BOBCATSSS 2010 @ Parma, Italy
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Bridging the digital divide:
libraries providing access for all?
Work will be displayed in poster form by students Biljana Đaković and Martina Ferko with mentor Tomislav Jakopec, research assistant. The project objective is to enter all the information institutions (libraries, museums, galleries) in the city of Osijek and their photos to show the same.

OpenStreetMap (OSM) is a collaborative project for freely editing the world map through GPS. It is founded in July 2004, with the aim of encouraging the growth, development and distribution of free geospatial data. Starting map contained drafts of volunteers who used manual GPS for marking certain things and places and later entered it to the OpenStreetMap database via computer.¹

We will begin with determination of corps institutions that we mapped and obtain their addresses, but mapping will be performed in three ways: through the device (mobile phone, laptop), on foot and by car. Institutions and their interiors will be photographed and the pictures will be later entered to the OpenStreetMap database and thus should enable users to easily find and manage the same. Volunteers who work on the OpenStreetMap marked most of the buildings in our city, but we will supplement their work by enrich the OSM database with photographs – that would bring institutions to the customers and tourists who are visiting the city. For each type of institution we will define specific set of metadata for the type of institution in order to present it better.

Users and potential users are not informed well and they are not familiar with the work and activities of information institutions, and therefore these are not sufficiently visited.

This project will try to interest citizens and try to popularize a few (but still important) libraries, museums, theaters, galleries and archives.

Curriculum vitae

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