

Polish public libraries – past and future captured in architecture



Library in Jarocin, photo: P. Maćkowiak

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The National Reading Development Programme 2.0

In terms of its financial scale, the **National Reading Development Programme** represents the largest multiyear programme run by the **Ministry of Culture and National Heritage** in cooperation with the **Ministry of Education and Science**.



Library in Redzikowo, photo: library's own materials



Library in Głuchołazy, photo: D. Bednarz, IK

The priorities of the Programme are:

- Priority 1: *Improving the offer of public libraries*
- **Priority 2: Investing in public library infrastructure**
- Priority 3: *Purchasing new publications for pre-school facilities and school and pedagogical libraries*
- Priority 4: *Grant programme for libraries and the promotion of reading*



Under the second priority, the Book Institute performs one important task.

This task continues and develops previous programmes:

- Library+. Library Infrastructure (2011-2015)
- Library Infrastructure (2016-2020)



Library in Rumia, visualisation: Sikora Wnętrza

Library+. Library Infrastructure (2011-2015)

- support in refurbishing, rebuilding, expanding and constructing libraries' premises;
- **243** renovated, built and modernized libraries throughout the country;
- **total budget: PLN 150 000 000;**
- grants from **PLN 50 000 to PLN 1 875 000;**
- both **small-scale investments** and current repairs as well as **spectacular transformations** of libraries, mainly in smaller towns and rural areas.

Branch library in Szywałd



Library in Szywałd (small village in Southern Poland), photo: A. Mądel



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Library in Redzikowo, photo: library's own materials

Library Infrastructure (2016-2020)

- support in refurbishing, rebuilding, expanding and constructing libraries' premises;
- **220** renovated, built and modernized libraries throughout the country;
- **total budget: PLN 170 000 000;**
- grants from **PLN 50 000 to PLN 2 000 000;**
- **more comprehensive, larger projects.**

Libraries in Stary Sącz community



Library in Stary Sącz, photo: R. Kubik



Library in Przysietnica, photo: R. Kubik



Library in Gołkowie, photo: R. Kubik



Library in Redzikowo, photo: library's own materials

Library Infrastructure (2021-2025):

- new rules and strategies;
- more than 70 running projects at the moment;
- **total budget: PLN 228 500 000;**
- grants from **PLN 500 000 to PLN 2 250 000;**
- **less bureaucracy** - simplification of mandatory requirements.



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Library Infrastructure – where, how and why?

Where?

All over the country – both in **extremely small villages** (like Góra, just 800 inhabitants, or Różanystok, just 250 inhabitants) and **quite large cities** (Piotrków Trybunalski has more than 70 000 inhabitants).



Library in Przysietnica, photo: D. Bednarz, IK

Library Infrastructure – where, how and why?

How?

Both spectacular, even **award-winning projects**, and small renewals, minor renovations.

Special support is given to **historic library buildings** and libraries in an **inadequate technical condition**, with the focus on the construction or adaptation of **new, energy-efficient facilities**.





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Why?

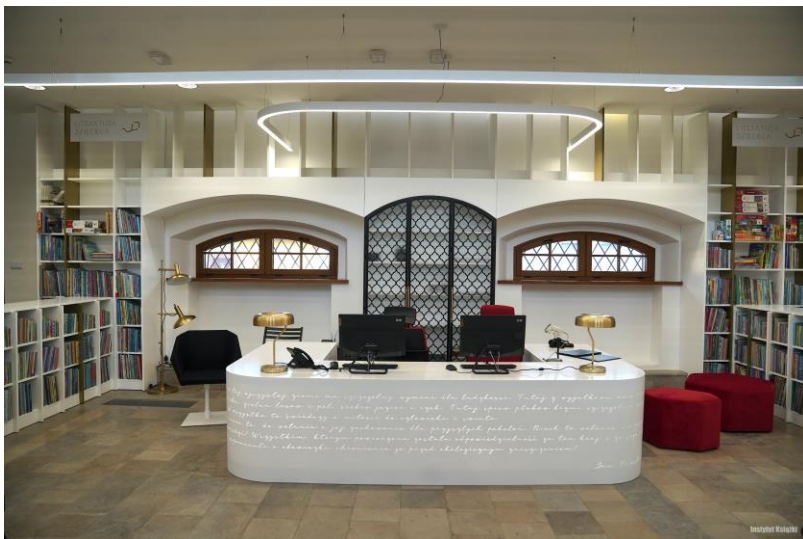
To preserve the past reflected in **the historic architecture** and to care about buildings in the **inadequate technical condition**.

To protect the present and the future by **implementing environmentally friendly solutions** and encourage to fulfil **sustainable development goals**.

To create **safe, accessible, friendly space** for local communities.



Thank you for your attention!



Library in Tarnogród, photo: Ł. Jarocki, IK