

International Library Week in Valmiera 2023

**October 10.- 13.,
Nordplus project "Democracy library",
Erasmus+ project "Forward Together"**

Tuesday, October 10	
Part 1. "Democracy in the Library and the Local Community".	
10.00 - 10.10	Introduction by Daiga Rokpelne , director of Valmiera Library
10.10 - 10.30	ZOOM. Online speech by Ivars Ijabs, European Parliament. A speech from the EP Member's point of view on democracy and the meaning of public libraries in democracy.
10.30- 10.50	Svetlana Jodo , Valmiera Library "Democratic Library? What does it mean?"
10.50- 11.10	Alina Pūce , Valmiera Library "Europe Challenge 2021. Collaboration with European Culture Fund"
11.10- 11.30	Inguna Dukure , Strenči library "Democracy in the Library and the Local Community". Opportunities provided by the ECF and other partners to build a cultural environment in the local community.
11.30- 12.00	Ziedonis Museum's traveling exhibition "I'm not saying goodbye again" in Valmiera Joint Library premises. A brief introduction to the exhibition by Ruta Smita , Chairman of the Board of the Ziedonis Museum.
12.30	Lunch
Part.2. "Everything about new events in the Valmiera region and the world"	
13.40 – 14.10	"The dynamic city of Valmiera". Liene Jakobsons , deputy head of the Cultural Department of the municipality of Valmiera, head of the "Dynamic City" project;
14.10- 15.00	Presentation by Oksana Kiriluk , representative of Association of Towns of Ukraine. 14.30- 14.50 How are the Ukrainians in Valmiera? Support of the local government and activities of the Ukrainian community in Valmiera region. Presentation by Mariia Vasiilenko .
15.00- 16.00	Guided tour by Alberts Rokpelnis , Head of the inventory department. Exposition <i>de Woldemar</i> - The ancient name of the city has become a guiding motif that will lead museum visitors into the story of Valmiera, allowing them to get to know how the people of Valmiera lived between the 13th and 18th centuries.
Wednesday, October 11	
10-13	Mazsalaca town library: library & cooperation projects. 10.00 - 11.30 Small business near Mazsalaca - sheep farming and glamping by owners Ilze and Valters Mitāni . 12.00 - 13.00 Library: presentation, Zane Jeske un Anete Bērziņa .

13.30-14.30	Lunch
17.00-17.30	"The story about Zilaiskalns" by Annija Pabrika , Head of the Zilākalns Cultural History and Visitors Center, Jolanta Mīlberga
17.30-18.30	"DIVERSITY. COEXISTENCE." Presentation by Ansis Bērziņš , head of Active Citizens Fund. The purpose of the Active Citizens Fund in all countries is to strengthen the participation of civil society and citizens and to increase the capabilities of disadvantaged groups of citizens.
18.30-19.00	Feedback- conversation
Thursday, October 12	
"The Art of Conversation" . Democracy and conversation: presentation and workshop	
10.00 - 11.00	Project group meeting, presentations and conversations between cooperation partners. ABC Course (Finland) presentation.
11.00-12.30	"Democracy. Conversation and dialogue" Ieva Morica , executive director of DOTS Foundation for an Open Society
12:30-13:00	Dialogue circle method (Time out method) In dialogue circles, everyone can learn and practice dialogue skills and thus become a better interlocutor. Dialogue gives an opportunity to hear and understand the human experience that has shaped their opinion, as well as to see the world more broadly. Because good conversation inspires, heals and ultimately builds a democratic nation. Dialogue is a cultural method of democratic conversation, during which a person can better understand the issue under consideration, other people's thoughts and own position. The purpose of dialogue is not to prove which opinion is right or to reach a consensus, but good dialogue is a way for people to come to new solutions and insights together and maintain a human connection with each other.
13.30-14.00	Lunch
14.00-15.30	Dialogue Circle: is conversation always possible?
15.30 – 16.00	Evaluation of meeting and closing
Friday, October 13	
11.00-13.00	Visit The National Library of Latvia