CREATING THE LIBRARY FOR DIDACTICS AND PEDAGOGY IN THE REGIONAL TRAINING CENTRE OF HERAKLION, A CASE STUDY

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INTRODUCTION

The history of encyclopaedias in Europe goes back over 2 000 years. The first encyclopaedia, of which only fragments have survived, was authored by Plato's nephew Speusippus, who died in 339/338 BC. The early Greek encyclopedic tradition focused on documenting the spoken word (EE, 2018).

At a time when information is increasingly being manipulated for ideological and economic purposes, public access to source of trustworthy general-interest knowledge—such as national online encyclopedias—can help boost our cognitive resilience. Basic, reliable background information about history, culture, society and politics is an essential part of our societies' complex knowledge ecosystem, and an important tool for any citizen searching for knowledge, facts and figures (EE, 2018).
THE PURPOSE

According to the Presidential Decree 250/1992, in each PEC, libraries, colleges and workshops are organized and operated for the needs of teaching staff and trainees. The Director of the Regional Training Center of Heraklion, Crete, Greece (RTC-Her), in the school year 2016-2017, undertook the initiative to organize a Library Department in the RTC-Her, following the International Trends in Education and Training in Natural Sciences-Technology-Engineering-Mathematics (STEM) and taking into account the Greek and Cypriot educational policy for the promotion of teaching research in schools as well as her specialty in Biology.

The purpose was to be concentrated many books in printed form, old and newer publications, which are not available in internet, to support the didactic methodology in schools of Crete.

The initiative could function as a springboard for the development of a variety of educational live and online activities and the RTC-Her to be a place of exchanging aspects and material by scientists and educators across all three levels of Education.
The exploiting of archival material of the Regional Training Center of Heraklion (RTC-Her), which collected from various places of the building during the recent restructuring, lead to the construction of a Library of Didactic and Pedagogic Content in the Regional Training Center of Heraklion.
The principal material (books, manuals of Laboratory Devices and PCs, videocassettes, CD-ROMs, DVDs, Training Notes, Slides, etc) was cataloged in EXCEL sheets and concentrated in bookshelves.
Another volunteer of the Library of RTC-Her was Kasimati Aikaterini, Associate Professor and Scientific Responsible for the Annual Program of Pedagogical Training of the School of Pedagogical and Technological Education (ASPAITE), Athens who made all the communications with the publishers from Athens who have undertaken the supply of students with the specific university textbooks. She prepared a catalogue of 44 Publishers, and through personal communication with the use of emails and telephones, asked to support the construction of the Library of the RTC-Her.

• She sent a requesting letter where underlined the significance of the publishers’ participation to this effort along with their colleagues from Greece and Cyprus with the adding value to this jointed initiative and invited them to the Honorary Reception of Donors and volunteers at 8th of December 2017 in Heraklion.
The first Publishing Houses-Librarian Donors were the following:

- ΕΠΙΚΕΝΤΡΟ
  Αφοί Κυριακίδη
  (http://www.afoikyriakidi.gr/el/) from Salonica,

- ΙΩΝ
  (http://www.iwn.gr/default.asp)
  ΔΑΡΔΑΝΟΣ-GUTEMBERG
  (https://www.dardanosnet.gr/) from Athens.
The first donor of Books was the **Pedagogical Institute of Cyprus**, which immediately corresponded to our request and offered 40 titles of books in printed form, each in 4 copies, with didactic and pedagogic content to the Library of the Regional Training Center of Heraklion (official document of PI-Cy with protocol number 2252/14-11-2017).

• The titles selected by the Director of RTC-Her from the long catalogue of the printed editions of the PI-Cy. Among the books, there were 100 copies of the project book ‘Organization and construction of interdisciplinary method’ written by the Inspector of Mathematics Chrysooula Demetriou-Chatzichristou who undertook the coordination of the initiative in Cyprus, homologue to the Director of RTC-Her in Greece, to make all the arrangements, officials and practical, in order the books to be at Crete before 8th of December 2017.
• Request for more specific content of books, in STEM: Science-Technology-Engineering-Mathematics addressed to the Technological Education Institute (TEI) of Crete, where Xanthos Georgios, Assistant Professor and Scientific Coordinator of the Interconnection Office and Alogdianaki Marianna from the same Office, in collaboration with the Nikitakis Michael from the Library of the Institute, concentrated many STEM books and donated to the Library of RTC-Her.
DIGITAL LIBRARY ON DIDACTICS AND PEDAGOGY

