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Eco-Library Of Tatabánya

The strengthening of the ecological thinking in the community of the city Tatabánya with library devices

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„The József Attila County and City Library is a cultural public institution with a sense of national identity. In its function appears the consciously and consistently sensitivity for social problems.

In this cultural area the corporate social responsibility means the maintaining and transmitting of national values, such as Hungarian language, literature and natural environment. These priorities significantly affect the survival and sustainable development of the nation, to which we want to contribute with our specific devices.”

Some of our library’s fundamental goals are „the spreading of ecological thinking and environmental awareness, the organization of attitude-forming education and events, highlighting and serving collections from the subject matter of environmental information.”¹

Ecology in general and the ecological department of our county library

The ecology is a young field of science. It came into prominence a couple hundred years ago due to the industrial, economical and technological development of our everyday life. People can usually be inclined to reduce the “eco” technical term only to environmental protection, but this terminology is covering a bigger perspective: all life of our planet are in a mutual context with each other.



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Nowadays, this balance turned too fragile. The thinkers who are thinking about solutions for our future, that is why sustainability came into prominence. They give a sound increasingly more emphatically to the safekeeping of the living balance, since the main question about the survival of the human civilization is that, how long can be the Earth oppressed? We take away from our planet not only the daily consumption, but make an unreasonable overproduction and let accumulation happen. For example in 2014 we used our “planetary life energy fuel” up for the end of August, while it was enough for all year in 2010. It means that what we use over in our daily consumption will be at the expense of the future.

1 Quote from the mission statement of the József Attila County and City Library: <http://bit.ly/jamk-kuldnyil>

But unreasonable exploitation have consequences for the Earth, and through this for us as well. The environmental balance is reacting onto the living world and the prosperity of the humankind. The effect of this could mean inequalities on all areas of the life, such as “unhealthinesses” and conflicts.

The science; the thinking and feeling man begin to raise their voice now, because every citizen of the planet has the same rights. More and more books, studies, journals, criticisms and films speak up for the repossession of the lost harmony.

For this reason we form the ecological collection and the “Eco-Reading Room” at the József Attila County Library that provides compilation from the opinions and experiences of the representatives in these single areas. We are offering more thousand documents and in our own manner we try the best to provide a suitable environment and mood for the readers.

At the same time from multiple viewpoints of the issue of the sustainability, our visitors may participate in informing lectures, that we call “Eco-Evenings in the Library”.

For the success and accomplishment of the directive of our mission statement (quoted above) a professional, personal motivation and vocation, and an ecological perspective management is needed. The creation of the eco-perspective library is started in 2010 with the leadership of Dr. Pál Voit, the current director of the library.

The forming of the “EcoCorner” begun in that time with him as well. These are highlighted documents of the library, a selection from the topics of sustainable development, environmental awareness and protection, the human ecology, the doctrine of living together; the alternative and renewable energies, and the planetary and cosmic awareness.



EcoCorner in the library

Photo: Csaba Török

We created the „Eco-Newsletter” that is released on a monthly basis and contains public interest studies, news. It is delivered on the Internet through lightpost (email).

In 2012 we could open our „Eco-Terrace”, the “Green reading space” with the support of city Tatabánya, the NKA (National Cultural Fund of Hungary) and the EMMI (Ministry of Human Capacities).

In 2013 with the support of TÁMOP (Social Renewal Operational Programme) we could camp 30 persons, 5th to 6th formers students to taught them about the environmental awareness, in the Educational Centre of the Natural Lifestyle Foundation in a so-called ecovillage, in Agostyán-Ágostonliget. In 2014 and 2015 we spent a week with students in Komárom-Koppánymonostor. In 2016 we continued the work in the community Bajna.

What can a library do in the forming of ecological environmental awareness?

Nowadays one of the most important research areas in Hungary and the European Union is the renewable energy sources and sustainable development.

„During the EU summit in Gothenburg (15th to 16th June 2001) the member states of the European Union were determined that the EU has to form a sustainable development strategy. And the member states need to make their own sustainable development strategies. The matter of this development's concept is that the strategy of the future is, that the EU have to build a three aspect system, harmony of a triple unit: the protection of the environment, the economic increase and the social progress.”²

This recommendation refers to every nation. When it turns to global and national action plan we should ask, what can the libraries do for making people aware. The 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris led to an answer that there is no more time to waste. We have to act hastily, and all of the societies have to take a part of it – libraries too.

