

Library connecting people – Educational work at Vaasa City Library

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Vaasa – Vasa

- Was founded in 1606 by Charles IX
- The capital of Finland from the 29th
 of January to the 3rd of May 1918
- Population over 65,000
 - Finnish-speaking approx. 70%
 - Swedish-speaking approx. 24%
 - Other languages approx. 6%
- The sunniest city in Finland





Vaasa City Library – Regional Library











Cooperation with schools

















The School Library in Vaasa

- Project started in 2008 (funding granted by The Finnish National Board of Education)
- Collaboration between the City Library and the School Authority in Vaasa
- A full-time employee 2008-2011
- Today 13 primary schools, 4 secondary schools, 1 upper secondary school are part of the network







Primary targets

- Providing reading and literacy support
- Improving the school libraries operation and creating new learning environments
- Giving updated library service to students and teachers
- Offering professional support to teachers in charge of school libraries
- Classifying and cataloguing school library collections in a database similar to the one used in the public library



School Library practice

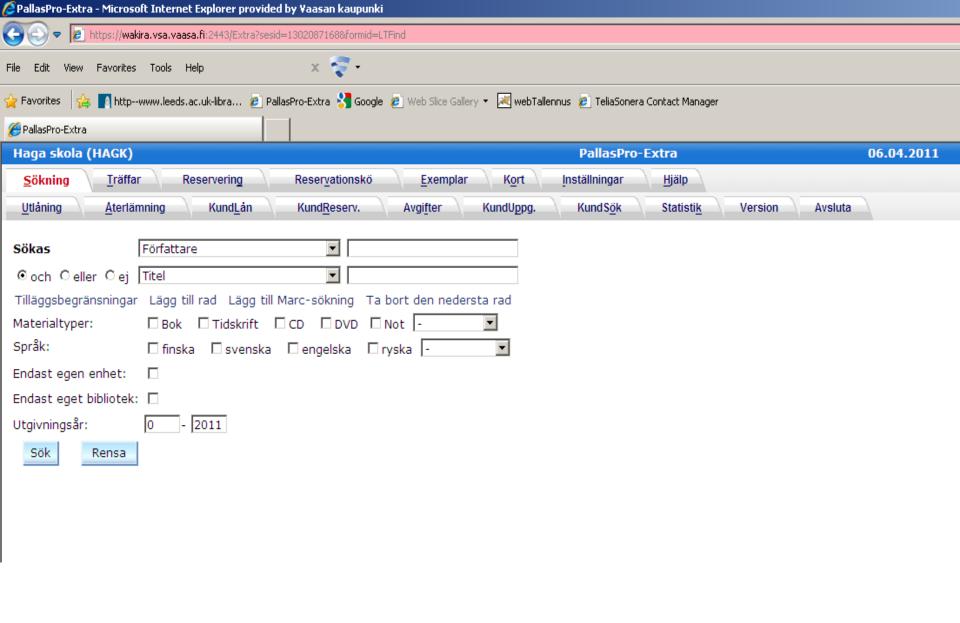
- Only pupils and teachers are allowed to use the school library
- Vaasa City Library's card is used at the school libraries
- The school libraries use a plain version of the library system used at the City Library
- The loan period is 28 days
- Late fees are not collected for materials borrowed from the school libraries





