

# Chapter 5

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## *Literature lesson in the Library of Municipality of Agios Dimitrios*

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### ***Summary***

A group of 14 students from class C participated in Literature lesson in the public library of the Municipality of Agios Dimitrios. The librarian showed the students how the library is organized and some of the most important books this library has. Then the students were divided in groups, each student found a book of their interest and presented it to the group.

### **Name of the activity**

Literature lesson in the Library of Municipality of Agios Dimitrios.

### **Introduction**

This is an important activity as students were motivated to search, read and find books in an active way and in a place new and interesting for them.

## **Learning objectives**

- To learn what a public library is and how it works.
- To promote love and respect for books.
- To show initiative and self-activity.
- To promote co-operation among peers and with their teachers.
- To gain knowledge.
- To find their interests about topics in literature.
- To enhance their reading skills.
- To promote their presentation skills.
- To enjoy a positive and joyful experience in their school life.

## **Resources**

Books, pens, notebooks and a quiet room in the library, where they read about the book they chose and then made their presentations.

## **Activity**

Step 1:

The librarian explained to the students how the library is organised and showed them some of the most important books this library has. He also explained to them the way they can use the library e.g. study there or borrow books.

Step 2:

Students were divided in 3 groups and each student was asked to search and find a book of their interest.

Step 3:

Each student had 30-45 minutes to read the book and find the most important information about it (title, topic, summary, main characters, category) and an interesting abstract from it.

Step 4:

Each student read an abstract from the chosen book.

Step 5 :

Each student presented the book he/she had chosen, some information about it and explained the reasons why he/she chose it and his/her impressions after reading it.

### **Comments from the learners' surveys**

The students enjoyed their visit in the Library and it was a new and interesting place for all of them. Some expressed the wish to visit it with their parents and borrow a book the next time. They showed an increasing interest to books about Greek history that were shown to them by the librarian and they also enjoyed the fact that they had to make a presentation.

### **Final remarks**

It was an interesting experience for all of us, as we had the chance to learn and interact with each other as well as the librarian in an active way. We noticed that all students were engaged in the activity and they had the chance to explore their interests and find a way to express themselves, by choosing to present books related to their thoughts, feelings and personal life stories.