The libraries are open, democratic intitutes that collect, systematize, process and transmit information. So they can help in forming and confirming awareness of the nature with their systems of asset, their vocational and human possibilities. The libraries have traditional documents like books, journals, audio-visual data mediums and have those databases and information sets which can be reached on the world wide web anytime, anywhere. Beside with this they can operate with special ecological collections, thematic newsletters, lectures, conferences, „Eco-camps” and community meetings.

The ecological activities of our library

„Eco-Evenings” lecture series

Our lecture series called „Eco-Evenings”, organized continuously from October 2010. The 60th lecture took place at the start of 2016. The primal topics are: the sustainability, the renewable energies, the environmental protection, the environmental education, the living together doctrine, the strengthening of the view about environment consciousness.




Over the 50th Eco-evenings lecture

Photo: Ádám Nagy

The purpose of the Eco-Evening is to open the eyes of locals to environmental awareness and the potentials of the sustainable development with inland and local experts. The harmonic living with the nature assume that the people only use as much from the environment's resources, as it is necessary.

The 50th lecture on the local TV Channel (TKTV): <http://bit.ly/jamk-okoest50tv>

The „Eco-Evenings” photo gallery: <http://bit.ly/jamk-okoestfotok>

Our library's Yearbook 2014 János Nász published a comprehensive study about the „Eco-Evenings”, called „Sustainability and ecological view: Eco-Evenings at the József Attila County and City Library from 2010 to 2013”.³ In this yearbook there are summaries of 36 lecture from 2010 to 2013. In 2016 we're still continuously organizing the „Eco-Evenings” series. 

At the Slovakian Community Libraries Conference in the summer of 2015 János Nász, the head of our library's ecological identity and the regular host of the „Eco-Evenings” gave a lecture, titled as „E-KO-TEKA, a possible environmental awareness forming technique through library devices”.

„EcoCorner”

At the Reading Room we have a highlighted collection from a more wide ecological topic. Actually this supply consist of 7000 books and 30 journal.

„Eco-Newsletter”

From 2011 we're publishing Eco-Newsletters mothly from the topic of ecology with actual and interesting articles and recommendations. Everyone can subscribe with an e-mail address or can read at the library's website (www.jamk.hu).

2016 „Eco-Newsletters” on the website:

<http://bit.ly/jamk-okohirek2016>

Subscribe your e-mail address:

<http://bit.ly/jamk-okohirlev>



„Eco-Camps”

The library could take some primary school student for an ecological viewpoint camp in 2013 (Agostyán-Ágostonliget), in 2014 and 2015 (Komárom-Koppánymonostor) founded by applications. In 2016 we continued the work in the village Bajna.

Photos from the „Eco-Camps”: <http://bit.ly/jamk-okotaborfotok>

Green Reading Place/„Eco-Terrace”

The Green Reading Place, in other words the „Eco-Terrace” is waiting for readers since 2012 in the library's backyard. The view looks for the Peace Park and the natural environment are opened every year between May and September. More hundred readers use it every year.

Photos from the opening ceremony:

<http://bit.ly/jamk-okoteraszmeigny>



The opening of the EcoTerrace, 15 June 2012

Photo: Csaba Török

„Eco-Teka”

After the successful welcome of the „Eco-Newsletter”, the library started to build a new eco-database, the „For a Sustainable Future” (*A fenntartható jövőért*) column on the website, which were created a new corporate identity. There appeared a new element, the „Eco-Article Storage”, which is an article-selection from the journals which are subscribed by the library.

„Eco-Connections”

The county library is a constant guest on every ecological conference and programme of the Association of Climate Friend Settlements, the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the Hungarian Sociological Association Section for Holistic Ecology. It's joyful that every national and international library are interested about the ecological activities of Tatabánya's Library. There were lot of reports about our activities in the local and national media.

MTI Environmental Protection Newsletter

We subscribed the MTI's (Hungarian Telegraphic Office) environmental protection newsletter for our readers. They can download for free the daily updated newsletters by giving their own reader's card number.

„Eco-Link Storage”

All of our library's ecological services can be found at the library's website, in the „For the Sustainable Future” (*A fenntartható jövőért*) column. In Hungarian language there are this „Eco-Booklet”, the „Eco-Newsletter”, the „Eco-Article Storage”, photo galleries, all of was introduced above and more:

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Saturday: 9.00-17.00

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