



**941**  
new members 2018  
**33.955**  
members in total

**155.050**  
loans in 2018



We would like to thank the family of the great Greek painter, **Yiannis Moralis** who has offered a big part of his personal book collection to our library.

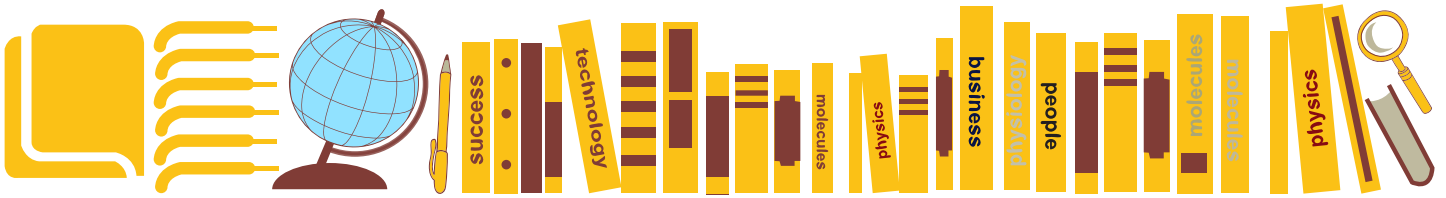


Since 2010, the year in which we received the award "Access of Knowledge" by Bill and Melinda Gates, we have managed to create an array of services which aid the needs of our members. A vital part of our success lies in the continuous enrichment of our book collection, which now spans around 150.000 titles. This wide range of books allows our members, to enrich their knowledge about their interests, and at the same time help them create new once.

This year our library had the honour of attaining books by the late Yianis Moralis's (a Greek painter) personal collection of art books, as well as a big donation consisting of Asterios Koukoudis's, books regarding the history of Vlachi (a greek ethick group originating from the mountains of the North).

Furthermore, we were donated parts of Mr Georgios X. Hionidis's (former president of the library) collection of Politica/Civil documents, which showcased the immense amount of support towards the library, and his interest in furthering the knowledge of our members. All of the above donations, accompanied by the support of the Social and Cultural Affairs Welfare Foundation (KIKPE), which aided towards enhancing our book collection, and maintaining the function of the Mobile library, give us the strength we need in order to keep developing.

We, as an establishment believe in the power of the people who have, through the years, given us continual support. People who borrowed **803.813 material (books, jurnals, laptops etc) in the spam of four years (2014-2018), and who continue coming to our library and making use of the multitude of spaces / services provided to them.**



**279**  
creativity  
workshops  
for children,  
reading  
promotion

Adding on, 2018 was a really creative year. The newly renovated parts of the library, that were developed by the donation of the **Bill and Melinda Gates** foundation, still welcome many people daily for book lending, studying, use of free internet, help with various applications online, interactive games, lectures, seminars, concerts and many other activities.

**142**  
school class  
visits

### Some of the highlights of Veria Public Library for the year of 2018 include:

- Through the **"The city as a reader-books everywhere"** programme, the mobile library of Veria Public Library traveled to Athens and remained there for a whole year. From the beginning of its tour **the library traveled to many parts of Athens during the Athens Capital of Books program in 2018.**

**45**  
book mobile  
stops

- In the summer of 2018, the **"Summer campaign of Reading and Creativity"** that is coordinated by the National Greek Library took place in our library as well, with the theme being "Favorite things: observing the world" (20 of June to 7 of September 2018)

- **The re-opening of the mobile library** this year after years of termination due to the helpful donation of **KIKPE foundation**. The mobile library visited remote villages of Imathia prefecture and summer vacationing spots. The mobile library has a very important role as the residents of these villages have direct access to an organised library but also good internet access.



- Our collaboration with the **American Embassy, the Veria Tech Lab** has given us the opportunity to offer tech and business labs (robotics, creative writing, online privacy seminars etc.) to young children as well.

**342.477**  
unique visits  
to library  
web pages

- The library also hosted the **Nomadic Library of the Mediterranean Photography Festival**, a collection of a hundred excellent photography books that remained in the Library for four months and was followed by several art and photography happenings.

- The renewal of the PressReader subscription which was an important donation of **Coffee Island**, Veria.

**2.878**  
new book titles  
plus many  
donations  
from our  
members

- Finally the **training of librarians from Moldova** on organization, technology and innovation software.

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