

***SCHOOL LIBRARIES AS LEARNING
CENTRES***

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WHAT DO SCHOOLS IN CASTILLA LEÓN

<http://w3.cnice.mec.es/eos/MaterialesEducativos/mem2002/mapa/geografico/mapa/principal.htm>

DO TO IMPROVE STUDENTS' READING COMPETENCE?

- There are several official programmes .
- SOME are obligatory and have to be included in schools' general annual plans.

ORDER EDU/11/2005, 11/1, which regulate the plans for the promotion of reading and the development of reading in schools of Early Childhood Education and / or Elementary Education.

- The previous ORDER (Law) took effect in 2005 .
- It is an ambitious plan of general appliance to all the schools in the region.
- It will be renewed in 2010.

AT SCHOOL

- Teachers, teacher advisors and the teacher who coordinates the school library and the school community (parents) are involved in the programme development.

INSTITUTIONS 1

- Apart from the work done by teachers at school, in every province (in Castilla –León there are 9 provinces) a COMMISSION is formed to check the execution of the plan and decide, at the end of each course, which are the best activities worthy of award.
- Regional educational authorities provide schools with the necessary resources for both the school library and the classroom library.

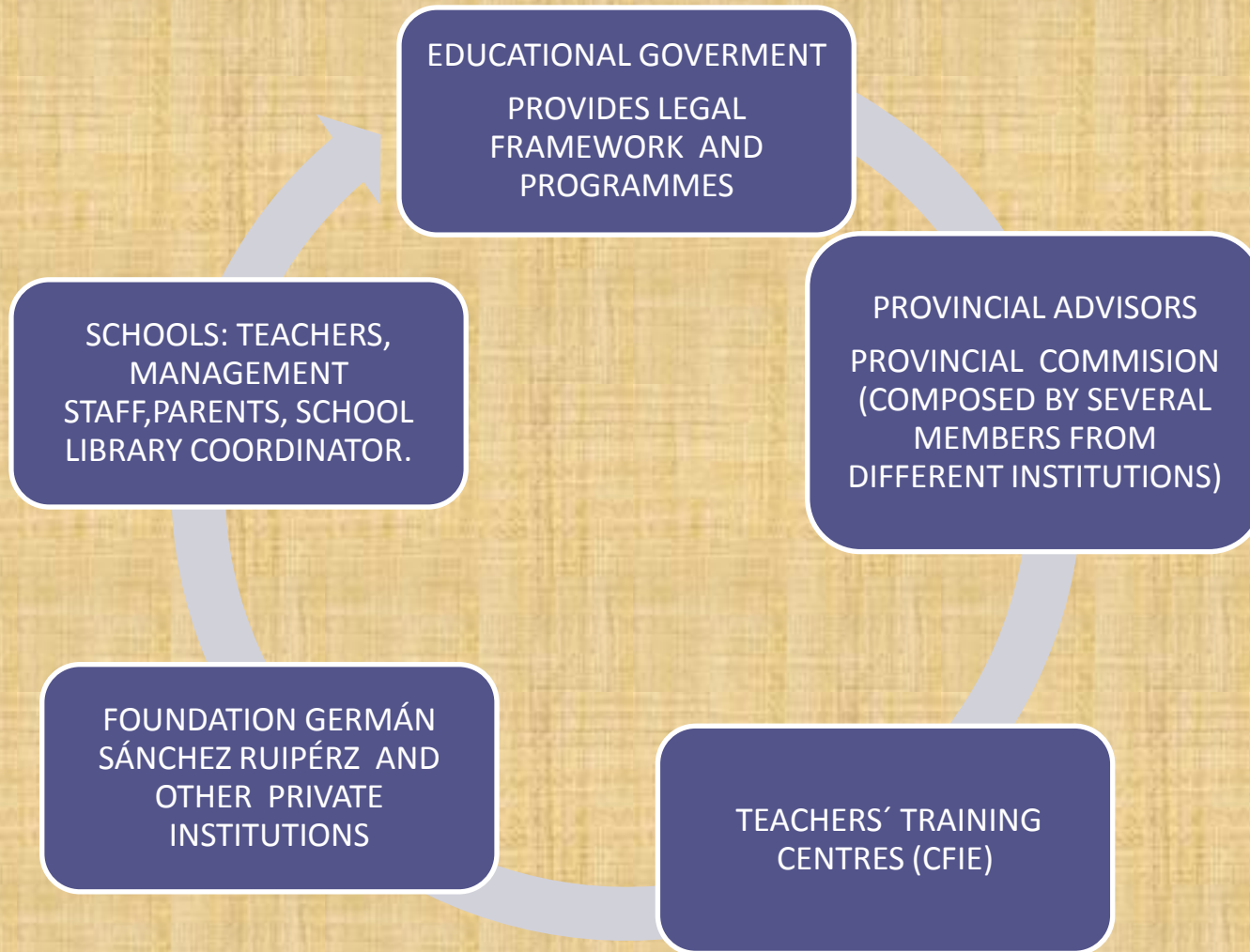
INSTITUTIONS 2

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- The law mentioned above was developed in other different programmes:



INSTITUTIONS 3



SCHOOL LIBRARIES 1

- There is a coordinator in every school.
- He/she is a teacher (not always specifically prepared for the post).
- There is little time scheduled for this duty (normally 3 hours a week) so he / she can't do all the work a school library requires.
- Cataloguing books usually takes a lot of time, task shared by several teachers.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES 2

- The Ministry of Education provides school libraries coordinators with distance courses and materials. [Formación del Profesorado - CNICE - MEC](#)
- There is a computer programme used by all the school libraries in Castilla – León, called ABIES <http://abies.pntic.mec.es/index.htm> and which is going to be updated soon.
- Still, school libraries in my region are lively places. Teachers use the space very frequently, for any kind of activity and in different disciplines (just reading in silence, looking up dictionaries, finding out information for projects...)



