



The Formentera Office of Culture is pleased to report that the Sant Ferran library connection (*Punt de Lectura*) will move into a room at the town's freshly minted Espai Cultural, located in the buildings which formerly housed the Sant Ferran public school.

Story time

The Punt de Lectura will host its inaugural function —a storytelling session— from 5.00pm on Wednesday 27 October. An environmentally-themed children's theatre production set in the Pine Islands, "El tresor del mar" deals with the problem of plastics in the sea. Tomeu Fava recounts a story in which spectators meet a rotating cast of sea creatures with whom they can sing, dance and have a great time. At the same time, the audience will find out who these creatures are and what is happening to them because of plastic. The theatrical show reminds us that our sea is a treasure we must care for. Seating will be limited, and no advance booking is necessary.

2 November opening

From Tuesday 2 November, the Punt de Lectura will begin observing regular hours, opening 4.30pm to 7.30pm from Monday to Friday, and Libraries of Formentera will run a programme of dynamic activities geared toward children and adults alike.

As Councillor of Culture Susana Labrador affirmed, "With the launch of the new Sant Ferran cultural space, it's plain to see just how badly needed this was". The building has already become home to cultural and educational activities: it is an extension site for the Conservatory and the site of Catalan courses offered by the island's Language Advisory Service. Other activities —Teresa Matilla's creation and painting course, for example, and workshops in wood-carving by Aaron Keydar— will soon follow, gradually taking place, said Labrador, alongside programming which is organised by local associations and by the Consell itself.

In the last plenary assembly, decision-makers secured backing for framework rules guiding how islanders will use the Espai Cultural. After a period of public consultation and on final approval, local groups will also be able to make use of the facilities, with priority for activities which are cultural or educational in nature. "The Consell's aim is to create a living cultural space in Sant Ferran for both the Consell and the island's associations", explained Labrador.

Finally, the culture chief confided that "even as set-up of the Espai Cultural continues, work is underway to get definitive plans in place for development of the Sant Ferran Cultural and Arts Centre".

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