



Serving the community for 10 years

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Background

- 140/1997 Cultural Law: **mandatory library service by law** for every municipality in Hungary (Baranya County: 301 villages!)
- Bibliobuses are recommended for villages under 500 individuals
- Other bibliobuses in Hungary: Eger, Miskolc, Nyíregyháza
- Funded by central and local government, **operated by the county library**
- First bibliobus started to serve in **2010**, second bibliobus joined in **2014**
- Two bibliobuses has **66 stops**, service time **1,5-2 hours/stop** (in 2024)
- **2 drivers & 2 librarians / bus**
- April 2024: Second bus 10th birthday



Changes

- **Internet connection:**
satellite dish → to 4G mobile network
faster and  trustworthy
- PCs: **underutilization** - smart devices have much higher capacity and speed
- Programs and events for children, grown ups and elderly much harder to organize where the **communities have ceased to exist**
- Social isolation - COVID, technology etc. - and low level personal interaction made people less open for communicating and get knowing each other
- Many questions about the **future:**
 - **Law changes?**
 - Financial background?
 - Centralization attempts?



Keep on serving the community

- Readers can browse among **2000 documents**
- They can **borrow** them for a **month**, and they can extend it 2 times
- Our bibliobus constantly moves from one location to another and this gives it a unique appearance and a **special place** in many people's heart.
- Improve and adapt the methods to the new challenges
- Always **keep the community busy** with some creative and unique programs
- People **tell each other** when they experienced something good
- ...so do your job **as good as you can** and they'll spread the word!



**Here are some examples
from the past few years...**

Escape room programs

I HOPE YOU
ENJOY THE
CONFERENCE!



Escape room programs



Board game clubs



“How to use the library?” programs



School activities



Kamishibai



Random fun activities



Santa Claus Bus



Jenga Jam



Goals and hopes

- Our goal is **still the same** as 10 years ago
- **Providing documents** in Baranya for those who are not able to use other library services
- **Make** our users's **life better** by providing not just basic library services
- Keep the bibliobus's **social place function**, where everybody can meet and talk
- Keep working with kindergartens, schools and other organizations and **emphasize the importance of reading**



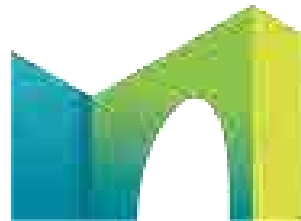
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- We are always open for university students, professionals, volunteers or anybody **to use the bibliobus as an experimental field**
- Threat: the “**aging issue**”: first bus is 14+ years old, second is 10+ years old
- We need: **financial** and **legal stability**
- **Satisfied users**: the biggest motivation to go on is still the smile on the readers face after a successful event, or a handshake/hug we get when we deliver “the book” for them.



**Thank you
for your attention!**

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