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Lifelong Learning Programme

**„How museums, galleries, libraries and archives contribute
to lifelong learning“**

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Lifelong learning in Šiauliai city municipality public library: recent activities

**Siauliai City Municipality Public Library
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„We learn as long as we live“ (Lithuanian proverb)

- **Computer literacy training courses in the library.**
- **In Siauliai City Municipality Public Library, its branches and departments the inquisitive seniors have a great opportunity to attend computer literacy training courses. Here beginners and advanced learners receive all the necessary assistance from the library staff who teaches computer basics and Internet search.**



Computer literacy training courses in the library

- ❑ - Training is carried out under the project "*Libraries for Innovation*". Citizens of Siauliai who wish to participate in training courses are invited to choose the library branch which is more convenient. Training takes place in groups but individual counseling is provided too.
- ❑ - In 2011 35 groups of residents or 151 people completed computer literacy course. 454 people got Individual training, 7698 library visitors were consulted by library staff.
- ❑ - Computers and the Internet play an important role in many people's lives. They can pay taxes on the Internet, do shopping, use electronic government services, listen to music or radio broadcasting, order pizza, read a book, socialize with friends, register with a doctor etc. If seniors do not have a computer or Internet at home, it can use it in a public library.

Computer literacy training courses in the library



Cooperation with Šiauliai Labour Exchange

- - During the implementation of the project older people who visit the library have the ability to seek for work with librarian's assistance.
 - The library staff helps to sign up for the labor exchange website, to write a CV, a motivational letter.

- - Objectives - retired professionals, skilled workers and service staff are provided with wider employment opportunities to get the desired type of work.

- - The library held a meeting with a Labour exchange specialist. Library users were acquainted with the Lithuanian Labour Exchange policy, management of labor resources, Lithuanian labor market situation and its changes. During the meeting an expert from Labour Exchange answered seniors questions about job opportunities, active labor market policy measures and their efficiency, the possibility to get support and so on.

Meeting with a Labour Exchange specialist



Educational Center in the Library

- The library cooperates with various sections of art lovers. Two years ago creative elderly people founded a poetry and other arts Association - „*Arts Source*“, its members are talented people from a variety of Siauliai County towns.
- The members of the Association of „Arts resource“ willingly share their passion for poetry, prose, painting, crochet, knitting, cyprinid, jewelry manufacturing, creating music and lyrics, photography with project participants and are actively involved in volunteering.

Making brooches



Paper flashed swans



Embroidery on paper



Metal plastic exhibition

- ❑ The artist, member of the Educational Center has created over 40 paintings of embossed metal, beginning with the portrait of the Lithuanian Duke Vytautas the Great and ending with Vytis, the coat arms of Lithuania.
- ❑ Self-taught artist's favourite themes are taken from folk -lore and history. Besides, he makes expressive candlesticks, lamps, lighting fixtures.



Poetry lovers meeting

- On the fifteenth of February poetry lovers from “Arts Source” commemorated the first famous national poet Justinas Marcinkevičius, deceased a year ago.
- The participants prepared for the event with great responsibility. They tried to take the audience to the rich spiritual home of the poet, from which emanates care, love, goodness and light falls on our lives and works and on the land where we live.

Poetry lovers meeting



Our hopes...

Siauliai city municipality public library is happy to participate in this project, which will give our staff possibility to learn all our life and supply our users with high quality services and make them participate in *lifelong learning* program too.

Thank You for Your attention!

**You are welcome
to Lithuania
in June, 2012!**

