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Supporting libraries. Supporting communities.

Novateca is part of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's Global Libraries initiative which focuses on gaining an in-depth understanding of the opportunities for providing wide scale public access to information and communication technologies through the Moldovan public library network.

Over the past year, Novateca selected and equipped 68 public libraries in Soroca, Ungheni, Orhei, Leova, Ceadăr-Lunga, Căușeni, Drochia, Telenești, Călărași, Hîncești, Cahul and Taraclia with computers and peripheral equipment, and offered a diverse array of training courses on IT and Computer Management and New Library Service Development to more than 300 librarians so that they can maximize the potential of new technological resources for the benefit of their communities.

The program, implemented by IREX in cooperation with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).



Novateca challenges the Peace Corps Volunteers!

Novateca seeks to engage Peace Corps Volunteers for its latest challenge. All you need to do is work with the public library in your area on creating a new and innovative service for the community. Send us a short description of the



product resulted from your common efforts, accompanied by pictures, at office@novateca.md. You can win Novateca promo materials, free promotion and an invitation to the Library Innovations Fair, this December.

Don't miss the opportunity to support libraries across Moldova!

How can Peace Corps Volunteers get involved?

- **Go** to your local public library and learn about what's happening, ask if you can help or volunteer.
- **Volunteer** to promote new services to the community via the library (use Skype, open an e-mail account, open a village webpage, etc.).
- **Offer support to librarians**, if your library has computers and equipment, on how to better use the technology (i.e. offer trainings, IT support, etc.).
- **Share library development opportunities** with your librarian and town representatives.
- **Share Novateca opportunities** with librarians including Novateca training opportunities, Facebook, the website.
- **Share you library's successes** – to the raion, to the Training Centers, to Novateca and the library network.
- **Promote libraries and support them to become community centers!**



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