



The Library of the year in Ukraine: sharing experience

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Network of Public Libraries Of Ukraine

- ✓ **Network of libraries – 16227**
- ✓ **Professionals in libraries – 99292**

- ✓ **The Internet – 22% of libraries**
- ✓ **E-catalogs – 6% of libraries**

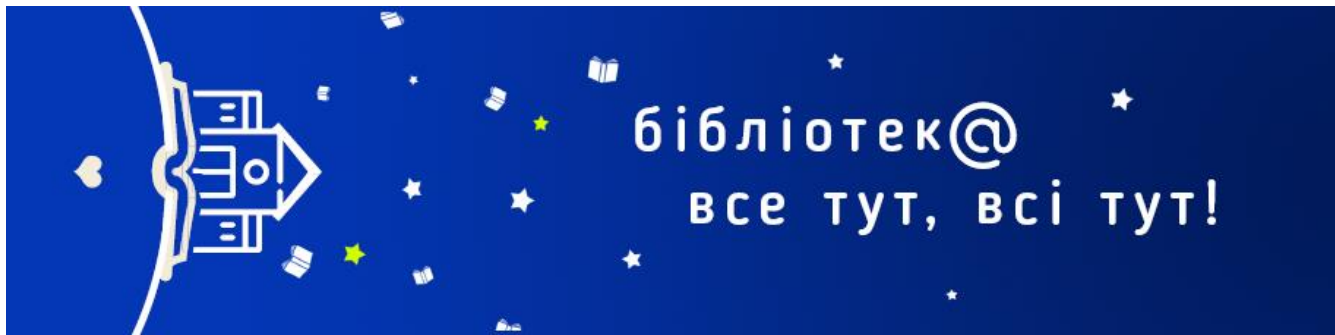


Reform of the Network of Public Libraries of Ukraine (starting from 2016)

We have:

- **Basic level – level of communities**
- **District level – functions temporary until the process of creating UTC (Unification of Territorial Communities) is finished**
- **Regional level (The Autonomous Republic of Crimea, regions, cities of Kyiv and Simferopol’)**
- **National level**





Ukrainian Library Association (ULA) — Ukrainian community organization that brings together people who are engaged in the professional field of libraries work.

Library workers - 69 000

Libraries - 39 000

It promotes development of the civil society and works as a democratic institution of library services management

Projects and programs of ULA



- Encouraging community ventures
- Action against plagiarism
- Participating in the project «Active Citizens»
- Projects under Erasmus+ in order to promote European values
- Network of points of citizens' access to official information
- «Public Libraries – Bridges Towards E-Governance»
- Cooperation with IFLA



23 years of ULA



69 000
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25 877 100 citizens of Ukraine are library users !!!



We are growing!

- ✓ 4 000 individual members of ULA
- ✓ 160 group members of ULA
- ✓ 12 registered regional offices of ULA
- ✓ 6 regional offices conduct civic-based work
- ✓ 7 independent regional library associations are group members of ULA
- ✓ 7 thematic sections



During the 10 years of membership we:

- **Took part in international conferences and forums, competitions**
- **Implemented projects of the ULA and its partners**
- **Were awarded as the Library of the Year 2017 for the URBAN-library project**



Lviv Public Libraries. Who are we?

We are informative, cultural, communicative and urban centers, innovative place that creates new ideas for community development and resurgence

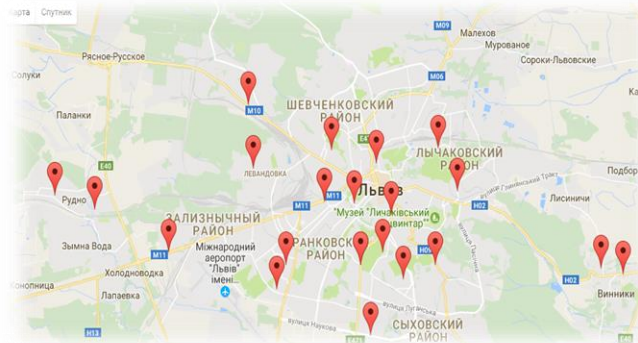
We became recognizable and prestige owing to social and cultural activity, organizing important for the city events, as well as to projects and grants work

Partners of Network of Lviv City Libraries for Adults include:

- community organizations
- public institutions
- charity funds
- businesses
- educational and cultural facilities

83 institutions





Public Libraries - Lesia Ukrayinka Central City Library and its 22 branch libraries

Staff - 91

Stock of documents – 798 000

Computers – 144 units

Internet - since 2005

1 out of every 12 city dwellers is our user



Leveraging external resources from grants and projects

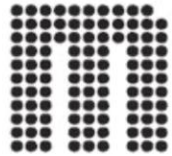
- 2016-2017 - **15** projects are realized
- **30 000\$** and technical equipment are engaged

Projects are aimed at:

- children's development
- strengthening of the community
- development of specialized branches



Examples of modernization of our libraries



ПЕРША
ЛЬВІВСЬКА
МЕДІАТЕКА

First Lviv Mediateka (multimedia library) – interactive public space of the new generation; functions as a platform for educational and civic initiatives.



