

# Adult education programs in Panevėžys County Gabrielė Petkevičaitė-Bitė Public Library

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Non-formal education is an important area of activity of Lithuanian public libraries as they are the place where the lifelong learning is promoted and people can improve their cultural, digital literacy and social competences.



# Our audiences

- Citizens
- Library specialists

Adult programs offered for **CITIZENS** include:

### **Programs for adults**

- Digital literacy and information literacy training
- Language learning programs
- Book clubs (for youth and adults)
- Club for senior people
- Craft clubs (knitting)
- Cultural clubs

### **Programs for youth**

- Film making club
- Storytelling club
- Board games club
- Sketching club
- Anime club

## Digital literacy and information literacy for adult citizens

- MS Word 2010 (elementary and advanced)
- MS Excel 2010 (elementary)
- Processing of digital images (program is adopted for disabled people as well)
- Search of information: catalogues, databases, open access
- Introduction to e-book
- Introduction to databases
- Leisure time on the Internet
- Public services online
- Cloud storage (for work and personal purposes)
- Contemporary media and information
- Most popular social networks for users with elementary skills
- Internet (browsers, search in e-collection of the library, advice on finding reliable and quality information)

Digital literacy and  
information  
literacy for adult  
citizens. Individual  
consultations

#### MOST POPULAR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATIONS:

- Using smart gadgets (phones, tablets)
- Using e-mail
- Information search
- Registration for a doctor's appointment

# Adult programs offered for LIBRARY SPECIALISTS include (both in person and online formats):

- Introduction to e-book and databases
- Information search
- Application of Edtech technologies in educational activities of libraries
- Creating and editing video with *Openshot* program
- Design and layout of posters, flyers, tabs, leaflets using *Inkscape* program
- Possibilities of book conservation (restoration) in the libraries
- Project preparation
- Cultural heritage scanning and preparation for publication
- Encouraging reading by integrating storytelling and bibliotherapy methods
- Professional qualification improvement opportunities using grants from various funds

A blue-tinted image of a laptop keyboard with a small globe resting on it. The globe is positioned on the left side of the frame, and the keyboard keys are visible in the background. The overall scene is set against a white background.

# Media and information literacy program

- An initiative from the Ministry of Culture of Lithuania – to carry out MIL competence development activities of citizens in libraries;
- The goal – literate citizens who gain their competences in the library;
- The task – to create a network of MIL specialists in the libraries.



An elderly woman with short, wavy white hair and glasses is smiling broadly. She is holding a large, shaggy wig made of light-colored, fibrous hair on a wooden frame. The background is dark and out of focus.

CLUBS FOR ADULT PEOPLE



## Seniors' Club

It is a club for creative, active senior citizens of the city. The idea of organizing a leisure hobby club for seniors, where the participants themselves would also become volunteers, was brought by the library workers from the Cologne library in Germany. Often, a retired person seems to lose their social identity, feels that they are no longer needed, but it could be the other way around. Many years of work and life experience are assets worth sharing. This club makes creative workshops, lectures, discussions, educational activities, etc. They also keep in touch with similar clubs in other towns.



# Activities

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# Crafts. Knitting club

Led by Justina, a volunteer and a real fan of knitting.

The club brings together like-minded people who want to have fun knitting and socializing. Although most club members come knowing how to knit, they are surprised to learn that there are so many unknown new knitting techniques, tools and equipment. Knitting is an inexpensive and accessible way for everyone to reduce stress, be in company, find bright colors not only in knitting patterns, but also in your thoughts.

# Activities

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## *Bite* Book Club

Leader of the club – a volunteer Jūratė.

The club unites like-minded people who love to read and want to share their experiences and insights about the books they read. During the meetings, recognized, critically acclaimed books are discussed, which are chosen by the members of the Book Club themselves. This club encourages to read slowly, carefully, to experience the books you're reading. The club develops the literary taste and discussion culture of the members.



# Activities

# Crime novels fans' club

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- Everyone who is interested in the literature of the detective genre should join this club, discuss the books they have read, discuss adaptations of crime novels or theater productions, solve detective puzzles, participate in brainstorming or take part in an educational excursion, spreading the veil of time and comparing the past and the present.