SCHOOL LIBRARIES 3

- Apart from the ordinary use of the school library, activities are planned and carried out for special occasions (Book Day, 23rd April, which is a regional festival and an obligatory celebration).
- Writers' anniversaries.
- Thematic weeks : comic, novel, short stories, classics...
- Mobile libraries.

USEFUL LINKS 1

- FUNDACIÓN GERMÁN SÁNCHEZ RUIPÉREZ.

<http://www.fundaciongsr.es>

This Foundation in Salamanca develops hundreds of reading activities through the year. A reference for all of us.

- URUEÑA: BOOK VILLAGE

<http://www.diputaciondevalladolid.es>

- SCHOOL LIBRARIES

<http://perso.wanadoo.es/gesu/educacionbibliotecas.htm#BibliotecasEscolares>

- CNICE . SCHOOL LIBRARIES

<http://w3.cnice.mec.es/recursos2/bibliotecas/>

- NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SPAIN

<http://www.bne.es/>

- PUBLIC LIBRARIES NATIONAL CATALOGUE . SPAIN

<http://www.mcu.es/bibliotecas/MC/CBPE/index.html>

- CNICE . MEC (MINISTRY OF EDUCATION)

<http://www.cnice.mec.es/>

USEFUL LINKS 2

- MOBILE LIBRARIES
- <http://www.diputaciondevalladolid.es/bibliobus/bibliobuses.shtml>

There is a net of mobile libraries in the region which go to villages every fortnight .

- Not only children can take books out but also parents and villagers.
- They are mobile libraries run by government.
- They help and advise teachers .



USEFUL LINKS 3

- NATIONAL CATALOGUE WEB PAGE

<http://www.mcu.es/bibliotecas/MC/Rebeca/index.html>

- School Libraries blogs:

http://www.interreg-eet.info/weblogs/biblioblog/archives/cat_bibliotecas_escolares.html

- Educational planet

http://www.aulablog.com/planeta/taxonomy_menu/1/51

THE FUTURE 1

- Last year, in October , the I National School Libraries Congress was held in [Salamanca](#). It implied a reflection about the current situation and an exchange of ideas and activities.
- Last year, also, a new plan (2006-2010) was signed for improving reading at schools : PLAN ANIMA LIBRO. <http://www.bcl.jcyl.es/PlanLectura/>
- The future of school libraries has much to do with Information and Communication Technologies (TIC) giving importance to its habitual use by teachers and students.

The future 2

- New ways of improving reading and writing competence:
 - e-books
 - Blogs
 - Functional reading: read to get information, read to communicate (messenger MSM)
 - Online libraries
 - ...

The end



***Thank you very much for
your attention.***