URBAN
БІБЛІОТЕКА

URBAN-library – specialized space for anyone who is interested in urban studies and is engaged in activism aiming to solve problems of urban planning





Sensoteca – the first Ukrainian informal inclusive space for people with different intellectual and physical capabilities



Lesia Ukrayinka Central City Library – multifunctional space with both traditional and innovative services for spending quality time with different groups of visitors. Its motto is «Make yourself a home!» This is a platform for implementing many library projects.





Maker Space - a combination of modern equipment, interesting programs and cool mentors. This project is created for pupils to show just how exciting learning can be.



Innoteca - an open and active center that produces systemic influence on the future by means of modern technologies.



Good neighborliness

- Establishing communication and cooperation within the community
- Collaboration on projects between activists and district dwellers





Community

- Trade fairs with collection of funds for libraries' needs; thematic events, volunteering assistance.
- The city community supported one of the libraries, helped to prevent its closing and partially assisted in its renovation.





Volunteering

Volunteer initiatives of librarians (hospital visits, books collecting) and the community (help with moving, arrangement of space, joining famous volunteer movements)





Promotion of patriotism

Activity of the club of patriotic cinema, cooperation with community organizations, thematic events, celebration of important dates.



Supporting soldiers in the East of Ukraine

Libraries as centers of volunteering: camouflage netting, meetings with soldiers, psychological support for them, books collecting



Police reform

Promotion of the new police reform, a series of meeting with policemen and policewomen, lectures about safety and norms of behavior



IDPs (Crimea, occupied territories)

- Library as a center for cooperation between community organizations and internally displaced people.
- A series of events within the framework of “People’s Library”, national-themed meetings, meetings with famous people, photography exhibitions, the Ukrainian language courses





Learning about other cultures

- Foreign Language Learning clubs (English, German, Japanese, Korean, Polish and others)
- Meetings with travelers and representatives of other nationalities, cultural exchange events, thematic workshops.





Inclusion (part I)

- **Accessibility of libraries for disabled people (books written in Braille script, wheelchair ramps, cooperation with community organizations and volunteers).**
- **Projects and events for visually impaired people and wheelchair users (hippotherapy, art-therapy, exhibitions of three-dimensional paintings, orientation in space, drama clubs)**





Inclusion (part II)

- A bicycle race ‘I see! I can! I will help!’
(2015, 2016, 2017)





Working with senior citizens (Part I)

Chess clubs, book clubs “55+”, painting for adults, gardening clubs and others.



#ШМОТКА PARTY





Working with senior citizens (Part II)

Computer literacy courses for the elderly.



Children and youth

Workshops, thematic meetings, events, clubs, promotion of reading, foreign language courses, exhibitions, drama clubs.





Holiday in the library

School camps (outdoors readings, interactive games, workshops, picnics, theatrical performances).





Child-friendly

- Meetings of “sling” moms of the city
 - Events for young parents





Animal-friendly

- There are animals living in the libraries
- It is allowed to visit libraries with one's pets
 - There is a club of animal-lovers



Ecology

- Events for collection and recycling of materials (books and clothes exchange, utilizing used materials during the workshops.)
- Lectures by eco-activists, ecology clubs, cooperation with eco-organizations of Ukraine







Art

- Libraries as exhibition platforms for artists
 - Original murals on the library walls



БІБЛІОТЕКА



Fairs

- Library as a platform for holding city fairs
- A unique opportunity for young brands to assert themselves



In 2015 Lviv received the title “UNESCO’s City of Literature”

City of Literature:

- Informs about literary events of the city;
- Implements literary projects:
- Conducts promotional campaigns for reading
- Deals with the logistics of cultural events in Lviv
- Establishes international cooperation in the field of literary management.



City/Urban Planning

- The library as a platform for cooperation and communication between community organizations, initiatives, artists, activists.
- City dwellers' interest in processes of city development and renewal

