

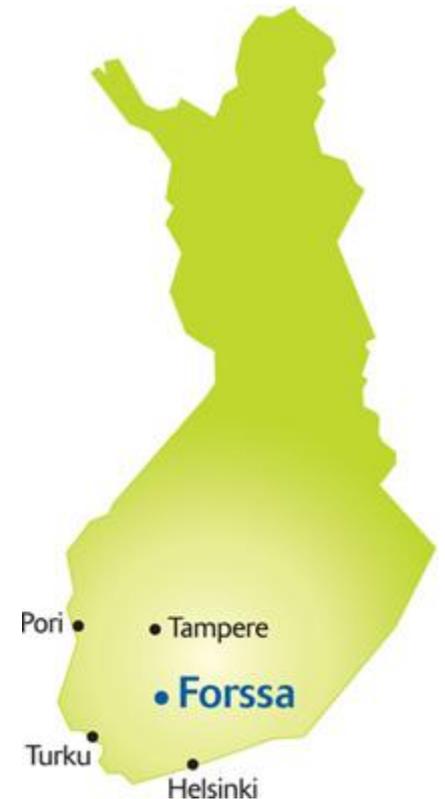


Twin Town Meeting in Copenhagen
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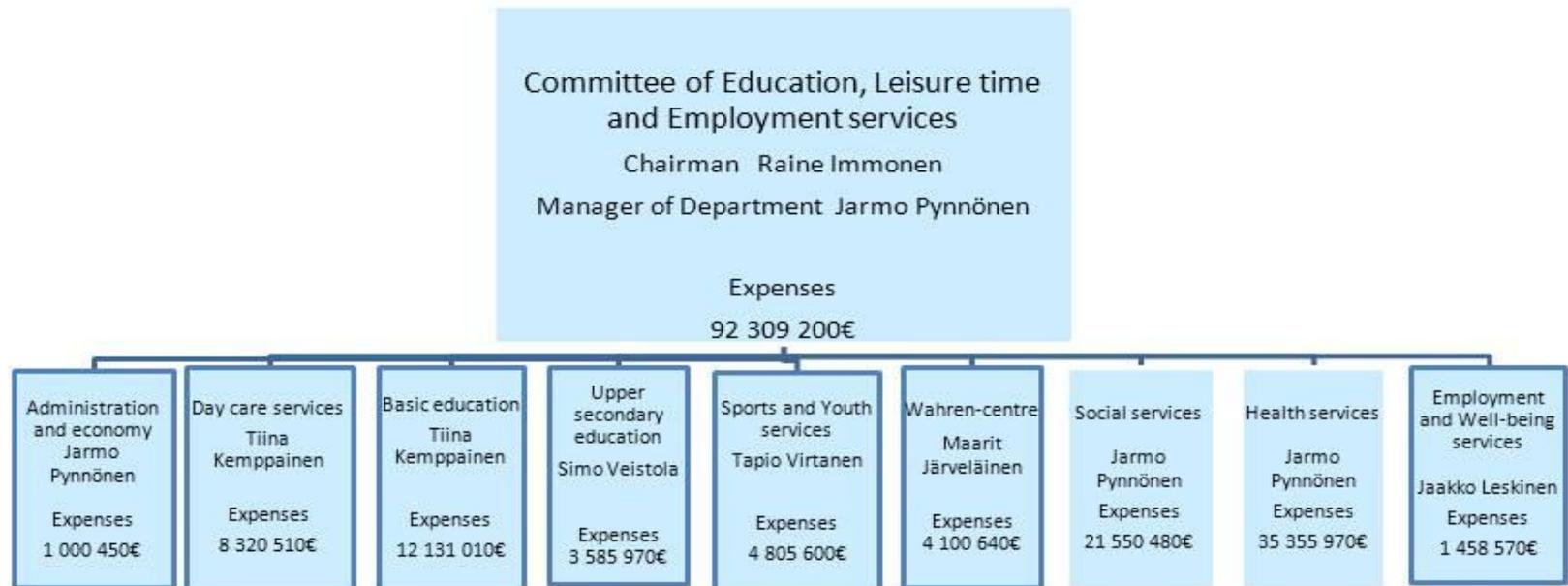
Maarit Järveläinen
Library Director, Town of Forssa

Forssa in a nutshell

- Founded in 1923, a chartered town in 1964
- Total area of 254,7 km², of which 5 km² lakes
- Population (12/2013) 17 678
- Municipal budget 120 M €
- Municipal tax rate (2014) 20,00 %
- the economical, commercial and cultural centre of the region (South-Western Häme, total population 36 000)
- Main businesses are in the fields of food manufacturing, electronics, environmental and information technology



Department of Education, Leisure time and Employment services



WK –operational units

	Personnel	Director
Town Library of Forssa	14	Maarit Järveläinen, Library Director
School of Visual Arts for Children	1	Teija Lauronen, Leading Teacher
Music School of South-Western Häme	20	Hillevi Karttunen-Heikkinen, Principal
Forssa Adult Institute	5	Jukka Nummelin, Principal
Forssa Museum and Textile Museum	2	Kati Kivimäki, Museum Director
General Culture (and economy of WK)	0	Maarit Järveläinen, Library Director

All Wahren Centre units have premises in historical Spinning Mill Area of Forssa.



WK – economy 2014 in euros

	Income	Expenses	Balance/Net
Town Library of Forssa	55 740	-1 079 500	-1 023 760
School of Visual Arts for Children	94 900	-226 900	-132 000
Music School of South-Western Häme	594 890	-1 385 050	-790 160
Forssa Adult Institute	328 000	-778 620	-450 620
Forssa Museum and Textile Museum	91 000	-329 390	-238 390
General Culture (premises, events etc.)	23 300	-301 670	-278 370
Total	1 187 830	-4 101 130	-2 913 300



Forssa Town Library

- Library services since 1866 -

Municipal service according to Library Act. State funding about 30 % of expenditures.

