

The Formentera Council's Office of Culture reports on the opening in Sant Ferran from yesterday of the island's newest *punt de lectura*, or “reading zone”. Located next to the Office of Environment at 13, carrer Mallorca, the space is open from Monday to Friday, 4.00pm to 8.30pm.

It is divided into three different nooks: an area for adults, with novels in Catalan and Castilian plus a selection of international books and magazines and newspapers; a kids' area, arrayed with books and games; and a technology lab, equipped with two computers with Internet access.

In addition to regular library services, Sant Ferran's reading zone will host activities for children like storytelling, creative workshops and film screenings. Adults, meanwhile, can take part in discussions, presentations and assorted courses. A display case will also include a rotating selection of featured books from the Biblioteca Marià Villangómez collection.

Culture secretary Susana Labrador explained how space limitations were to blame when the former *punt de lectura*, housed in the actual school, shuttered several months ago. She promised the Council's creation of the new reading zone would mean “a breadth of programming not just for children, but for adolescents and adults as well”. The project to create the space cost roughly €20,000.

Supervised courtyard

The move comes alongside efforts to open and animate the Bob Baldon park, which occupies the Sant Ferran school courtyard under an agreement between the Council. Monday to Saturday, a Council agent opens the school gates at 4.00pm and closes them again at 7.00pm. Activities like Formentera Marxa enliven the space on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturday.