

OBJECTIVES

The library is the school's information and cultural center. One of the main objectives of the library is to make information accessible and teach the students to find information.

Furthermore, the objectives of the school library are i.a. to teach the students to:

- search and obtain information from books and other media
- process and use information
- deliver results with different methods and media and present them



Active encouragement and support to read is an important factor of the library.

The goal is to make our pupils active and engaged readers of literature as well as scientific works.

We believe that with successful work we will shape their reading habits permanently.

Events

Teddy Bear Week



The International day of the Teddy Bear is 27 October. At Flataaskóli library we use a whole week in order to read, make drawings and sing songs about Teddy Bears. First and second graders bring their Teddy Bears from home during the Teddy Bear week. At the school library we read stories about Teddy Bears and do many other fun things. Our travel Teddy Bear, *Sveinbjörn* is located in the school library. Sveinbjörn travels a lot with student's abroad and around Iceland.

and they write about their travels. On the International day of the Teddy Bear the librarian read his stories for the students.



Reading marathon and staying overnight at the School Library

During the past few years the school's librarian has organized a sleepover for one night at the library in cooperation with the respective teachers of 7th graders. The main purpose and objective is to read as much as possible this one evening at the library.

The pupils arrive at the library after dinner and bring their sleeping bags. Normally one book is selected for everyone to read. In 2009, the mystery book " Draugaslóð" was selected. Everybody read vigorously since the book was very thrilling. The author came for a visit during the evening, showed pictures from the story and had a chat with the students. During the evening many unusual things and surprises happened that made the evening even more thrilling and memorable for the students. The next morning everyone went back to their normal routines after having breakfast at school.

Authors come for visit at the Library

Annually different authors come and visit the library and read from their books for the students. Many authors have visited the school library and every time these visits are a great success.



European Day of Languages

At the initiative of the Council of Europe, the European Day of Languages is celebrated annually on 26th of September since 2001. At the school library it has become a tradition to have multicultural program on that occasion.

This European Day of Languages is celebrated to remind all of the



enjoyment that language and cultural diversity brings to us all: Also it helps to support and increase intercultural understanding amongst different nationalities and nations.

This year almost 40 students of foreign nationalities attend Flataskóli. The school librarian and the students together made short presentations for each and every one of the foreign pupils. Knowledge and respect of culture of other nationalities is an important base for solidarity, tolerance and better understanding of different civilizations and languages.

Nordic week of libraries

The Nordic week of libraries is celebrated annually in many school libraries, as well as public libraries in all of the Nordic countries.

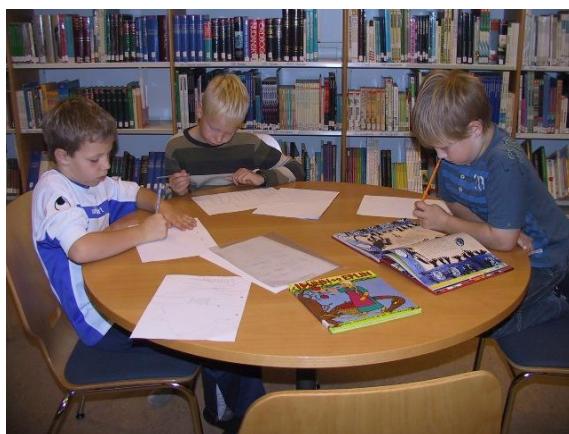
Various themes are selected. For instance in 2007 the theme was “the Woman of the North“. At this occasion texts were selected from Swedish books written by the famous author Astrid Lindgren. .

Essays from these books were read for the students that came to the library during the week.

Candles were lit and the lights dimmed in order to have a cozy environment and atmosphere.

Projects

During the past years the role of the school library at Flataskóli has been evolving. Ten years ago the library was almost only used for the loan of books to students. Today the operations are much more diverse and the library is today truly the information and cultural center of our school. Ten



years ago only special library assignments and projects were done in the library but today the activities of the library have been integrated with most subjects in the curriculum. . Students now get assignments that have clear connection with their studies at our school by search in books found at the library or on the Internet, as well as other multimedia and CD's. The library is well equipped and has good facilities to serve students.

