

Good News from Slovenia 1

The Theosophical Society Jivatma in Slovenia is operating the first public Theosophical library in Slovenia. The Theosophical Library and Reading Room of Alma M. Karlin was started in 2010 and is dedicated in memory of the great Slovenian female traveler, writer, poet, collector, hyper polyglot and Theosophist Alma Maximiliana Karlin (12 October 1889 – 15 January 1950). Between 1919 and 1928, Alma made a nine year journey around the world. She was an inspiration for many members of the first theosophical circle in Slovenia (which was part of Yugoslavia at the time) called “Krishnaji”, which started functioning in 1927 in Celje and was led by Konrad Konec, a priest in the Liberal Catholic Church (LCC).

“Alone and abandoned walks through life he who thinks only of himself; but he who knows how to lovingly adapt and turn everything for the better, who always knows where to offer a helping hand and gives himself to others, his life is a blossoming meadow, and traces of his work remain even after his death.” – Alma M. Karlin

The Library was established as a resource for independent research. There are over 10,000 volumes in its collection and more than 5000 of those are present only here in the whole of Slovenia. It is a unique place for resource material in the field of the Divine Wisdom. Besides the works of Alma Karlin, the library makes available to the public a great and exclusive reference collection with significant works on theosophy, philosophy, psychology, sociology, anthropology, esotericism, spiritual and personal development and the world's religions, such as Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism and Islam and many others. Complete collections can be seen on the site www.jivatma.si which will be translated into English in the near future. One big work in progress is to digitalize the historical material of the Slovenian TS and slowly make it easily available for researchers. Anton Rozman, through his great work on www.teozofija.info has already covered other Theosophical material.