Libraries opening up new perspectives

Dimitris Protopsaltou, Future Library co-founder
Ms Despina Gerasimidou
Future Library Director

contact: despina@futurelibrary.gr
Future Library

We are a non-profit

Supporting public & municipal libraries, national library amidst economic crisis
Our story ❤️
Born at the Veria Public Library
A small library creates big impact

2010 Access to Learning Award recipient
Target: 2011 – 2015

Significant increase in the number of library visitors / patrons
Design for Impact, sustainability
Public libraries + third sector

public-private partnership
In 2011: first step a feasibility study focus groups across Greece
**Services: priorities of local communities**

1. Book lending
2. Children services
3. Access to the internet
4. Promote reading
5. Creativity & Study spaces
FROM LOCAL IMPACT TO NATIONAL IMPACT
Network of children services

Impact on 4 cities
Total population: 611,751
We renovated 8 children libraries & trained staff
Focus on creativity

Variety of services
Connected libraries

Workshops for children and parents
Experiment with media
REGIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM
STRATEGY TO SPREAD IMPACT NATIONALLY
SUPPORT EMERGING LIBRARY INNOVATORS
- LIBRARY ADVOCACY
- INTERNATIONAL TRENDS
- PROJECT MANAGEMENT
Summer reading & creativity campaign

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Libraries</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2012</td>
<td>73 libraries</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2013</td>
<td>103 libraries</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2014</td>
<td>140 libraries</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
We renovated 10 study spaces & trained staff

10 cities:
Drama, Kozani, Trikala, Levadia, Nafpaktos, Korinthos, Keratsini, Ilioupoli, Chania and Veria

MEDIA Labs project
Transform our library spaces
Relaxing & socialising area
A maker space
Music studio
Edit video / music radio broadcasting
Brain storming space
Live conferences with scientists from CERN
Virtual tour to the LHC
Popularize science
Youth engagement
Our main objective
The Gen-Y
Design unexpected services
Collaborations:
Aarhus Public Libraries
Google
Mozilla Foundation
Helsinki City Library
2012 -2014
our impact

140 libraries
100 cities
8,402 workshops
200,000 children, parents, youth
2015 - 2017

National Library Transition to the new premises

Expand our network to the Balkan region
The Balkans

- need to support public libraries
- facing common societal and economic challenges with Greece
International Network of Emerging Library Innovators in the Balkan region

incubator - social learning space - 12 countries

Albania, Bulgaria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, FYR of Macedonia, Greece, Kosovo, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia & Turkey
Training

Objectives
- leadership skills
- new services
- network development

Curriculum

Global Libraries INELI
Future Library leadership training
Balkan Needs Analysis Report
Challenges

Several languages across the Balkans
English based network but may not have big impact in the local communities

Evaluation of innovators, did they really improve?
Innovation awards

Sustainability
find cofunders
build new partnerships, also outside the library sector
build strong relationships among regional INELI
Our vision after GL funding
the legacy of INELI
every librarian can be an innovator