

Dear guests,

I welcome you all in Fürstenberg, too and hope you enjoyed yourselves on your way down the beautiful countryside.

I was asked to tell you shortly about the combine of our libraries.

The combine includes the libraries of Fürstenberg, Gransee and Zehdenick.

The town library of Gransee has got, like the library in Zehdenick a stock of about 21.000 media.

Our library in gransee is in a secondary school an djust near the primary school, special education school, day care centres and the high school. That makes it easy to work with them. Together we have organized and done a lot of really successful projects. Particular reading promotion for toddlers is our main point of joint efforts.

The library in Zehdenick is in the town hall and is also very good in contact with the schools and day care centres.

Fürstenberg's library belongs to the tourist info and is taken care the Regio Nord.

Hoping to gain more readers, to satisfy their needs better and to make the lending out of media more efficient the idea was born to connect the libraries.

And so it was decided in the common medium centre Gransee/Zehdenick in 2009.

Since our library in Gransee was used of working with the web based library program "bibliotheca.net" of the company Bond and operates a Webopac for the users, I was entrusted with the management of the project.

In January we started the preparations that we needed for working together.

At first we had to prepare the digitizing in all libraries with a stock analysis. All libraries got internet-enabled computers.

Zehdenick and Fürstenberg got new internet lines.

With the help of the Company Bond the staff in Zehdenick and Fürstenberg learned to work on "Bibliotheca.net"

Till then worked on the Allegro-program.

It wasn't that easy – sometimes it was even confusing.

In Gransee we always tried to pass on our experiences to the others.

The training with the company bond was really helpful and with a lot of "learning by doing" we finally managed to work on "Bibliotheca.net".

In November the concerted databases startet running. Bibliothekenverbund-Oberhavel-Nord opened festive on 25th February 2010.

Now you can investigate the stock online. It doesn't depend on where you are or what time you wish, just click in and you can preorder or prolong a book, a cd od dvd even if you are on the other end the world.

Our users can also take a look at their user account, make us suggestions or give hints to our collection development.

Over RSS you can subscribe our combine newsletter.

Not all media can be sent through the “net” and so we developed a system that we call “chaffinches” That volunteers that deliver out of ordered media. They often work or live in other towns but still they deliver out of nothing. That works splendid. The ordered book, CD or DVD can often be brought in the particular library and picked up there on the same day.

Positive Trends on our library network homepage since February 20210

- 2093 visitors – rising tendency
- Pre-ordered media over the combine – rapid rise
- Searching of media (about 50.000) at a look

The Regio Nord and some other sponsors support us financial and so we’re able to organize author readings for children and for adults . Lots of people turn up to them.

The library in Gransee has got it’s own theatre, the Granseer Puppenkiste” they show their plays in our library or in children facilities.

This year we’re going to fill reading cases with different topics.

They’re available over Webopac.

The librarians work hard on the collection development. Now they’re connected they exchange experiences and make it easier, too.

But not only lending out the books is important to us.

The “Verbund Oberhavel Nord’s libraries also organize events for all of the staff.

We’re taking part of the action week “Germany’s reading” for all of the staff.

We have a team meeting once a year. We had a guided tour through Gransee and enjoyed a coffetime in the Gransee Museum. You always need a clear head as a librarian and so last year we visited the nature house in großmutz and got to know about the doctrines of the water doctor Sebastian Kneipp.

This year we’re not going bike, we’re gonna go by train to luckenwalde to visit a children-youth library. It’s in a architectural special construction.

Now after one and a half years of working we talk about a success. Perhaps other libraries of our county wish to connect in, too.

Our project is with future. You can reach us over Facebook soon. In the future we’re going to keep an eye on new communication medium. Not scared to try anything new, curious, loving experiments. – Well, like all of you. Your showing it with your cycling tour.

Who ever would like more information about “Bibliotheksverbund” can go on our homepage.

“We read to know, we are not alone”, novelist C. S. Lewis said about stories and books.

Thank you very much! I wish you to enjoy yourselves! Have a nice week!

by Irina Schulz, librarian from Gransee