

What is Sister Libraries?

For those new members:

NAPLE Sister Libraries is a cooperation program of the NAPLE Forum that enables public libraries in the countries of the European Union to get in touch in order to project joint activities.

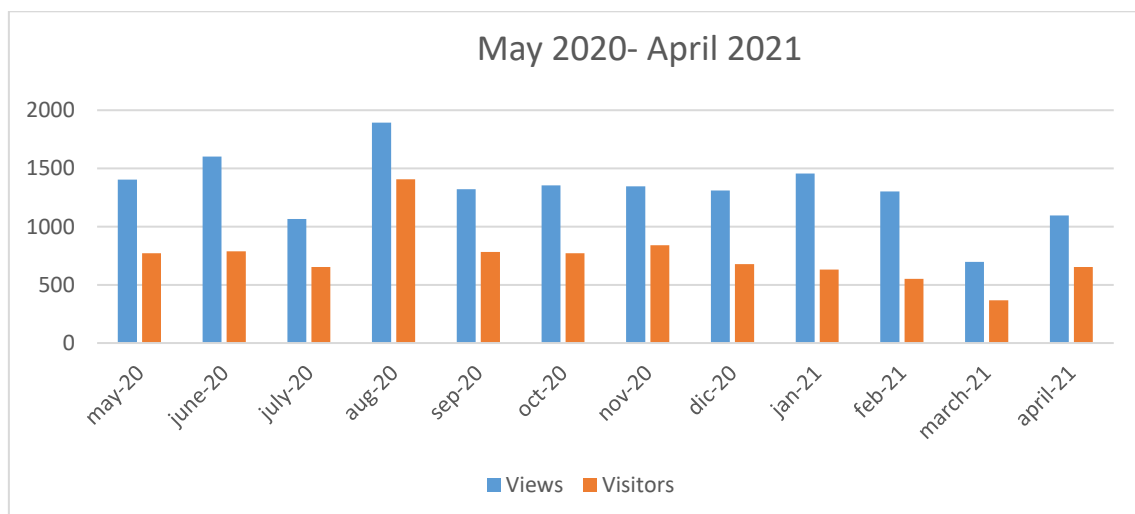
The main goal of the program is to promote and facilitate cooperation between public libraries in different countries

The other goal of the program is double: to become a reference in the public library environment at an international level -a source of Best Practice for the public libraries- and also to help the libraries in the program make an impact outside their countries. The way of achieving this is by showing the activities they develop, both on their own or in cooperation with their partner in the program.

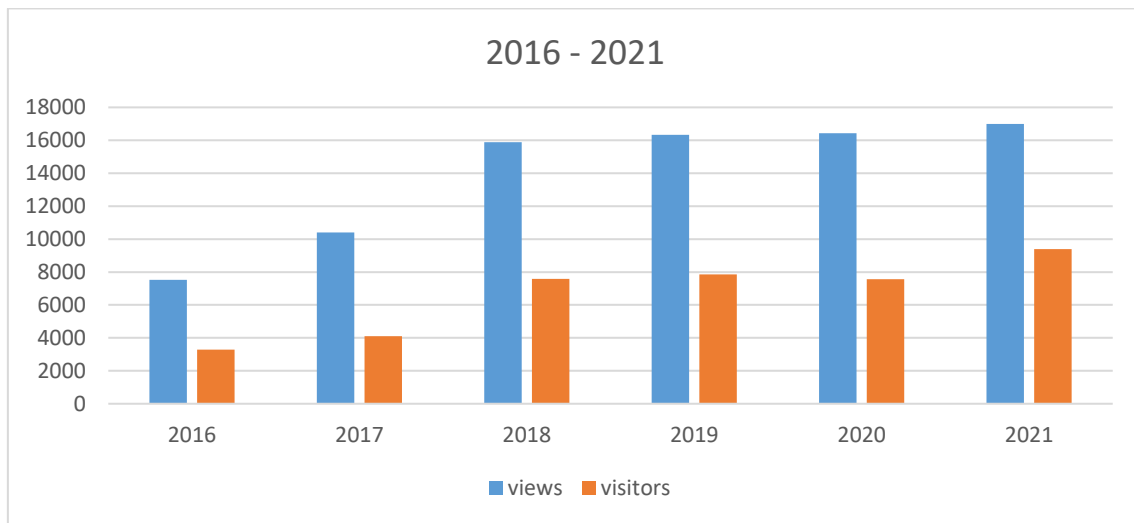
There are representatives of the program in the countries that are NAPLE members. It can be the member of NAPLE or someone else he or she appoints. What is expected from them is:

- **To promote the program within PLs** of their country. There are some materials you can use in the “promotion materials” section
- **To help disseminate the campaigns** we launch (for example, last one was about activities during coronatimes)
- **To be the link between the Secretariat of the program (me) and the PLs.** For example, to propose a library for a sistership. Maybe a library contact me looking for help to find a library to partner with. They’re looking for a library from a certain country and certain characteristics (a focus on activities for young adults for example). Country representatives can suggest a library in the program, or not in the program that can join in to make this partnership.

