Library connecting people – Educational work at Vaasa City Library

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Vaasa – Vasa

- Was founded in 1606 by Charles IX
- The capital of Finland from the 29th of January to the 3rd of May 1918
- Population over 65,000
  - Finnish-speaking approx. 70%
  - Swedish-speaking approx. 24%
  - Other languages approx. 6%
- The sunniest city in Finland
Vaasa City Library – Regional Library
Pedagogical Information Specialist
Cooperation with schools
The School Library in Vaasa

• Project started in 2008 (funding granted by The Finnish National Board of Education)
• Collaboration between the City Library and the School Authority in Vaasa
• A full-time employee 2008-2011
• Today 13 primary schools, 4 secondary schools, 1 upper secondary school are part of the network
Primary targets

• Providing reading and literacy support
• Improving the school libraries operation and creating new learning environments
• Giving updated library service to students and teachers
• Offering professional support to teachers in charge of school libraries
• Classifying and cataloguing school library collections in a database similar to the one used in the public library
School Library practice

- Only pupils and teachers are allowed to use the school library
- Vaasa City Library’s card is used at the school libraries
- The school libraries use a plain version of the library system used at the City Library
- The loan period is 28 days
- Late fees are not collected for materials borrowed from the school libraries
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Kund:

Läs kortets streckkod med läsaren!
Under way …

• Weekly story-times
• Literature clubs
• Guided library tours
• Events
• LittFest – Literature festival
• Night of Arts
• Customized presentations
• Projects
Other collaborators

- Vocational schools
- Upper secondary schools
- Institutions
- Seniors
- Parents
- Special groups
- Associations
- Other libraries
- Other cultural educators
Once upon on a time …

• Started fall 2013.
• Emphasizes the importance of reading aloud, promotes reading for children, and emphasizes the benefits – and the joy – of reading.
• The primary targets are 0–6 year old children, whom we are trying to reach via their parents, day care personnel and librarians.
• Courses, seminars, open events, inspiration and teaching material etc.
Goodnight stories from inmate dads

• Bedtime Stories from Inside is a project started in Malmö, Sweden at 2008.

• Imprisoned parents read and record a bedtime story. The recorded CD is sent home to their child.

• A course where imprisoned parents learn about the importance of reading to children

• A collaboration between the Public Library and Prison
How?

1. Kick off, introduction to reading and children’s literature
2. Book talking and choosing stories
3. Guest from the City Theatre, narrative techniques
4. Recording of story
5. Editing and library service information
6. Finishing the package, evaluation and conclusion
Why?

• To strengthen relations between parents and their children
• To help parents participate more actively in their family life through storytelling
• To enable imprisoned parents to be a part of the development of their children's literacy skills
• To show how meaningful reading together can be
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