Weaving a Library Network
The case of Santa Coloma de Gramenet

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Backdrop
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The backdrop behind a Library Network
LIBRARY HINTERLANDS

CITY HIGHLIGHTS

• Population: 120,000
• Proximity and good connection with Barcelona
• Very different neighborhoods
• Low income ratios and education levels
• Unequal opportunities
THE ADMINISTRATION GAME

Competences and contributions

Province administration
- Technical and financial assistance
- Unique catalog and technical directives
- Knowledge management
- Quality service based in social values and Library Science professional criteria

Municipal government
- Rule and maintenance of the library system
- City Hall’s policy and Culture Department directives
- Municipal identity
- Local development

Essential goals

Social cohesion
- Community development on equal opportunities

Cultural improvement
- Knowledge management
- Quality service based in social values and Library Science professional criteria

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Transformation
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A planned transformation
NETWORK MODELS

Diversity of technical criteria
Neighborhood projects
Decentralized planning
Self-organization
Private communication

Homogeneity
Hierarchy
Centralized planning
Centralized communication
Network project

Coordination
Transversality
Sectorial work
City project
Inclusive planning
Shared
Information circuit

Our past
Our present

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HAVING A PLAN

Directors reunions monthly

Municipal five-year libraries plan

Annual plan

City Hall coordination meetings monthly

Libraries regulation

Collection development

Commissions Monthly

Collections

Communication

Children

Communication plan

Commissions

Staff reunions Weekly

Procedures manual

Survival manual

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TRANSVERSALITY

Commissions

Network communication system

One professional per library
Sectorial work
Profile selection
Autonomy
Self-organization

Internal information circuit: reunions, mails, shared files
Communication plan
Common procedures
Planning
Unified system of procedures and services
Libraries Network
Values
Accessibility
Inclusion
Participation
Quality
Functionality
Adequacy
Optimization
Context adaptation
Operational Goals
Freedom, cohesion, participation, tolerance, citizenship, identity, justice...
Information society
Equal opportunities
Competitiveness, adaptability, ability, creativity, effectiveness, efficiency...
THANK YOU

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