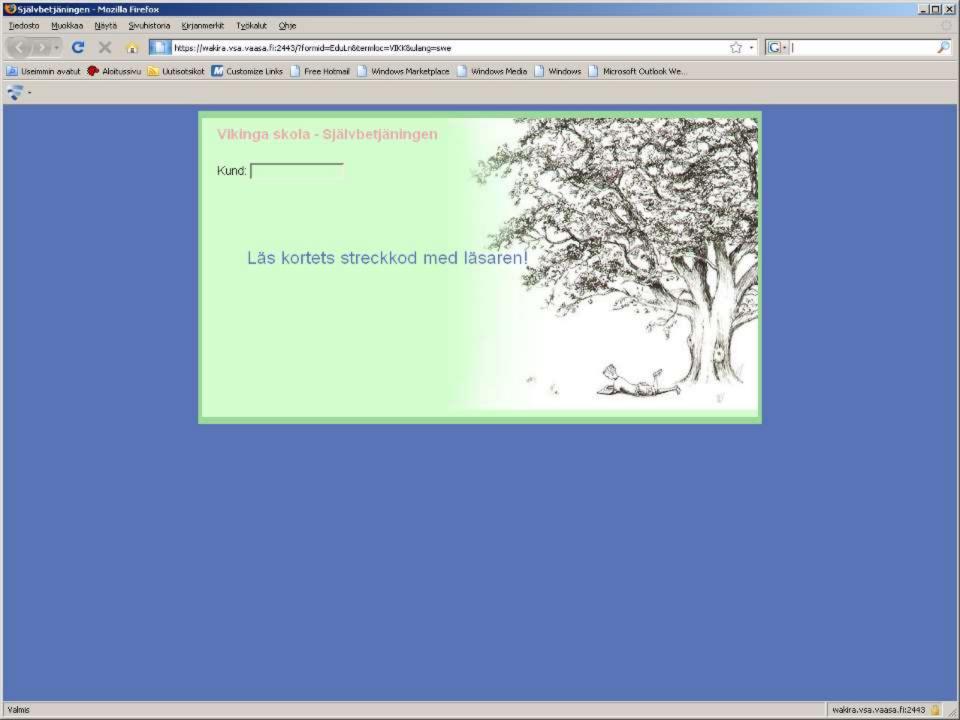
























Under way ...

- Weekly story-times
- Literature clubs
- Guided library tours
- Events
- LittFest Literature festival
- Night of Arts
- Customized presentations
- Projects





Other collaborators

- Vocational schools
- Upper secondary schools
- Institutions
- Seniors
- Parents
- Special groups
- Associations
- Other libraries
- Other cultural educators



Once upon on a time ...

- Started fall 2013.
- Emphasizes the importance of reading aloud, promotes reading for children, and emphasizes the benefits – and the joy – of reading.
- The primary targets are 0–6 year old children, whom we are trying to reach via their parents, day care personnel and librarians.
- Courses, seminars, open events, inspiration and teaching material etc.





Goodnight stories from inmate dads

- Bedtime Stories from Inside is a project started in Malmö, Sweden at 2008.
- Imprisoned parents read and record a bedtime story. The recorded CD is sent home to their child.
- A course where imprisoned parents learn about the importance of reading to children
- A collaboration between the Public Library and Prison











How?

- 1. Kick off, introduction to reading and children's literature
- 2. Book talking and choosing stories
- 3. Guest from the City Theatre, narrative techniques
- 4. Recording of story
- 5. Editing and library service information
- 6. Finishing the package, evaluation and conclusion





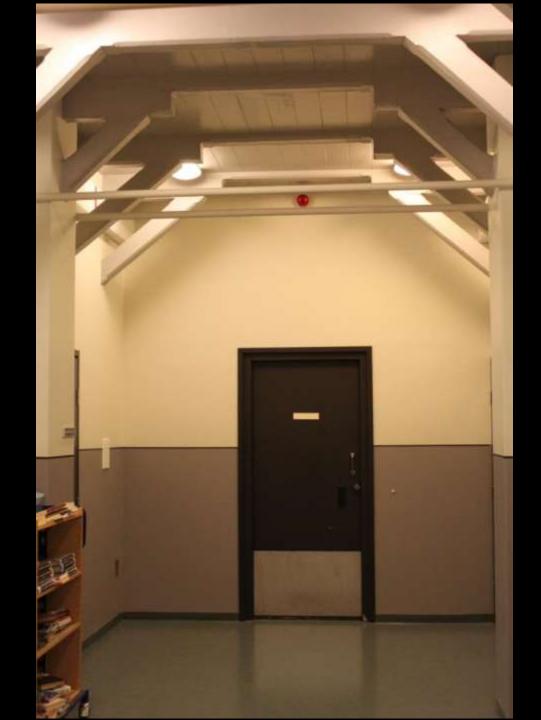
Why?

- To strengthen relations between parents and their children
- To help parents participate more actively in their family life through storytelling
- To enable imprisoned parents to be a part of the development of their children's literacy skills
- To show how meaningful reading together can be





















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