščina



Photo: Knjižnica Franca Ksavra Meška Ormož

Photo: Miran Jarc Public Library Novo mesto



### We're pleased

- That patrons use the Seed Library, attend lectures and other activities.
- That the local community (various local organizations, media ...) has recognized the importance of the Seed Library.
- That the Seed Library is one of the projects of Citizenscience.si.
- That proffesional colleagues from Slovenian public libraries have recognized the importance, power and influence that public libraries have in changing society for the better, which SEED LIBRARY actually does.







# Thank you!

