

Educational activities for adults in the Karlovy Vary Regional Library

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About me....

Hello, my name is Michaela Kožíšková, I have been working in the Karlovy Vary Regional Library as a project manager since 2003. I am responsible for the implementation of projects in the library. I follow the calls, then I prepare project applications, I am in charge of project implementation and I prepare the final statements of the projects. I work with colleagues.



Karlovy Vary Regional Library

I would like to tell you a few sentences about our library. The K. Vary Regional Library is an important cultural, educational and multifunctional center of the Karlovy Vary region. We have been housed in a modern building since 2005.



Karlovy Vary Regional Library

The building has a reading room, rental shop, children's department, youth club, department for disabled. Last year, we added a new depository from European money. We have one branch in Karlovy Vary.



Karlovy Vary Regional Library

We have 5,600 registered users. Last year, 72,000 people visited the library, 102,000 online. 190 000 items were lent, 840 e-books were lent. We also have 4 biblioboxes. The library fund contains about 400,000 items.



Karlovy Vary Regional Library

I am glad to be able to present at this conference the educational activities for adults that we are implementing.



Czech Sign Language Courses

From 2005 to 2016, we implemented the Czech Sign Language courses for the public. Librarians also attended the course. There was a lot of interest in the course. The lecturer was Mr. Miroslav Plachý deaf since birth. In the years 2018 - 2019, we implemented Czech sign language courses in cooperation with the Czech Union of the Deaf. In the years 2020 - 2021, the courses were canceled due to covid.



First Aid Course

In the past, we implemented a First Aid course for the public in cooperation with the Rescue Service in Karlovy Vary. The participants met several times in the library and the paramedics taught them on practical demonstrations how to save the life of an adult or child in various situations.



Pedagogical Minimum Course

The course took place in cooperation with the National Pedagogical Institute of the Czech Republic, Karlovy Vary. The educational program was accredited by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports within the system of further education of pedagogical staff.



IQ Testing

IQ Testing takes place in cooperation with Mensa ČR. Currently regularly, once in 2 months. Testing takes place for 3 age categories – 5-8 years, 9-13 years, 14 +. Testing costs from 300 CZK - 500 CZK, the duration of the test is about 20-40 minutes.



Courses How to use a tablet and a smart phone

We regularly offer seniors courses on How to use a tablet and a smart phone. Seniors often do not know the world of information technology and are very interested in these courses.



Safe Movement in the Online Environment Course

In cooperation with experts from the Police of the Czech Republic, we implement safe movement courses in the online world, especially for seniors. Participants are aware of the risks and dangers that await them on the Internet. The lecturer is a specialist in the cyber environment.



Virtual University of the Third Age

The Virtual University of the Third Age (VU3V) is one of the forms of Lifelong Learning organized by the Faculty of Business and Economics of the Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague. The study is for seniors. Teaching takes place in the consultation center once every 14 days. We have 53 students.



Art Workshops for Seniors

Integration of seniors into society, regular meetings. The course is funded by the Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic.



Game Club

Playing board games, meeting friends with a common interest.



Music Therapy for the Elderly and Disabled

Music therapy for the disabled in an entertaining way to bring the world of music closer to them. It is a regular meeting of participants, playing various instruments, relaxation



Ear Reading

Ear Reading - regular show once a month - loud reading and talking about books for blind readers and seniors, performed by librarians.



Healthy Brain and Memory Day – The Conference

The conferences covered following topics: the influence of modern technology, how to take care of your brain, the prevention of dementia in old age, the brain, memory and speech and much more. Hundreds of people attended these events and there was a lot of interest in the lectures. We cooperated, for example, with the Secondary Medical School in Karlovy Vary, which supplied brain models or mediated memory testing for the public.



Safe Internet – The Conference

Safe Internet - The library was a partner of three conferences called Safe Internet. The event was organized by the You Connected Association, with which the library has been cooperating for many years. The topics of these conferences were: safe navigation on the Internet, how to create a secure password, how to protect your technology from cyber attacks and much more. Professional lectures were prepared for the professional public - for example, for teachers, school principals, social workers, educators, but also for the general public, for example, parents, seniors and students.



Science and Technology Week

In cooperation with the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, we have held lectures, workshops and workshops for high school students on the topic of science.



Knitting and Crocheting for a Good Cause

We organize meetings of women on creative activities. We dedicate our products to a good cause - Nedoklubko, LaVidaLoca - Life in a briefcase, people who want to learn activities or can already do them can join to the activity.



Guitar Playing with Renata

Guitar playing - meeting people over playing and singing. Volunteer Renata has been leading the club the third years. They meet every week to learn to play the guitar.



CrashFAKE!!!

A unique game for verifying information and quoting literature for high school students, the game was supported by T-mobile.



Team Building for Pedagogical Staff

Team building for pedagogical staff. The work team is important, this activity is implemented to support better relationships in the workplace.



The Literary Club of Seniors

The Literary Club for Seniors
- was established in January 2007, the participants meet once every 14 days in the morning. The club is attended by about 15 women, men do not come. We provide lectures on literature, writers, literary life, talk about individual reading. Discussions with writers and much more. The activity takes place at the Lidická branch.



Literature Night

Literature Night is a nationwide event organized by Czech Centers not only in the Czech Republic, but throughout Europe. Our library first joined in 2014. In 2021, the event took place untraditionally in September on the eve of the Book World Prague Festival. It was read in non-traditional places: Namaste Yoga Studio, Mini Zoo, Folk House, Church of the Ascension, Train Station, Elementary Art School of Music.



Greetings from all employees of the Karlovy Vary Regional Library



The end.....

And that is the end of my presentation. I have introduced educational activities for adults, which are organized by the Karlovy Vary Regional Library. I hope you found activities interesting and maybe inspiring in your libraries.

Thank you for your attention.

I was honored to be able to present our library at this conference.

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