

VENTSPILS BIBLIOTĒKA

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VENTSPILS PILSĒTAS PAŠVALDĪBAS IESTĀDE „VENTSPILS BIBLIOTĒKA”

Ventspils Library is a municipality institution responsible for culture, education and information services

Ventspils Library consists of these branches:

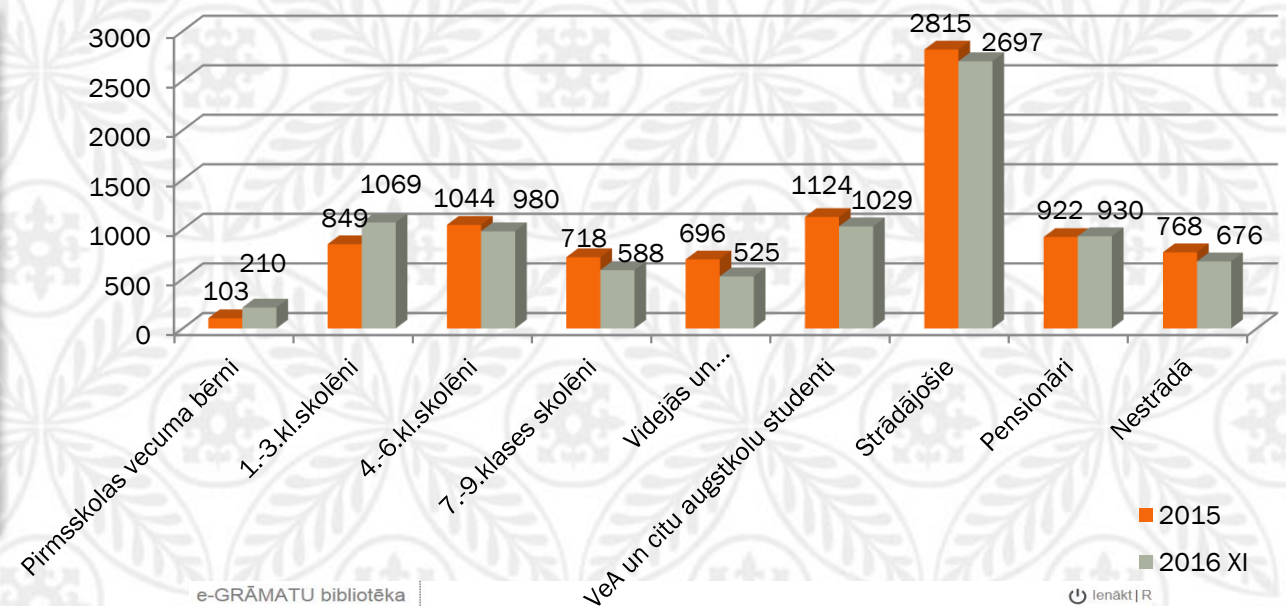
- ☞ Main Library, Akmeņu iela 2
- ☞ Children Library, Akmeņu iela 2
- ☞ Pārventa Library, Tārgales iela 4
- ☞ Ventspils University College library, Inženieru iela 101
- ☞ Gāliņciems Library, Kuldīgas iela 110
- ☞ Ventspils Library external service point at
SIA "Ziemeļkurzemes reģionālā slimnīca" (North Kurzeme Regional Hospital), Inženieru iela 60
- ☞ Work continues on Multifunctional service centre at Gāliņciems and Children interest and activities centre at the degraded territory on Akmeņu iela 3



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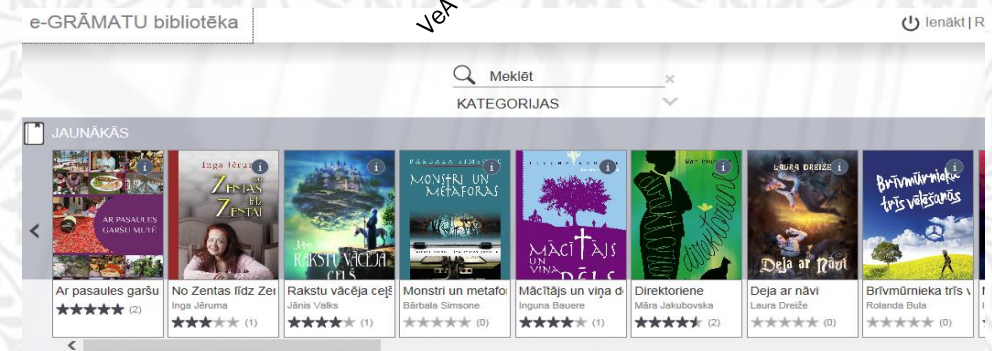
Ventspils Library collection of books and reader categories

Newly obtained units	2014	2015	2016
Books	6437	4935	4624
-in Latvian	762	846	2371
-for children and youth	689	667	602
Periodicals	5165	4803	
Audiovisual and others	812	1015	532
Units written off	14131	9538	4983
Total collection	198023	199116	199289



Periodicals - 148 titles, including
9 English, 3 German and 27 Russian

E-books





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Regional electronic catalogue (BIS ALISE) and databases

∞ Ventspils regional electronic catalogue includes collection of 5 public libraries, 10 school libraries, Ventspils Music School library, Ventspils Technical School library, 13 regional rural area libraries and 4 rural school libraries, as well as unique publications from Ventspils museum

∞ Ventspils regional electronic catalogue is also available on mobile devices (biblioteka.ventspils.lv)

