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Welcoming Europe's Library Community to Zagreb – Croatia



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Croatian Library Association

- since 1940
- 16 regional associations
- 38 professional committees
- 1,500 members
- Library Act (November 11, 1960)
- 3 Faculties of Library and Information Sciences (Zagreb, Osijek, Zadar)



Libraries in Croatia (2024)

-  1 National library
-  31 University libraries
-  99 Higher education libraries
-  2 Research libraries
-  105 Special libraries
-  312 Public libraries
-  968 Primary school libraries
-  367 Secondary school libraries

Books (number of volumes)

29,0 mil.



** International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). (n.d.). Library Map of the World. Retrieved [16. 4. 2026.], from <https://librarymap.ifla.org/>.*

National and University Library in Zagreb



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Main roles:

- the national library of the Republic of Croatia
- the main library of the University of Zagreb
- building and development of the Croatian library system

National and University Library in Zagreb



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- Established in 1607

Key Facts and Figures for 2024

- *Holdings*: 3,7 mil items; 57 % digital items
- *Acquisitions*: 114,395 items; 55 % digital items
- *Users*: 13,355 memberships; 6,357 new memberships; 660 – average daily entries
- *Staff*: 305 FTE

National and University Library in Zagreb

1100 seats | 10 carrels | 1
group study room | 5 study
pods | 150 seats for
evening work | 9 new
lecture/meeting halls



National and University Library in Zagreb

Highlights:

- *e-University* project
- *e-Culture* project



Zagreb City Libraries

- Established in *1907*
- *Space*: 17,499 m²
- *Professional Staff*: 469
- *Holdings*: 2,142,482
- *Users*: 226,434



Zagreb City Libraries

- Well organized network of public libraries in the City of Zagreb.
- The largest public library in Croatia.
- Central library service for public and school libraries in the City of Zagreb and the Zagreb County.



Zagreb City Libraries

- The network of 42 public libraries in the city of Zagreb
- Bookmobile service with 1 bibliobus
- 12 district libraries with branch libraries
- 3,500 Programs for adults
- 9,773 Programs for children
- 1,254 Exhibitions
- 1,234 Partnership with institutions and associations

Zagreb City Libraries



A heart beating on four wheels

The project "Reading Towards an Inclusive Society" is more than just an operational plan – it is a promise that no one will be forgotten.

The vehicles are carefully adapted for people with disabilities and the elderly citizens, because **the right to dream knows no barriers.**



We are proud that, with the support of **the European Social Fund**, we are building a society where books are accessible to everyone – regardless of address, age, or life circumstances.

These miles traveled are transformed into thousands of new pages in the hands of those who have waited for them far too long.



The future of libraries is built on collaboration, innovation, and shared purpose.



Join us in Croatia to shape what comes next!

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