

Book club project gets hundreds of teens reading

A “gigantic virtual book club” is helping young people to discover a love of reading, thanks to a project called Lectibe, which took place across Spain and Portugal

Project Co-ordinator Javier Rosa Sánchez, of the provincial government of Albacete, explains what motivated the organisers to put together a project about literacy:

“ The low standard of reading for teenagers in the Albacete region inspired this project. We wanted to promote reading and decided that a good way to do this would be to use new technologies.”

The project team was made up of eleven organisations in Spain and four in Portugal, including schools, libraries and other educational services, with a shared goal of improving basic skills – and literacy in particular – for teenagers and young people.

Funding allowed the Lectibe project to use new technologies, such as e-readers and e-books, to make reading more interesting, engaging and fun for hundreds of teenagers in Spain and Portugal. They planned materials and activities based around the books, including conversations with authors, online, and readers were encouraged to communicate via a dedicated website.

As well as directly promoting reading, the project also encouraged the use of libraries as a focus point for reading communities. Librarians, teachers and educational advisers across the two countries took part in job shadowing, sharing information about best practices as well as research into reading groups, reading habits and e-books.

Students and adults alike enjoyed sharing experiences with their peers, learning not just about the books but about each other’s culture and language. With reading as the focus, the networks created through the project have flourished and continue to grow.



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Key facts and figures

	Participants: 300		Countries: 2
	EU grant: €31,929		Project duration: 2012-2014

Project title

Lectores Ibéricos: Clubes de lectura - Lectibe



Lead organisation

Name: Provincial government of Albacete

Location: Albacete, Spain

Website: www.dipualba.es

Partners

Servicio Periférico de la Consejería de Educación (Cultura y Deportes en Albacete), IES Tomás Navarro Tomás, IES Universidad Laboral, Biblioteca Pública Municipal de Hellín, Biblioteca Pública Municipal de Tarazona de La Mancha, Centro Joven de Tarazona de La Mancha, Biblioteca Pública del Estado en Albacete, Fundación Germán Sánchez Ruipérez, Biblioteca Pública Municipal de Casas Ibáñez and Biblioteca Pública Municipal de Mahora, Spain; Câmara Municipal das Caldas da Rainha, Escola Secundária de Raúl Proença, Instituto Politécnico de Leiria (Escola Superior de Educação e Ciências Sociais) and Associação Nacional de Animação e Educação, Portugal

More information

Project website:
www.lectibe.eu

The Erasmus+ Project Results Platform:
<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects>