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Van Province Public Library: „For sustainable success – go teach!“



Van is located in the east of Turkey, in Eastern Anatolia Region, beside Lake Van, whose history dates back to 5 000 years B.C. It is a settlement centre and its population is 1.000.000. Van is a city which has a rich cultural inheritance with clean water, water with soda lake, cat, waterfall, special cuisine, islands, historical churches, mosque and Muslim theological schools, domes, bridges, khans and public baths.

The educational and cultural level of Van is below the average of Turkey. The place in Van where materials to be read are being collected, adjusted and serviced is the public university. The Public Library as a local information centre renews and improves itself.

For Van Province Public Library the aim is to be one of the best local information centres and give the best user focused service continuously. In 2007, 20 000 of 27 000 materials were lent for reading and finding information. In context with public connections, in Van streets, it is possible to see bags in hands of people on which our library name is written and, also, possible to see book marks among reading people. Computer and internet technologies go forward rapidly as an unseparable part of our life. Those who can get information power, can also get stock human power.

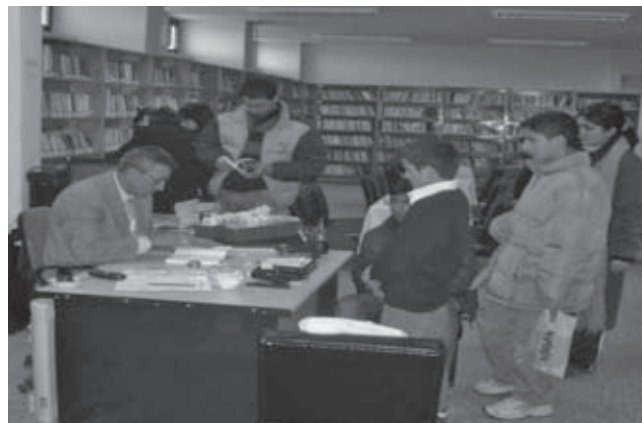


III. 1: Van Province Public Library

In this context Van Province Library develops itself by making internet center with the help of a civil community foundation. So that it serves any format it wants. Information age is shaped in accordance with technological requirements. This age with its technology, industry and needs as related to information, is continuously in progress and development. In this age all of the educational systems and professional knowledge are insufficient. We direct to Search Section which is in our library and the search of our users to have a sustainable success. Information society is very competitive. Likewise, the opportunities and possibilities in society are new too. Information society is different from agriculture and industry

societies, to reach information is related to a definite status, stock and being educated. Information is open door to everyone. But it is important to reach information rapidly and correctly.

In this context Van Province Library has opened a salon for people to improve and renew themselves. Namely, it has been prepared for being information reader and writer. So it is demanded so much. As local information centre Van Province Library tries to give people living in Van whenever they need and at any format they want. In particular, in this city where the level of education is extremely low, it struggles to give a reader identity to library users.



III. 2: Van Province Public Library

Van Province Library maintains its web automation studies. And also we maintain our studies to open Visual and Auditory Material Section. The physical conditions, collection and renewing library furniture works are being maintained.

Projects for 2008:

- to develop their care skills project for physical disabled girl-children,
- alternative schoolroom project,
- local radio project,
- preschool toy library project,
- for refugees to develop hand skills and have a job project,
- daily newspaper project.

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