These are the monthly statistics



And for the Years' perspective



Find a Sister campaign

We always wonder how many libraries are in active search of a partnership, and how successful they are.

To see how many and help them search, we've designed this campaign.

A very simple Google Form. With the responses, we'll do the matching and suggest the sisterships. They can go for it or not

Results: 3 libraries. With the last incorporation (an Irish library, County Carlow library service) we can make 2 more sisterships.

Summer Campaign

We use to launch these seasonal campaigns in summer and Christmas so libraries can tell us about activities they prepare for these periods

With all the campaigns the procedure is the same: we send an email to all the libraries in the program and reinforce it with messages through our Twitter account and Facebook page.

If you are subscribed to the accounts, you can retweet our tweets and share our Facebook publications to help disseminate the campaign

In relation with the national representatives

As you know, the program has this role of national representative, basically a person that promotes the program in their country.

The list of representatives is not updated, so I invite you to visit the “join the program” tab and check if it needs to be updated

And lastly, a last minute request that came in only yesterday:

A French library sends us this message:

We would like to ask some information. Unfortunately for the moment we can not be part of NAPLE Sister Libraries and have a sister library. But we would like to work with other libraries in Europe. In 2022, we would like to create a project about the author Antoine de Saint-Exupéry and his book, *The little prince*, one of the most translated books in the world. We would like to do an exhibition about this book and the vision that we have of his work in other countries.

We would like to know if you can give us some contacts of other libraries that could be interested in the project.

We can launch another campaign, asking for libraries that might be interested in participating. If you want to suggest some libraries from your country, we can leave till the end of June so you can send their contacts and launch the campaign afterwards.



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New Library! Biblioteca Municipal de Santa Cruz (Portugal)

We are very happy to announce the incorporation of another Portuguese library to the NAPLE Sister Libraries program. Biblioteca Municipal de Santa Cruz serves a population of around 10.000 in the Madeira Island. This is a library with a large...

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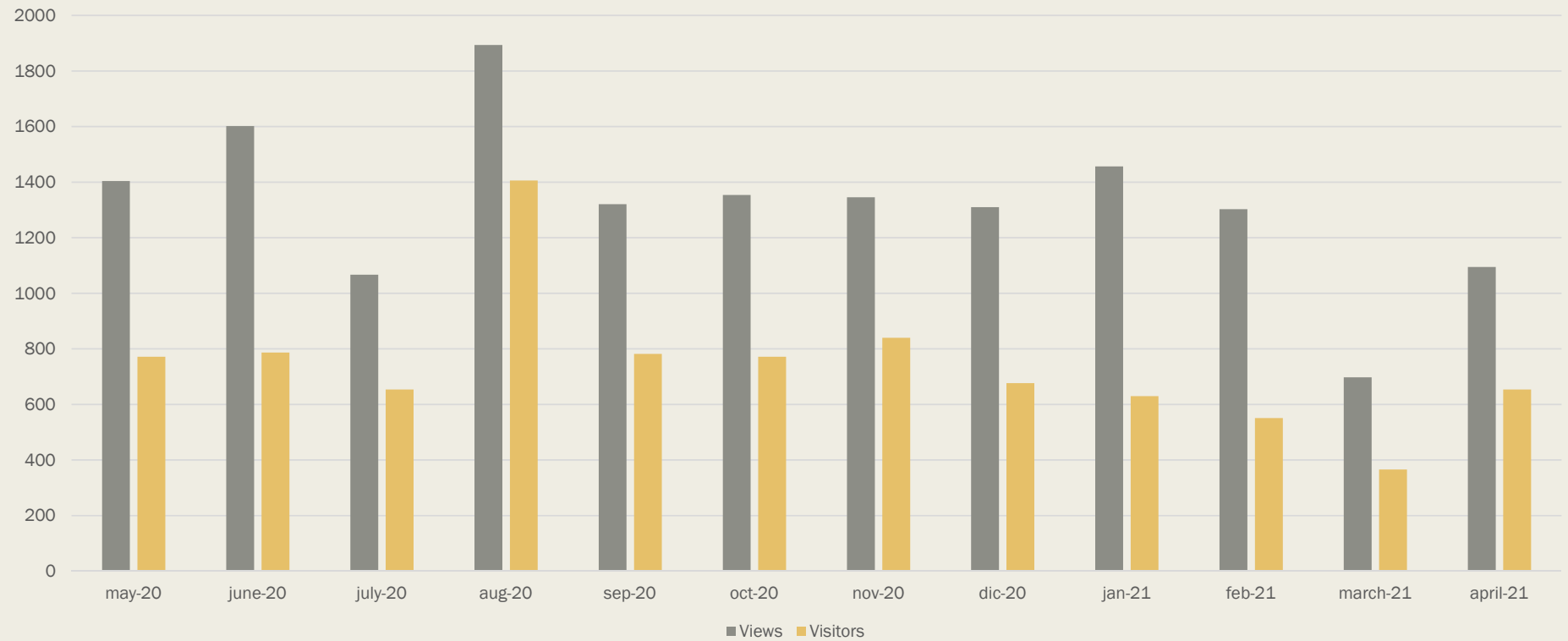
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Reading, a bridge between continents. A cooperation activity from Panevezys Elena Mezginaite Public Library (Lithuania)

