



## Best Practices Award for Portuguese Municipal Public Libraries

The **Best Practices Award for Portuguese Municipal Public Libraries** is an annual recognition established by DGLAB since 2014, aiming to reward projects/innovative services developed by Portuguese municipal public libraries that contribute to a better and more efficient management of available resources likely to generate an impact on improving community quality of life.

The Best Practices Award 2016 applications will be open from October 24<sup>th</sup> to November 12<sup>th</sup>.

This award intends to contribute to the improvement and advocacy of public library services recognizing their special social and cultural role, sharing and promoting the best practices. The prize rewards innovative solutions to improve quality and efficiency in human, technological and financial levels.

### Valuating items for applications

- Projects results evaluation is essential to justify their sustainability by measuring the improvements achieved.
- Projects are also distinguished by their creativity and innovation.
- Another determining factor for the success is to assure an active leadership able to engage and motivate the staff. This factor is more relevant in projects aiming the development of networking models, since they may involve the participation of different departments, external entities and all levels of administration.

**Candidates** - Portuguese municipal public libraries, individually or in association with other libraries.

**Eligibility** - Projects under development in the year prior. Regardless of its dimension, resources and time, it is necessary that projects had generated benefits when compared with the depart situation.

**Jury** - The President of the jury is the Director General of DGLAB. Five other members will compose the jury including representatives of DGLAB, of the Portuguese Association of Librarians, Archivists and Documentalists (BAD), of the National Association of Portuguese Municipalities (ANMP) and also two other members selected by DGLAB according to qualification and professionalism criteria.

**Methodology** - The jury evaluates each project according pre-established criteria. The project with the highest rating will be the winner. The jury may also assign honorable mentions to other worthy submissions.

### Rating criteria

- 1) Goals;
- 2) Target users;
- 3) Creativity and innovation;
- 4) Mainstreaming and comprehensiveness;
- 5) Results evaluation (service quality, cost, time and value);
- 6) Potential to increase the visibility of public libraries;
- 7) Replication potential;
- 8) Impact on staff (productivity and satisfaction).

**Prize** - The prize is € 4,500, which will be used to improve the public library services.

The goal is to share, to exchange and to transfer knowledge, expertise and experience through networking and peer-to-peer learning.

Projects will be available on the DGLAB website <http://bibliotecas.dglab.gov.pt/pt/PremioBoasPraticas>



**NOMINATIONS**

**2014**

**1<sup>st</sup> edition**

Winner

“Rede de Bibliotecas da CIRA”

**Comunidade Intermunicipal da Região de Aveiro**

Abstract: *Public Libraries Network from Aveiro Region: The empowerment through library cooperation. The project connects the public libraries of the 11 municipalities, providing in each one of the libraries the same access to all the network resources and services for all users no matter the library they are using. Project is aiming to connect wills, knowledges and resources to transform mentalities, conceptions and services. This Library Network promotes local and regional identity as it creates social, cultural and economic value.*

Honorable Mentions

“PLIP – Leitura Inclusiva Partilhada”

**Biblioteca Municipal da Batalha**

“O livro nas nossas mãos”

**Biblioteca Municipal de Loures**

“E-books e Leitura Digital”

**Biblioteca Municipal de Oeiras**

“Viver a ler+”

**Biblioteca Municipal de Oliveira do Hospital**

“Literacia Inform@tica para todos”

**Biblioteca Municipal de Penalva do Castelo**

“Histórias com sentidos”

**Biblioteca Pública Municipal do Porto e Biblioteca Municipal Almeida Garrett**

**NOMINATIONS**

**2015**

**2<sup>nd</sup> edition**

Winner

“Contos Andarilhos”

**Biblioteca Municipal de Valongo**

Abstract: *The goal was to publish an e-book on local traditions and local stories. Motivating the creative use of digital resources it also promoted the inter-generational involvement of different actors of the community (elder and young, teachers and students). The low budget requested justifies its strong potential for replication.*

Honorable Mention

“Mais Acesso, Mais Participação”

**Biblioteca Municipal de Vila Nova de Gaia**