

ISOC Armenia program "Computers, software, training and services for rural libraries of Armenia."

Being aware of the poor state of regional libraries, in 2015 ISOC AM initiated this program aiming to help rural libraries with computers, software, training and services. As used computers are sufficient for village library activities, ISOC AM has been actively working to acquire such computers. ISOC AM managed to receive donations from American University of Armenia, Arminco, Cayberspace, Crossnet companies, Armen Ghalumyan's NGO, etc. They were mainly Pentium 4 computer with 512 MB RAM. As up-to-date library software can't work on these computers, it required us to develop a light, but containing all library functions library application. This, along with several other works, were done by ISOC AM member Vahan Misakyan, whose devotion to the idea is invaluable. In cases where computers were not fully complemented, we added missing parts from our sources.

Very often libraries in rural areas even having computers stop using them, when a problem arise, because of the absence of service staff, knowledge and skills. It became clear that they also need help in troubleshooting and repair, operating system and application program installation.

Thus the following plan of support was developed:

- Develop a lightweight library program
- Provide computers to libraries
- Train employees to use the library program
- Train employees to use software and applications
- Troubleshoot and repair library computers.

The work began in January 2016 and is presented below.

January 2016

Hrazdan city library No. 5. Two computers were repaired, software installed, software training.

Hrazdan city library No. 32. Software training classes were provided.

February 2016.

Yerevan city library No. 16. One computer was donated. Three application training classes were provided.



Yerevan city library No. 16

Kotayk Regional Library. Software modification was made. Two visits were made for software installation and training.

Yerevan city library No. 5. Software training courses were provided.

March 2016

Kanaker-Zeytun. One computer was donated to the city hall and training courses were provided.

Six computers were refurbished, cleaned and updated. Operating system and programs were installed on those computers.



Kanaker-Zeytun library

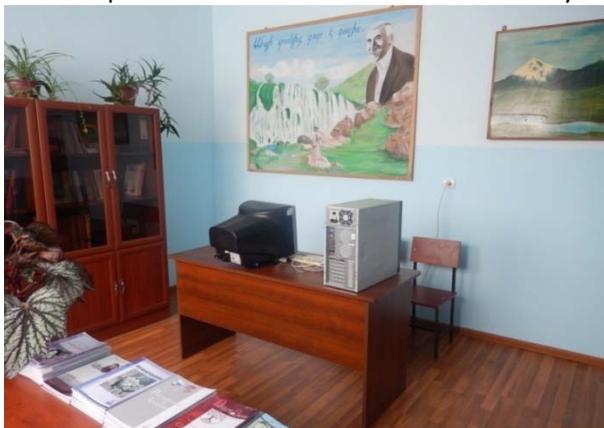
April 2016.

One computer was donated to the House of Culture of Aragats village. Two software training courses were provided.



House of Culture of the Aragats village

One computer was donated to the school library of Geghashen village in Kotayk marz.



Geghashen village library

Three software training classes were provided, two computers were refurbished, cleaned and updated, operating system and application programs were installed.

May 2016.

One computer was donated to the Oshakan community library.



Oshakan village community library

Software modification was made on computers of the library No. 32. Two visits were made for installation and training.

Software modification was made on computers of the library No. 5. Two visits were made for installation and training.

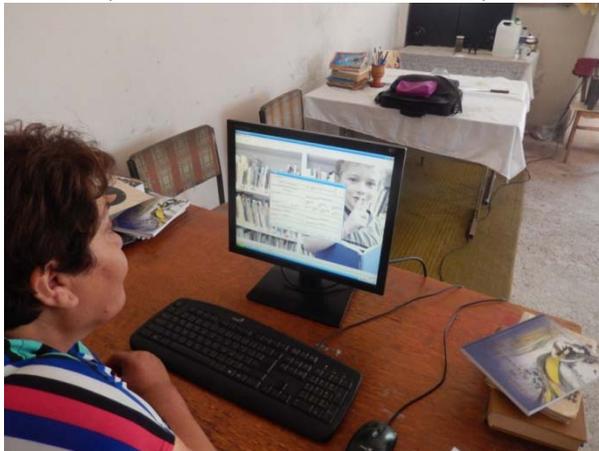
Malatia-Sebastia community library computers were refurbished, cleaned and updated. Operating system and application programs were installed on two computers.

