



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.

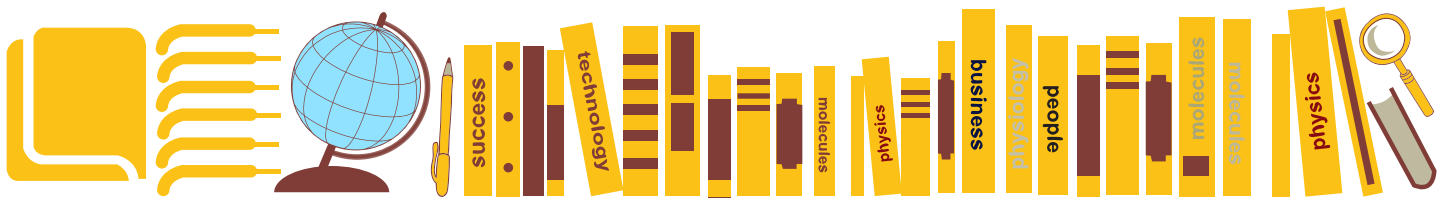


Since 2010, when we were granted the "Access to Learning Award" (ATLA) by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, we have managed to provide services that meet our members' needs. A vital part of our success lies in the continuous enrichment of our book collection, which now exceeds 150,000 titles. This wide range of books allows our members, to enrich their knowledge about their interests, and at the same time help them create new ones.

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 ethnic 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 Political/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 items (books, journals, laptops etc) in the span 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 World Book Capital for the year 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 inactivity due to the helpful donation of **KIKPE foundation**. The mobile library visited remote villages of Imathia prefecture and summer resorts. The mobile library plays a very important role as the residents of these villages gain 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
public 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 accompanied by several art and photography happenings.

- The renewal of the PressReader subscription which was an important donation by **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.

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