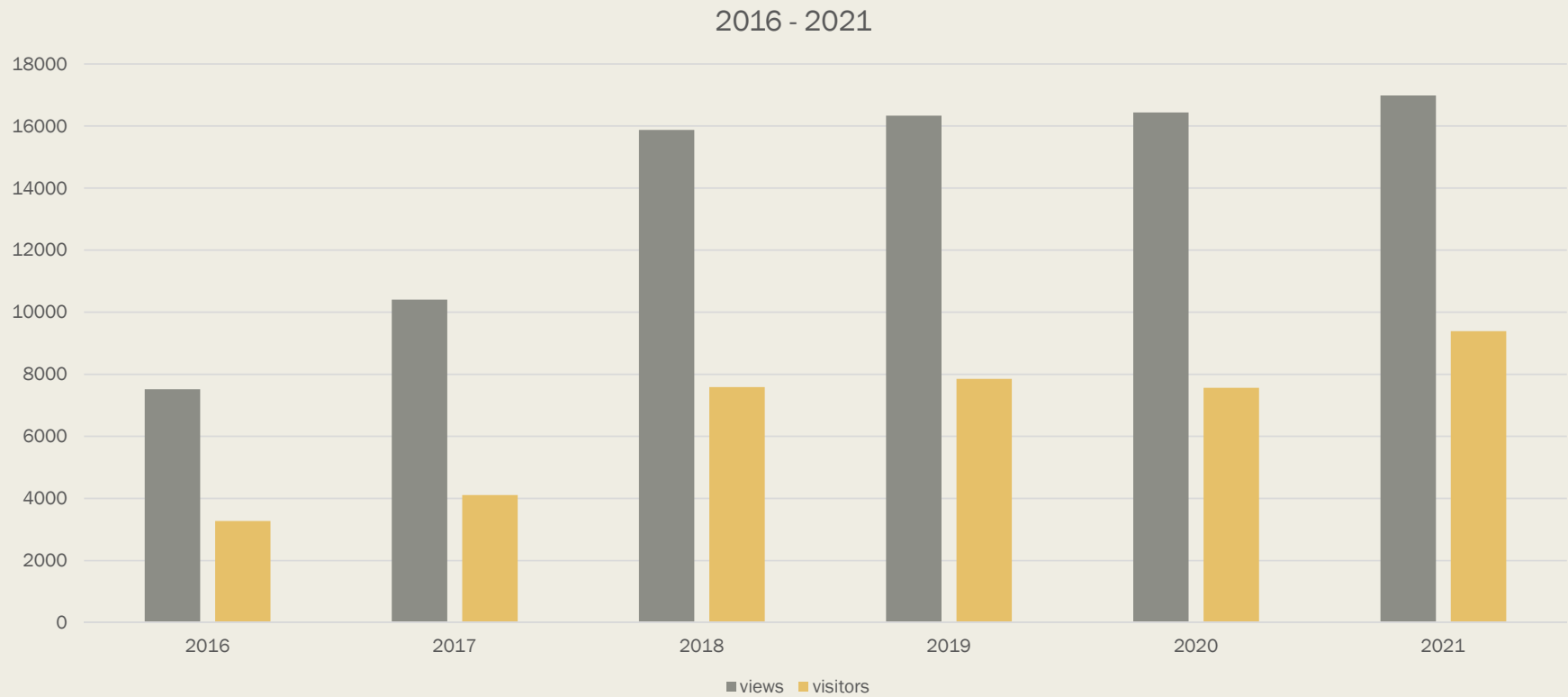


Statistics

May 2020- April 2021



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125 libraries from 17 countries

54 sisterships

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