

**Annual meeting of
CombiLib – Network of Combined Libraries in Baltic and Nordic countries
September 17th- 19th 2008**

**„Power of unity in a changing world. Combined
libraries: benefits and challenges”**

Place of meeting: Valmiera Joint Library, Cēsu iela 4, Valmiera, Latvia

Date: September 17th – 19th, 2008

Participants: 40 (16 guests and staff of Valmiera Joint Library, mass media
- specialised magazine of the library sector “Library World”)

Goals: - exchange of experience and new ideas
- develop future cooperation plans
- gain inspiration

Target group: representatives of Network of Combined Libraries in Baltic and Nordic countries

Jana Myrvold translates **from/to Norway** for delegacy of The Combined Library of Drammen.

Solveiga Elsberga translates **from/to Swedish** for delegacy of The Combined Library of Härnösand, Mariehamn Library and Gotland University and Public Library.

Agenda

17.09.2008

We meet you at the Riga airport

Delegacy from Drammen arrives at 13:00 p.m.

Delegacy from Gotland arrives at 14:00 p.m.

Delegacy from Härnösand arrives at 14:05 p.m.

Delegacy from Mariehamn arrives at 14:10 p.m.

14:30 -15:00 Drive out of Riga

Drive through Sigulda and Turaida.

20:00 Dinner in hotel Wolmar

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8:40 Gathering in hotel Wolmar reception and leaving to Valmiera Joint Library

9:00 Excursion in Valmiera Joint Library

9:30 Presentations

- Libraries in Latvia
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Latvian government co-financed public libraries development project *Trešais tēva dēls*
- Presentation of Valmieras Joint Library
- Presentation of Ventspils Library

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 Guest presentations

- The Combined Library of Drammen
- Gotland University and Public Library
- Mariehamn Library
- The Combined Library of Härnösand

14:00 Dinner in cafe Bastions

15:00 Tour of Valmiera.

18:30 Evening program “For inspiration” in Valmiera Joint Library

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9:00 Leaving Valmiera to Riga

11:00 Visiting Nordic Council of Ministers’ Office in Riga

12:30 -14:30 Tour of Old Riga (in Swedish)

14:30- 15:30 Dinner in recreation center *Lido*

16:00 Visiting The Children’s Literature Centre of National Library of Latvia