

Pilsen and the first books

Like everywhere else in the world, the first books used in Pilsen were probably used in monasteries. One of the monasteries which has stood in Pilsen since the Middle Ages, is the Františkanský klášter (Franciscan monastery) on today's Františkanská ulice (street), now the home of the Diocesan Museum (Diecézní muzeum) . The main part of tour goes through the cloister, where mainly relief sculptures and sculptural decorations from Gothic to Baroque are on display. In the cloister you can also see *an alcove with a seat, where the monks could quietly study books*. Next to a stone podium we also find a place for a candle and a carafe of wine for warming up inside the cold monastery walls. The book collection of Fransiscan monastery is kept in the Education and Research Library of the Pilsener Region, housed in a former Dominican convent.

Diecézní muzeum (Diocesan Museum) , Františkanská 11: A collection of valued Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque religious sculptures, chapel of sv. Barbora (St. Barbara) with a unique fresco decoration. Opening hours: April – October: Tuesday to Sunday: from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.