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G

is for Greenock, a village (population c. 700) through which we passed in February 2008. It's on the north-west edge of the famous Barossa Valley (wine-producing country), north of Adelaide, South Australia. The Institute, founded in 1883, was one of many that were established in South Australia inspired by the 19th century British mechanics institutes, which aimed to promote reading and culture. The Greenock Public Library is open three days a week, an hour or two at a time.



H

is for Hösbo, a suburb of Gothenburg, Sweden. I visited the Public Library during the IFLA World Library and Information Congress in August 2010. It was one of many library visits on offer. The library has lots of outreach activities. We had the privilege of watching a story hour for pre-school children in progress. This little boy was enchanted by the whistle he had been given. Perhaps his parents were less charmed when he came home with it. More photos at <http://picasaweb.google.com/PeterJLor/HogsboPublicLibrary#>



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is for Iron Ridge, a village of about 1000 in Dodge County, Wisconsin. You can read more about Iron Ridge on the Wikipedia at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iron_Ridge,_Wisconsin. The Library is housed in the Iron Ridge Community Center on the outskirts of the Village, in the wing on the left. It's small, but shares resources with the other 41 libraries forming the SHARE Consortium, which covers five counties in SE Wisconsin and provides a daily delivery service for requests between participating libraries.