Yerevan musical library computers were refurbished, cleaned and updated.

One computer of Masis town library was renovated, cleaned and updated. Operating system and application programs were installed on two computers.

June 2016.

One computer was donated to the library No. 2 of the municipality of Hrazdan city.



Library No. 2 of the municipality of Hrazdan city

Software modification was made on Malatia-Sebastia community library computers. Two visits were made for software installation and training.

One visit was made to the musical library for software installation and training.

Two visits were made to the Masis town library for installation and training.

July 2016.

One computer was donated to the Kaghsi village library.



Kaghsi village library

Two visits were made to the Kaghsi village library for software installation and training.

One computer was donated to the Solak village library.



Solak village library

Two visits were made to the Solak library for software installation and training.

One Solak library computer was repaired, cleaned and updated, operating system and application programs were installed.

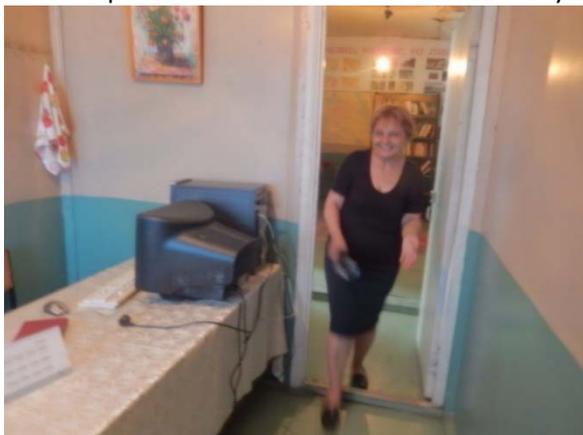
One visit to Gavar town library visits was made for software modification, installation and training.

August 2016

Two visits were made to the Kotayk regional library for software modification, installation and training.

One visit was made to the National Library of the province for the software modification, installation and training.

One computer was donated to the Hrazdan City municipality library No. 6.



Hrazdan City municipality library No. 6

Two visits were made to the library No. 6 of Hrazdan City municipality for computer cleaning and renovation as well as software installation, modification and training.

September 2016

One computer was donated to the library of Hrazdan school No. 8.



Hrazdan city school No.8 library

Two visits were made for software modification, installation and training.

Two visits were made to the Oshakan village community library for computers renovation and cleaning as well as software installation, modification and training.

Two visits were made to the Malatia-Sebastia community library for computers renovation and cleaning as well as software installation, modification and training.

Two visits were made to the Yerevan city musical library for computer renovation and cleaning as well as software installation, modification and training.

October 2016

One computer was donated to the Hrazdan city municipality library No. 4.



Hrazdan city municipality library No. 4

November 2016.

One computer was donated to Kyuratagh village library of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic.



Kyuratagh village library

Kyuratagh village library was visited for software modification, installation and training.

Solak village library was visited for software installation and training.

Gavar city library was visited for software modification, installation and training.

December 2016

One computer was donated to the library No. 1 of Hrazdan city municipality.



Library No. 1 of Hrazdan city municipality

Two visits were made to the Kotayk Regional Library for computer renovation and cleaning as well as software installation, modification and training.

One computer was donated to the library No. 5 of Hrazdan city municipality.



Library No. 5 of Hrazdan city municipality

One visit was made to the library of the Gavar province for the software modification, installation and training.

Two visits were made to Hrazdan city library No.6 for library software modification, installation and training.

January 2017

Two visits were made to Hrazdan city library No. 1 for software training.

Two visits were made to Hrazdan city library No. 2 for software training.

One visit was made to Hrazdan city library No. 4 for software training. Also 3 computers were updated, operating systems and application programs installed.