∞ Online electronic databases:

- *subscribed databases (Letonika, News, EBSCO, Britannica Online Academic Edition, Lursoft – periodicals library and enterprise database)*
- *cultural and archival institution electronic resources (diva.lv, filmas.lv, periodika.lv, LNB Digital library)*

∞ Interlibrary loan - readers can order books from any Ventspils library branch and receive it at their nearest branch already on next day





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Ventspils Library public events

	2013	2014	2015	2016 (On 31.10)
Number of events	750	757	806	758
Number of exhibitions	240	299	266	234
Number of attendants	22,640	27 450	27,952	25,333

Library cooperates with Ventspils and national cultural and educational institutions, such as Ventspils International Writers and Translators house, Latvian National Library, Culture Capital Foundation of Latvia, Culture Information System Centre, European Union Institutions in Latvia, UNESCO Latvian national committee, local communities of minorities, Ventspils Tourism Information Centre, Ventspils High Technology Park, foreign embassies, Nordic Council of Ministers, and other institutions and organisations





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Ventspils Library services for reader group - children

- ☞ Children's and Pārventa libraries offer reading programme for 3 to 4 years old children «*Grāmatu starts. Pūcišu skola*» (*Book Start - Owl School*). Once a month, children and their parents are introduced to children's books, library through creative workshops. If they attend at least five of these events, the children receive «Book Start» set of books.
- ☞ Once a month, Children's Library and Gāliņciems Library visits local kindergartens and introduces children to the newest books.
- ☞ Meanwhile children of Pārventa visit the library once a month, and
- ☞ Two times a month Pārventa library hosts specific events for the children and their parents: «*Ciemos pie Burtu meitiņas*» (*Visiting the Little Letter Girl*) and «*Mince lasa pasaku*» (*Kitty Reads a Story*)
- ☞ Children's Library once a month hosts a «Family Morning»
- ☞ Children's, Gāliņciems and Pārventa Library offers a set of events for national «Children's, youth's and parents' jury»





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Ventspils Library services for reader group - school children

- ☞ *Project «Writer– Reader» (2016 - 5 events 381 attendees)*
- ☞ *Project «Reading Station Pārventa: From Image to Story, From Story to Image» (2016 - 9 events 237 attendees)*
- ☞ *Project «Over the Borders» (2016 - 1 event 70 attendees)*
- ☞ *«Poetry Bus» in cooperation with Ventspils Secondary School No.6 and Municipality Ltd. Ventspils Reiss (2016 - 1 event 300 attendees)*
- ☞ *«Poetry Ship» in cooperation with Ventspils Free Port Authority (2016 - 1 event 120 attendees)*
- ☞ *«Heart on the Platform» in cooperation with Writer's Association of Tukums (2016 - 1 event 60 attendees)*
- ☞ *«Bicycle School» – courses to learn and improve theoretical knowledge and practical skills of bicycle driving and a chance to pass the driver's exam to get the driver's license (30 participants in 2016)*
- ☞ *«Girl Club» (2016 - 7 events with around 10 to 18 participants in each)*





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Ventspils Library services for reader group - seniors

- Regional Learning Centre courses «How Long Can You Not Know?» computer and internet usage for all interests regardless of their skill level, in Latvian and Russian (2016 Spring Group had 74 participants, Autumn - 88)
- Interest club «Hobby Colours» (25 participants in 2016)
- English language club (12 participants in 2016)
- Story tellers of Gāliņciems (2016 - 7 events 117 attendees)
- Story tellers of Pārventa (2016 - 5 events 98 attendees)





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Ventspils Library services for reader group - people with special needs

- ☞ All residents of Ventspils who are not able to come to the Library due to health or other issues, can request to be serviced at their home with book and other material deliveries
- ☞ Book exchange at the Social care house «Selga»
- ☞ Reading for visually impaired people Every Tuesday at the Main Library, volunteers from the Ventspils University College and staff members of the library read magazines and books for visually impaired people
- ☞ Book delivery service in 5 of the hospital's wards









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Most important public events of 2016

- ☞ Conference «Ventspils parallels VI. Success Story of the Book» (200 attendees)
- ☞ Conference «100th Anniversary of Writer Mārtiņš Kalndruva» (90 attendees)
- ☞ Literary contest «My 726 words for Ventspils» (14 participants)
- ☞ Literary contest «Kurzeme Prose Readings» (17 participants)
- ☞ Book Celebration at the Town Square (6340 attendees)
- ☞ Exhibition «105th anniversary of Kurts Frīdrihsons»; «Livonian Shore» etc.
- ☞ Graphic Workshop «Ventspils DOKUMENTA 2016»
- ☞ Various genre concerts at the Pārventa Library (1653 attendees)

Municipality information and services for residents

- ☞ Utility service providers «Ūdeka», «Ventspils Siltums» and other municipality institutions often host information days and public meetings





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New services

- ☞ Ventspils Library offers new paid service - 3D printing of various models - tools, toys, souvenirs, gifts, etc.
- ☞ In cooperation with Science and technology museum «Kurzeme Democentre», Ltd Aspired, Adventure Park and Ventspils Tourism Information Centre, Library offers an "adventure tour" through the library «Ventspils – 1 day 3 adventures» with children participating in various activities, creative games and other attractions (2016 Spring and Autumn seasons had 25 groups and 738 participants)
- ☞ X-Box Gaming corner (971 participants in 2016)
- ☞ Ventspils Library provides its old periodicals to Ventspils Creative Centre