Opening hours

2 799 hours

Main Library: mon-thu 11-19, fri 11-17, sat 10-14

Library Bus: 51 stops (schools included)

Premises 2 140 m²

Customers 7 539 (43 % of inhab.)

Visits 137 275 in library premises
80 643 in library websites

Collections 146 070 units

Periodicals 32 Newspapers, 317 Magazines

Personnel 14 (+1 in office)

Expenditure 589 745 €
per inhabitant 35 €

Acquisitions 5 653

Expenditure 121 817 €

Lending 295 342 / 17 per inhab.

Other services

user education, storytelling hours for children,
lectures of literature, author's visits, many other events;
transportation for library material in Louna-libraries.



www.forssa.fi/kirjasto

www.lounakirjailijat.net

<http://tilastot.kirjastot.fi>



Art School for Children and Young People - since 1984 -

Basic education in visual arts for children from age of four years up to young people of age 18. Goal-oriented and progressing education from one level to other. Teaches children skills in self-expression and capabilities needed for vocational, polytechnic and university education. Receives government grants.

- Early childhood education (63 hours per year, 1-3 years)
- Basic studies (63-93 hours per year, 2-6 years)
- Specialisation studies (min. 100 hours per year, 4 years)

Teaching hours 1 844 **Students** 248

Other services special short courses, summer courses for kids, courses for adult, child & parent groups, services for business groups, colour workshop for babies etc.



www.wahren-keskus.fi/kuvataidekoulu



Music School of South-Western Häme - since 1964-

Basic education in music for children from age of four years up to young people of age 18. Goal-oriented and progressing education from one level to other. Teaches children skills in self-expression and capabilities needed for vocational, polytechnic and university education. Receives yearly government grant.

- Early childhood education (lesson once per week, 2-3 years)
- Basic studies (several modules, 500 hours of study)
- Specialisation studies (with basic studies accumulate to 1300 lessons of study)

Teaching hours 17 861 **Students** 585

Instruments piano, organ, accordion, guitar, Finnish zither, violin, cello, clarinet, trumpet, drums, bass, singing etc.

Other services co-operation with adult institute (popular music).



www.wahren-keskus.fi/musiikkiopisto



Adult Institute - since 1920 -

Educational establishment that welcomes all prospective adult learners and offer opportunities for wide variety of recreational activities and study. Learning is largely self-motivated and, as a rule, not aimed at achieving a formal qualification. Receives government grants based on the confirmed number of lesson hours given.

In Forssa, gives also basic education of art (theatre, crafts) for children. Provides also Finnish as a foreign language tuition for immigrants.

Teaching hours 6 516 **Students** 1 771

Courses in foreign languages and Finnish, cooking and wellbeing, arts and crafts, music, sports, Information and communications technology etc.

Other services Open University courses for all, Studia generalia lectures, National Certificates of Language Proficiency tests for adults, journeys abroad for language students, cooperation with Music school (popular music) etc.



Forssa Museum

- reopened in November 2013 -

Municipal service since the year 2010. State funding of 50 000 € per year.

Opening hours Forssa Museum: tue-thur 12-18, fri-sun 12-16
Textile Museum Tyyki: closed till june 2014
Ronttismäki Factory Worker's Museum:
open in summertime only.

New exhibition 'Town of Tinted Textiles' in former cotton storage building (1849).

The Forssa Museum moved in this building in 1980.

The lobby of the Museum is a gallery of temporary exhibitions.

Collections include ca. 25 000 objects, more than 105 000 photographs, and dozens of archives of associations, companies and private people.

Forssa Textile archive is the specialty of the museum, telling about the 162-year-history of the Forssa cotton industry.

Other services

Shop in museum, many projects to improve and create new services for the community, cooperation with tourism personnel, many kinds of events etc.

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WahrenKeskus

www.forssanmuseo.fi



General Culture

- Let's do it together!

Town budget	Income	Exp. of premises / Exp. of operation		Balance
Nature Museum	0	-56 310	-26 980	-83 290
Theatre	4 000	-102 300	-44 920	-143 220
Cultural Events etc.	19 300		-71 160	-51 860
Total	23 300	-158 610	-143 060	-278 370

All events are produced in cooperation of WK-units and local associations and societies or other related organisations. Developing new ways of doing culture also by state fund projects.

Exhibitions in lobby of Forssa Museum [12] and in town exhibition hall Vinkkeli [12].

Market in Spinning Mill Area in summer and Xmas [7-8].

Saturday in Spinning Mill Area for Families once per month [7-8].

Celebration of Veteran day 27.4., Labour Day 1.5., Independence Day 6.12. and New Year 31.12.

Concerts Tyykijazz, Forssa Unplugged, Choir concerts, Xmas concert and others [10-15].

Forssa Week once every year.

Art Häme –event is organized every fourth year by Forssa.



Cooperation across municipal boundaries

Louna-libraries, Library cooperation of municipal libraries of Forssa, Humppila, Jokioinen, Tammela and Ypäjä since 1985: common ADP-system and OPAC, common rules for customers, common acquisition of library material, transportation of library material in the area, common events and marketing, common projects with state grants...

Adult Institute provides services also for Tammela based on an agreement. Administration services is sold to the adult institute of Jokioinen, Humppila and Ypäjä (Jokiläänin kansalaisopisto.)

Art School and **Music School** provide services also in the neighbouring municipalities (official agreements). Education is organized mainly in the premises in Spinning Mill Area of Forssa.

Art exhibitions every now and then may circle round the region.

Employees of municipalities have meetings together.

Education programmes for employees of all five municipalities.



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