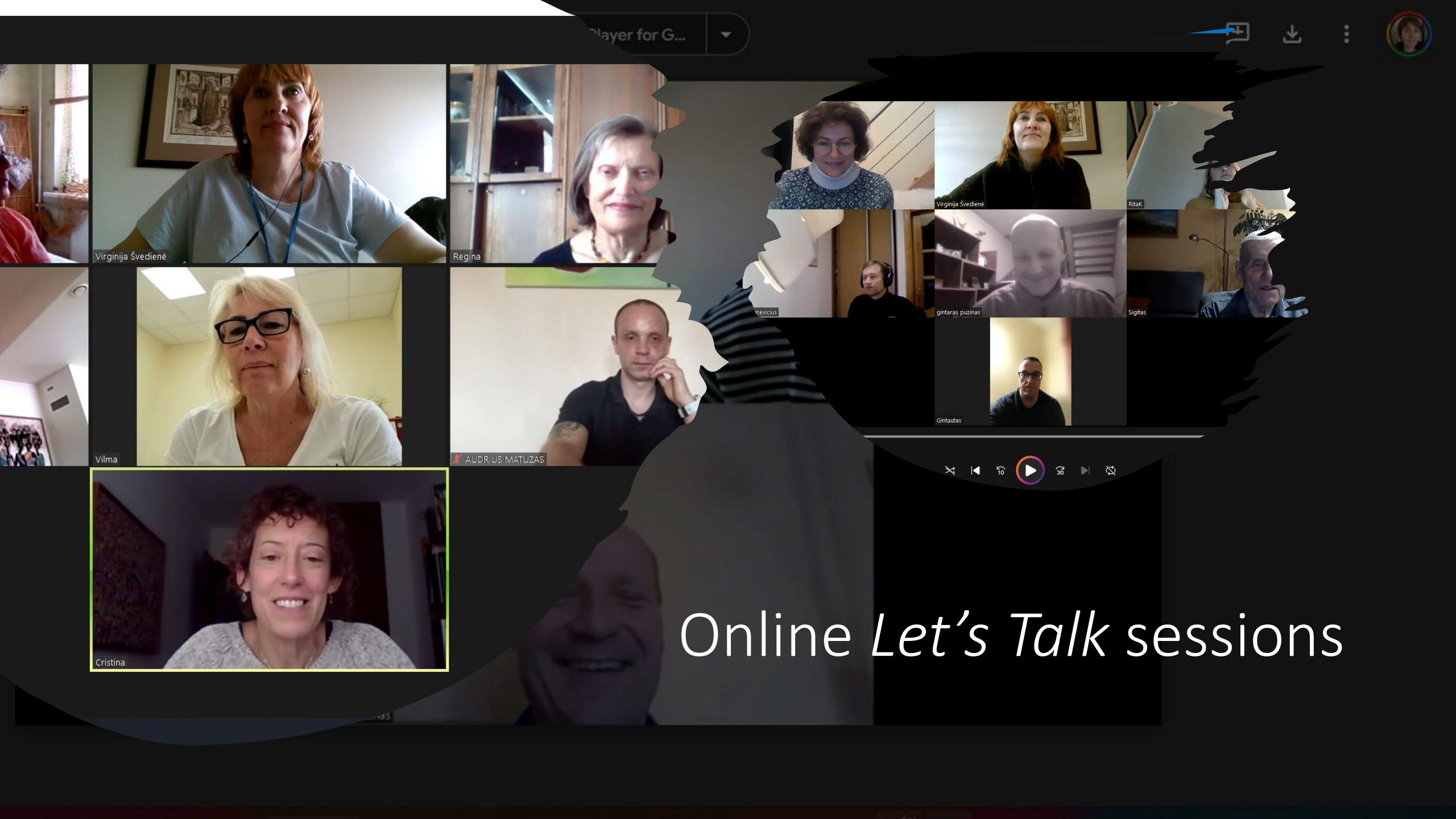
## Youth book club

- It is an open space for self-expression, where read books and their screen adaptations are discussed, literary games are played, authors, literary connoisseurs are talked to, and like-minded people get to know each other.



## English conversations club *Let's Talk*

- These sessions are for everyone who despite putting a lot of efforts (courses, reading of textbooks and grammar lectures), still lack the courage in their ability to speak with a foreigner. We also welcome those who love the English language and would like to keep practicing it. Various topics for discussions, games and creative tasks give an opportunity to improvise and help to develop self-confidence.



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Online *Let's Talk* sessions



# Language Cafe

A photograph of four young women sitting in a circle in a classroom, engaged in conversation. They are all smiling and appear to be in a relaxed, social setting. The woman on the far left is wearing a floral dress and holding a book. The woman next to her is wearing a black dress and red shoes. The woman in the center is wearing a black top and grey pants, and is gesturing with her hand. The woman on the far right is wearing a blue and white striped sweater and jeans, and is wearing glasses. The background shows a classroom with desks and windows.

People of all ages, youth from 14 years old and adults who want to communicate in a chosen foreign language and improve their speaking skills, meet like-minded people and improve their foreign language skills together, share interests or just communicate are welcome. The purpose of Language Café classes is not teaching, but practice. Foreign guests staying in the city are also welcome.

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# Club of Italian culture





A photograph of three young women, likely cheerleaders, posing together. The woman on the left is wearing a yellow sweater and holding a red pom-pom. The woman in the middle is wearing a black jacket and holding a large pink pom-pom. The woman on the right is wearing a light pink sweater and looking upwards. The background is dark, and the overall mood is cheerful and energetic.

# Clubs for youth and young adults



# Film making club *RAKURSAS*



Filmmaking theories and practices. How to turn a story into a screenplay. Script writing structure and filming rules used in Hollywood. Basics of camera control. Creating an engaging plot of a short film.



# Storytelling club

- Using various methods and exercises to develop your communication and public speaking skills and creativity and to communicate with like-minded people.

# Board games club



- At club meetings, you will try out new board games, create video reports-recommendations for your friends, acquaintances, and other visitors of the Open Space for Youth. The most important thing is that you will have fun while training the gray cells of the brain 😊



# Sketching club

- For beginners – drawing from scratch, learning the fundamental principles of drawing, develop the wrist and creative thinking. Advanced drawers will be able to accept challenges from the guide and create something more complex, help others, share experience. The group builds productions together, so there is an opportunity not only to draw but also to pose.



# Cultural events



- Book presentations
- Art exhibitions
- Concerts
- Library tours
- Educational programs for children, families and adults
- Anniversaries of famous people (actors, writers, public figures)
- Discussions
- Conferences





# Programs for families


A photograph showing three women in an indoor setting. On the left, an older woman with short brown hair is wearing a purple patterned cardigan. In the center, a younger woman with dark hair and glasses is leaning forward, wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt and a lanyard. On the right, another younger woman with dark hair is smiling, wearing a blue V-neck sweater. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a room with wooden paneling and a table. The word "Volunteers" is written in white, sans-serif font across the middle of the image.

# Volunteers





We are lifelong learners 😊

The background features a repeating pattern of speech bubbles in various colors (red, yellow, purple, grey) on a dark teal background. Each bubble contains a white question mark. The text is centered over this pattern.

Thank you for your attention!

Any questions?