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Literacy in France

From Literacies
to social inclusion

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Lost in translation



illiteracy ≠ functional illiteracy ≠ literacy



Statistics

Population functionally illiterate

7 %

Immigrates

11 %

In France, **7% of the active population** is functionally illiterate. They are mostly men, half of them older than 45 years old. More than the half of this 2 500 000 persons have a professional activity.

France is **an immigration country**. According to the ONU definition (2010), France has 7.1 millions d'immigrates, that is 11,1% of the population.

We are a République



Freedom, Equality, Fraternity





Concept of community is controversial
Goal of integration
Cultural & linguistic assimilation





Neutrality of the public service



Employment of civil servants

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Limits

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(...even for professionals)



Registered
17 %

Self

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Self Registration

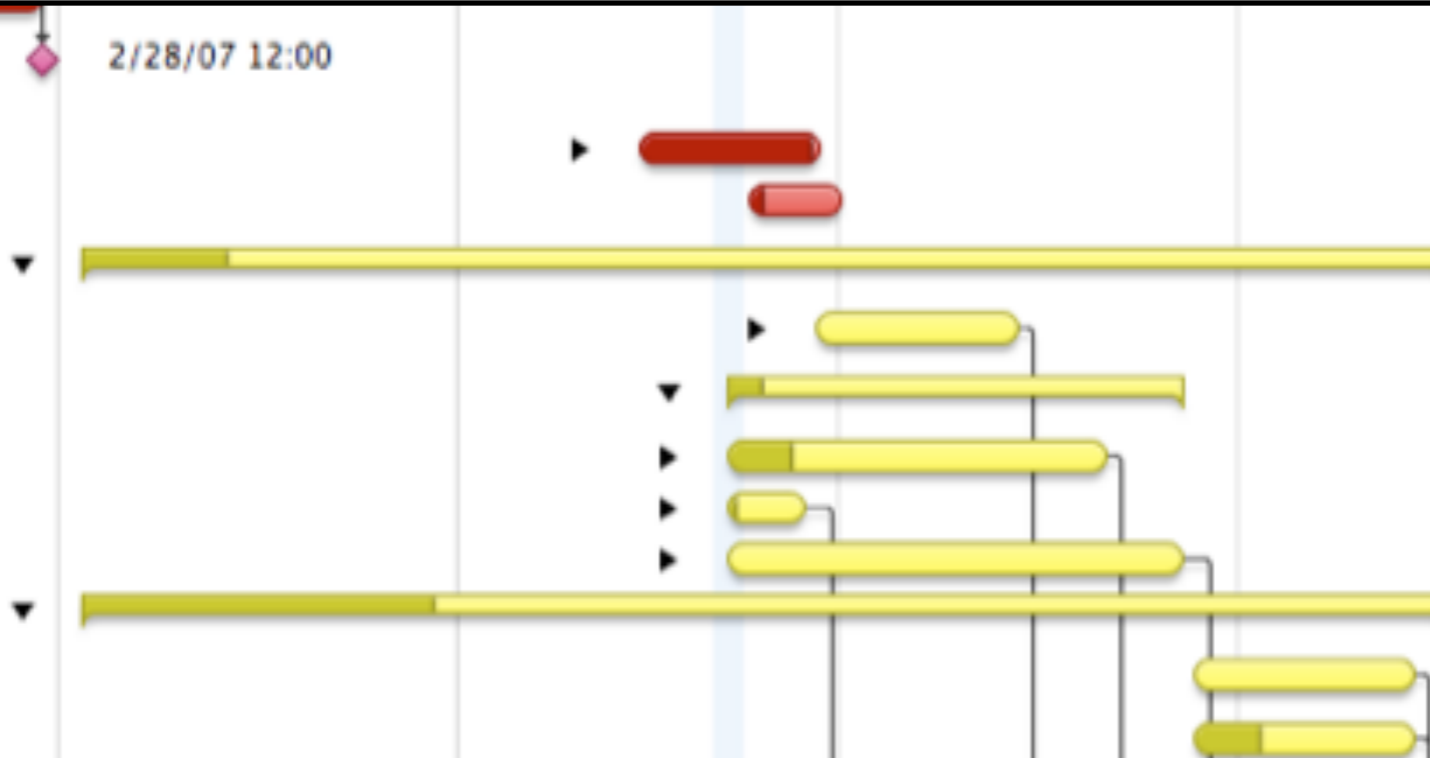
Hardly 17% of the population is registered to a public library



No law... well *almost* no law.

Regulations

Actions and national plans



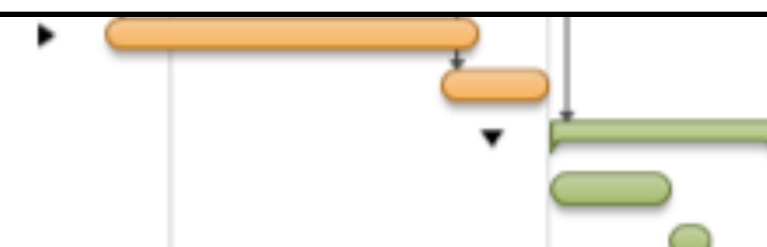
The law regarding the territorial public service has integrated literacy in life long training programs goals

Functional illiteracy as Prior national cause in 2013

The Territory-Reading contracts allow to define actions and their corresponding financial modes, and to engage partners

Regional plans against functional illiteracy

Several agency, mostly for immigrants (ANLCI, OFII (CAI))



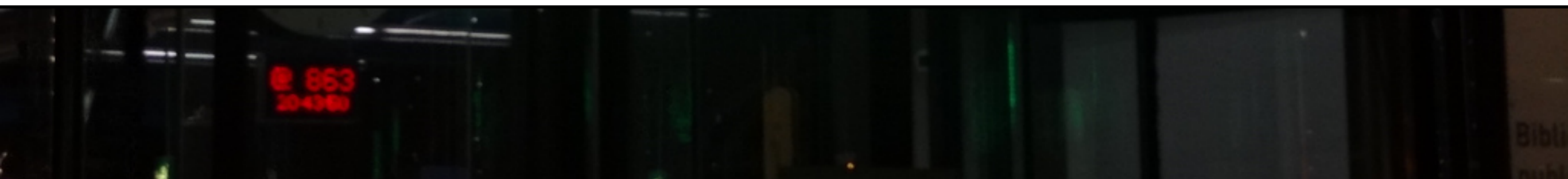
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The Bibliothèque publique d'information is frequented by migrants from various parts of the world, some of them seeking for asylum





Bibliothèque
publique d'information
Centre
Pompidou



A partnership with the NGO France Terre d'Asile



What? writing of scenarios, guide for the design, jacket of the game



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Actually? reading/writing workshops, working in groups, work on computers, communicate, use internet

Melting popotes

Des recettes
pour bien vivre ensemble.



Médiathèque de la Monnaie (Rhône-Alpes). Area of 4500 inhabitants.

Partnership with the association *Maison citoyenne* and the *Université populaire du goût* blog, recipes book, photo exhibition...

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Thank you!

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