

# Municipal libraries of Huesca: meeting place for participation, reading, training and volunteering of adults

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## 1) HUESCA: a natural paradise

Huesca is one of the three provinces of Aragón. And It is a small city in the North of Spain, only 55.000 inhabitants, Mainly HUESCA is a city of services.

The province of Huesca has some natural environments so that the tourism is the strong activity.

- Sierra de Guara Natural Park, the most famous place to practice canyoning In Europe
- Pyrenees, mountains for skiing, hiking and climbing.

## 2) MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES OF HUESCA

Huesca has several public libraries: university, thematic, regional, school libraries and municipal libraries.

There are 2 municipal libraries:

- Ramón J. Sender (from 2003): libros etc.
- A. Durán Gudiol library (from 2005): libros etc.

These libraries are small ones, and are placed in two very different neighborhood. They are libraries of proximity strongly connected with the community.

## 3) PROGRAMS

We develop several programs for all users:

**3.1 Educate for create knowledge**, for primary and secondary schools. This is a training program about Digital and information competence, how to manage information, use of information in a ethic and legal way, fake news, etc..

**3.2 Reading promotion**, reading clubs, workshops etc.

- A)** Adults reading clubs
- B)** Children reading clubs
- C)** Young reading clubs
- D)** Inclusive reading clubs

**3.3 Culture and society:** festivals, and activities in collaboration with others cultural, educational and social agents.

**3.4 LibraryYoung:** it is a transversal program in which we organize activities for young in all library programs.

**3.5 LibraryTIC:** workshops and advise service about technology, how to use digital services, electronic administration, etc.

**3.6 Library + inclusive:** It is also a transversal program, we try to organized activities with a perspective of social inclusion: elderly, disable and migrants.

## 4) SPECIFIC PROGRAMS FOR ADULT PEOPLE

### 4.1 Reading clubs

We actually offer 10 different reading clubs, and with different theme:

- a. Languages: 6
  - i. Spanish reading club (4)
  - ii. French reading club (1)
  - iii. English reading club (1)
- b. Thematics:3
  - i. Philosophy
  - ii. Poetry
  - iii. Travel literature
- c. Virtual: 1
  - i. Mixed group Huesca (Spain)-Medellín (Colombia)

### 4.2 Talking cultural groups

We have adults interested in many cultural areas, and we offer one a month a meeting point to talk about

- A) Movie
- B) Children´s literature
- C) Cómic
- D) Literature (2 grups)

### 4.3 LibraryTIC

We offer training for adults about how to use digital services, specially how to manage the digital services that the library offers

Workshops:

- A) The library in a clik, acces to catalogue, reserve and renovation books, etc.
- B) How to read a E-book from the site <https://aragon.ebiblio.es/>
- C) How to watch a movie from the site E-film

### 4.4 Volunteering

We offer to users three different possibilities to participate as a library volunteer:

- A) Volunteer in administrative tasks: cover books, order collection, etc.
- B) Volunteer in cultural activities: staff support, storytelling, etc.
- C) Volunteer as a reader in social institutions: residences for elderly people and disabled institutions

### 4.5 Citizen labs

We started this program in 2021, as a pilot one.

- First we participated in a national training about Labs in libraries with others people of the neighborhood.
- Second: we designed the project BarrioLab: we asked to citizens to present cultural proposals in their neighborhood, movie, music, urban art, theatre, etc.
- Third: we search for collaborators: 8 collaborators for each lab
- Forth: we organized Barriolab in a intensive weekend, we worked simultaneity the forth labs in the library. Each group had to discuss, to reflect and to describe what they wanted to do. During the weekend many Muslim women participated cooking some typical food from Morocco and Argelia.
- Fifth: The labs explained in a open event what they were able to design (urban art and dried flowers) to compose (music Lab) and to describe screenplay (movie Lab),

### 4.6 Art Workshops

**During the year we have organized many different art workshops for adults:**

- Sculptures with recycled books
- Dried flowers pictures
- Cans decoration
- Soap making