- There was also created a Digital Library on Didactics and Pedagogy. Digital School - Utilization of Digital Material and Related Services with the support of the Director of the Strategic and Digital Educational Materials Directorate of the Institute of Computer & Publishing Technology (ITYE) ‘Diophantos’. She sent in a very well organized and easily accessible form a list of all the available versions of the digital material they had in the Institute ITYE ΔΙΟΦΑΝΤΟΣΦΩΤΟΔΕΝΤΡΑ-eme-ebooks-ΕΝΗΜΕΡΩΤΙΚΟ ΥΛΙΚΟ 2017-05-04 v1.0

- The Secretary gathered all the training material of Programs that had in the past materialized in the RTC-Her. https://sites.google.com/site/peki rakllibrary/

- websites of other Libraries, those content can help in school Education and Training, are suggested with their Links Ιστότοποι για Ψηφιακές Βιβλιοθήκες
Useful websites to the educational and training work of teachers are indicated on related sites of the Greek Ministry of Education:

• Node Information Systems Support Unit/Κόμβος Τεχνικής Στήριξης Πληροφοριακών Συστημάτων Σχολικών Μονάδων [http://ts.sch.gr/](http://ts.sch.gr/)
• Website of the Educational Portal/Ιστότοπος Δικτυακής Εκπαιδευτικής Πύλης [http://www.e-yliko.gr/](http://www.e-yliko.gr/)
• National Educational Content Accumulator PHOTODENTRO/Εθνικός Συσσωρευτής Εκπαιδευτικού Περιεχομένου ΦΩΤΟΔΕΝΤΡΟ [http://photodentro.edu.gr/lor/](http://photodentro.edu.gr/lor/) etc.
• The operation of Meleses Lyceum’s Library – The inspiration for the Creation of a Library in RTC-Her
https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipO597k7LuWgw6H2Xx-E9SSuN4ehf_TTV8Cfg8GBPsfIms4qIlcy8-s8WHdkE2PXQ/photo/AF1QipOxwU8cQismyTneIC4mNHbHXMnaibB6bzTINHwL?key=VDFueEJqaEJCOG95cjhtRmZXR1NaMGVPODZIODBR

• In nowadays, cross-checking and consulting reliable sources require that the information the user wishes to consult is available in their mother tongue. Not all Europeans today are able to access reliable information and knowledge directly from online encyclopedias, in their respective language. For instance, whereas English speakers have no shortage of information, a number of both small and large language communities have very limited resources.
The role that the Library of the RTC-Her can play in the educational life of Crete is significant, since

- The library can be a key meeting place for teachers in Crete, but also provide a basis for distance discussions with other scholars and teachers on teaching and pedagogy in school education.
- One can read, study, research, work in groups and relax, using Internet services at the workplace of the PEK of Heraklion.
- Conferences, reading competitions, exhibitions, workshops, literary nights and book presentations can also be organized.
- Its rich and specific content can assist in bibliographic exploration of scientific theses.
Volunteer award

• In the Honorary Reception Ceremony at 8 December 2017, in the framework of the Educational Conference “TEACHING SCIENCES IN SCHOOLS WITH CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION: TRANSFORMING THE THEORY INTO PRACTICE” and the Educational Congress ‘FROM EDUCATION AND TRAINING TO THE PROFESSIONAL LIFE: INTERNATIONAL TRENDS AND PROSPECTS’ which took place in the same period in RTC-Her, volunteers and Donors of books honored for their contribution to the LIBRARY OF RTC-Her.
EPILOGUE

• By keeping the ‘Libraries’ open, new trends are emerging in the policy of book publishing and Libraries. Researches are carrying out in order to clarify the scenery of the lending book in the future, crossing the era of the printed to the digital form.

• E-Lending models attempt to replicate the traditional approach operated by libraries lending printed books. Libraries using the e-lending model will need to license additional digital copies of the same title if they want to enable multiple patrons to borrow it simultaneously.

• The available evidence suggests that the viability and prospects for development of many individual e-lending models is significantly affected by the overarching policy environment within which they operate. In particular, a substantial number of European models benefited from targeted strategies, policies and funding to support the development of regional pilots or national e-lending programs.
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