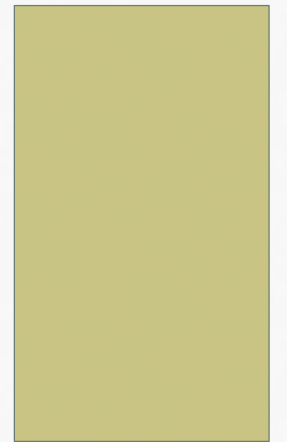


PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN SLOVENIA

BREDA KARUN
KRANJ CITY LIBRARY



SLOVENIA

- Independent since 1991
- 2 M inhabitants, 20.273 km²



PUBLIC LIBRARIES

- 58 main libraries,
274 service points
- 10 regional libraries
- 12 bookmobiles with 726 stops
- 24% of population are members of public libraries
- 1.190 employees



FUNDING

Ministry of Culture

- Library material (books, audio/video, e-resources)
- Special activities of regional libraries
- Digitisation and digital library

--- no funding for projects

Municipalities

- Maintaining the libraries' premises
- Salaries
- Library material

PERCEPTION OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES

- 65% of respondents use public libraries: either they are members or they use them through children, relatives, friends etc.
- 97% of respondents support public funding of public libraries also in the future
- 76% of users still come to the library to borrow books; 72% to get information; 40% to use internet
- Suggestions for future directions: support to users with special needs, services on local cultural heritage
- Non-users: 60+, low level of education, pensioners, don't have school children

SERVICES

- to make libraries more accessible to users - new library premises, mobile libraries
- library as a place for social interaction – community centre



SERVICES

- Reading promotion
 - National campaign in all public libraries
 - The certificate „Reading Friendly Municipality“ launched by The Ministry of culture and Public Libraries Association



SERVICES

- Digital and information literacy
 - Target groups: seniors, people on a labour market, children and youth



SERVICES

- Remote access to various e-resources
- Interlibrary loan free inside regions
- Top-class events for adult and children



DIGITAL SERVICES



COBISS is a national library information system with shared cataloguing, the COBIB union bibliographic/catalogue database and local bibliographic databases, and with a number of other functions. Functioning of the system is preconditioned by the professional outlines and technological assumptions:

- standardised and shared cataloguing of library materials as well as a uniform management of catalogues and bibliographies,
- adequately skilled cataloguers,
- linking of libraries via computer and communications network.

DIGITAL SERVICES

The screenshot shows the dLib.si website interface. At the top left is the logo for 'dLib DIGITALNA KNJIŽNICA SLOVENIJE'. To its right is a search bar with the text 'Search dLib.si'. Further right are language options 'SLO | ENG' and a 'MENU' button. The main banner features a historical illustration of a multi-armed creature, with the text 'Aldrovandi's Encyclopedias' and a description: 'Unusual natural science encyclopaedias of curiosities, such as deformities, mythological creatures, dragons, and snakes by Ulisses Aldrovandi (1522-1605), lawyer, philosopher, and the first lecturer of natural philosophy at the Bologna University.' Below this is a red button labeled 'Encyclopedias'. At the bottom, there is a navigation menu with six categories: 'BOOKS' (Monographs and dissertations), 'PERIODICALS' (Historical, scientific, general), 'MANUSCRIPTS' (Medieval codices and libraries), 'IMAGES' (Photographs, postcards), 'MUSIC' (Musical scores and audio), and 'MAPS' (Maps and atlases).

dLib.si provides access to a wide range of digital contents in fields of science, art and culture: books, newspapers and periodicals, photographs, manuscripts, music scores and other cultural treasures.

National and University Library and many Slovenian libraries and other institutions involved in preservation of the cultural heritage.

DIGITAL SERVICES DEVELOPED BY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

- **Kamra**, www.kamra.si, since 2006

developed and maintained by regional libraries. A portal accumulates digitised local cultural content from libraries and other local cultural institutions such as museums, archives, local associations, schools.

- **Biblos**, <http://www.biblos.si/lib/>, since 2013

A platform for purchasing and lending e-books. It was developed in partnership between publishers and public libraries.

- **Goodbooks**, <http://www.dobreknjige.si/>, since 2014

A platform, developed by regional libraries, which promote reading of good books. It is opened also for users to comment, evaluate, share. Most public libraries contribute the descriptions of books.



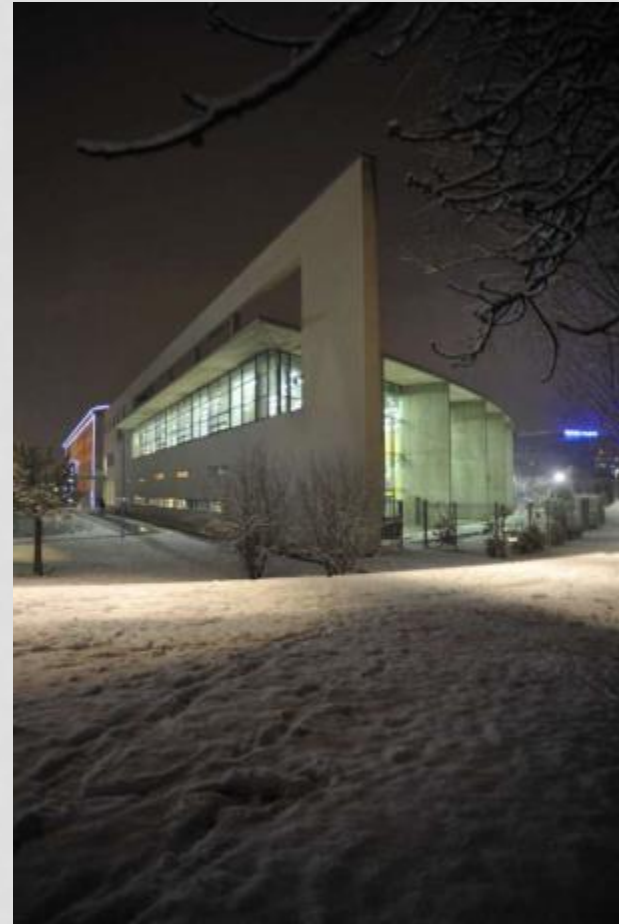
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Nova Gorica Public Library