



ZAPORIZKA OBLAST LIVING LIBRARIES

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"Living Library" Training Seminar and Library Event
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Comment About Peace Corps Volunteers and Participants in the Living Library

Peace Corps Volunteers attending this training were enthused about conducting many different kinds of Living Libraries throughout Ukraine. Among the volunteers were primary and secondary school teachers, librarians, and others working in youth and community development organizations. They asked about holding libraries for younger children to influence how they viewed different people; about holding them to help young people understand stories told by survivors of past wars; about using them to introduce adults to people living with HIV/AIDS, or to meet neighbors of different ethnic minorities, or to explore and understand parts of their own special heritage.

The Peace Corps Volunteers also participated as books in the Living Library, and were able to see first-hand how these events influence students' attitudes towards others.

Two thirds of the participants at this living library had not been to such an event before, and many of them were from outside ZIEIT. Word about Living Libraries continues to spread throughout Zaproizhzhya, and to attract more and more people interested in meeting others different from themselves.