

**Annual Municipal Programs for the Development of the Activities of the  
*Chitalishta* in the Context of Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage**

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(Summary)

The article presents and analyses the relation between the *chitalishta* and the municipalities on the basis of the municipal programs for the development of the activities of this specific institution. The data used is able to demonstrate the resources of the *chitalishta*, the rich variety of the activities accomplished there, as well as to make more concrete the appeals for support, to show the attitude of the municipalities as cultural institutions participating in the realization of public policies. Having in mind the importance of the *chitalishte* institution for the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage, the content of the programs is analysed from the point of view of the activities and measures for the safeguarding of this kind of cultural heritage.

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