

ANNUAL REPORT



Media Lab

A new makerspace is located on the first floor offering **sound and video studio** services with free-of-fee access - - From November to December 2014, there were **52 reservations** for recordings , rehearsals, sound mix, and video editing (114 hours in total). During these two months, **20 First Contact Lessons** (Orientation sessions) were attended by 42 members of the library.



Medusa

Medusa is the **digital repository** of the Central Public Library of Veria, an ongoing online project preserving the history and culture of Veria and its wider region.

<http://medusa.libver.gr>

Medusa contains

- **15** collections • **4,882** materials • **62** videos
- **2,844** books • **1,495** images • **1,823** writers
- **14,625** single website visitors are reported so far.



Message from the Administration

Four years have already passed since August 2010, when the Library of Veria received the “Access to Learning” award by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in Gothenburg, Sweden. This success - made us well known in Greece and abroad and it helped us to increase our members. Through the financial aid of the award we were able to renovate the 1st floor of the library in 2014. The aquarium at the entrance marks this as a space of scientific curiosity and creativity especially for our young users.

New spaces, innovative services, emphasis on workshops, seminars and new skills are all elements of a new spirit connecting it harmoniously with the “Magic Boxes” of the ground floor. In addition, we have transferred the whole collection referring to the history, culture and folklore of the Imathia area to the mezzanine. This completes the updated services which we offered in 2014.

All our statistical data report a steady increase in the use of the library by the public. We fervently continue the effort which started since the opening of the library in 1952 by Anastasios Karatzoglou, Mayor of Veria, the Lyceum headmaster, Dimitris Papadopoulos, high school director, and Maria Kosmidou-Kitsona, as the first library staff member.

The Deputy Director
Antonis Galitsios

Letter from the Library Board

In a period where state subsidies shrink dramatically , the Central Public Library of Veria succeeded in offering services that attract more and more people. In 2014, its members were over 30,000. The administration and the staff of the library are the agents of this success. We stand by them and coordinate all needed actions so that they have the best possible results. Our concern focuses on the members of the library, especially on the children and people who face social and financial problems for along period of time. We believe in free access to information, education, social solidarity and innovation. We create a safety net for our everyday visitor. We move along, we find solutions , we discuss with everyone.

It is worth supporting the Central Public Library of Veria, a point of reference for the improvement of the quality of life for the residents if Imathia.

The Vice president of the Library Board
Foteini Chamidieli



170.177 materials on loan

books , magazines,DVDs, embroidery patterns, robotic packages, music CDs, Kindles, board games etc.



1,520 new acquisitions

were added to the library's collection with the sponsorship from the Welfare Foundation for Social and Cultural Affairs (KIKPE).

874 private donations.



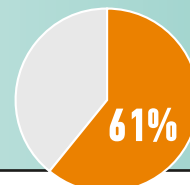
30,251 members, 1,276 new members in 2014

(61% of Veria's population);

From 2000-2014,

2,767,302 materials

were on loan (books, magazines, DVDs, CD-ROMs, Kindles, board games. etc.)



The American Corner (AC) of the library, is a partnership between the Central Public library of Veria and Cultural Section of the American Embassy in Athens. In 2014, the AC Veria organized 36 programs on English language teaching and culture. The AC collection has more than 1500 books in English, tablets, DVDs, e-books, all available for loan, American magazines as well as free access to the electronic library eLibraryUSA

AC VERIA

45,400 unique visitors

of the Library's webpage <http://www.libver.gr> were reported

There were 167,799 page views



We provided **10 computers** for fast and free access to Internet

With **18,498** periods of use

And **11,857** hours of use



Library and Social Services

We are here to help with applications for:

- ✓ the central heating allowance
- ✓ summer camps attendance
- ✓ social invoice of PPC
- ✓ social tourism
- ✓ OAED social work
- ✓ Activation of personal code numbers
- ✓ Drafting of CVs



There were **234 visits** by schools of Imathia and different parts of the country

With a total of **5,200 students**



433 creative workshops

for kids and adults, which were attended by **9,620 people**



Events, seminars

We offered **83** IT courses and organized **172** events (book presentations, film showings, school festivals, seminars, concerts etc.)



Revenues

Regular budget	18,220,00 €
Public investments	26,000,00 €
Services provision	13,500,00 €
Interest	103,78 €
Donation product	18,176,06 €
Withholdings- revenues for third parties	2,655,06 €
Total	78,655,52 €



Expenses

Functional expenses and services	39,347,64 €
Material supply	11,115,54 €
Withholdings return	2,655,06 €
Total	53,118,24 €

