



Get inspired!

From the first edition of the Day of European Authors' Reading in Schools Sessions



On the 27th of March 2023, 920 schools across Europe participated in the first edition of the **Day of European Authors' Reading in Schools Sessions**, organizing reading aloud sessions with European authors or other personalities. They found very creative and innovative ways to get involved in this initiative aiming to connect younger generations with book reading and to help them discover the diversity of European literature.

Schools have invested very diverse formats (discussions, Q&A, Zoom meeting) and locations (auditori-

ums, classrooms) to organize these Reading Sessions. Some schools took this opportunity to build synergies with preexisting projects such as mobility projects or school exchanges, to collaborate with their school libraries or to help students discover European authors and improve their language skills in language classes. Save the date for the 2024 edition which will take place on 25 March 2024 and find inspiration from the examples of the sessions organised by schools who participated in 2023.

Get ready, it is time to unleash your creativity!

Some inspiring stories from the **Reading in Schools Sessions:**

Engaging Volunteer Reading Sessions with Rap and Music:

The school sought volunteers from the local community and university to read to the pupils. Some of the volunteers chose to present their readings in a rap and song style format. This creative approach added a dynamic and engaging element to the classroom environment, capturing the students' attention. It allowed the readers to express themselves through music and rhythm while sharing their love for literature with the students.

Collège Rosa Parks, Rennes, France

Multimedia Book Voyage:

Second grade students at this Primary School listened to the reading of the book *In the sea there are crocodiles* (*Nel mare ci sono i coccodrilli*) by Fabio Geda. The children then summed up the story and created a multimedia book and did the reading of it. Finally, they exchanged online with the author of the book, Fabio Geda and children could give their thoughts and ideas.

Istituto Comprensivo 66 Martiri, Grugliasco, Turin, Italy

Literature Exchange: Romanian and Spanish students explore their cultures:

The school took advantage of having Romanian students coming to share literature authors and genres in their classes. Romanian students and Spanish students engaged in activities to compare and find both differences and similarities between their countries

FEC Santa Joaquina de Vedruna, Murcia, Spain ↗

Actress-led Reading Session:

The Cypriot actress Mrs Varvara Christofi visited the school to read stories to the students. The school is a special school with 85 students with special needs. She graduated as a teacher from the University of Cyprus and studied acting in Athens, Greece. Aesop's Fables were chosen to be read by Mrs Christofi.

Ειδικό Σχολείο "Απόστολος Λουκάς", Limassol, Cyprus ↗

Multilingual Literary Showcase:

This school joined the initiative by reading excerpts from four different books in four different languages (*La ridícula idea de no volver a verte* written by Spanish writer Rosa Montero, *Antéchrista* written by Belgian writer Amélie Nothomb, *Normal People* written by Irish writer Sally Rooney and *Tintenherz* by German writer Cornelia Funke). Then they produced a [video](#) later published on YouTube where you can witness the students' reading.

IES Miguel Catalán, Zaragoza, Spain ↗



Pupils Share and Celebrate their Favourite Books:

The school organised three complementary activities as part of the event. Firstly, the students attended the presentation of a newly published book by its author in a hall of the city university. Then, they read excerpts from their favourite book (also directly on their mobile phones!) and explained to the group what they liked about it. Finally, they met with a poet who introduced them to the inspirations of a poet and the process of publishing a poetry collection.

12ο ΛΥΚΕΙΟ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗΣ, Thessaloniki, Greece

Virtual YouTube Reading:

As part of the initiative, students at this school watched a YouTube reading from the British writer living in Belfast – Glenn Patterson. They learnt about the conflict between Protestants and Catholics in Northern Ireland. Afterwards, they sent the author questions that came up during the discussion via email.

Liceum Ogólnokształcące im. Mikołaja Kopernika, Tarnobrzeg, Poland ↗

Readings from Erasmus mobility projects:

Students participated in a mobility within the Erasmus Accreditation, in Portugal, at Agrupamento de Escolas Coelho e Castro, in Fiães. On March 27 2023, 13 Romanian students (17 years old) joined forces with 20 Portuguese students to talk about two famous national poets from their respective country: Mihai Eminescu and Eugénio de Andrade. The students read a poem in Portuguese and English from each writer. Then, the Romanian students read a poem from Andrade in Portuguese, and the Portuguese students, a poem in Romanian from Eminescu. After, starting from the poems read, they learned words in the two languages, trying to find similarities between these two Latin languages

Liceul Petru Cercel, Targoviste, Romania

Favourite Book Frame:

The school invited students to come to the library and take a picture inside the frame printed with one of their favorite books. The students then explained either in German or French why they liked the book. Alberto and Lou, for instance, respectively explained that they loved the youth novel Tschick (by Wolfgang Herrndorf) as it shows a true picture of the German youth; and Klassenspiel (by Celia Rees) as it's a book about bullying which moved him very much as this problem is unfortunately still too present.

Lënster Lycée International School, Luxembourg ↗

Reading Sessions in the Library:

Two readings were organized in the school library. A teacher from the school explains: "I saw this initiative and immediately wanted to be part of it. I invited two teachers who work in our school to promote and read books in library to our students."

Osnovna škola Vladimira Pavlovića, Čapljina, Bosnia and Herzegovina

For more inspiration, check out the links below:

ПГРЕ "Георги С. Раковски", Burgas, Bulgaria ↗

Istituto Superiore "A. Torrente", Castoria, Italy ↗

Liceo Europeo Vittoria, Torino, Italy ↗

Valkas novada Centrālā bibliotēkas, Valka, Latvia ↗

Technikum nr 5, Sosnowiec, Poland ↗

Escola Secundária Jerónimo Emiliano de Andrade, Angra do Heroísmo, Portugal ↗

Liceul Economic "Virgil Madgearu" Constanța, Romania ↗

IES La Laboral, Lardero, Spain ↗

Colegio Amor de Dios, Oviedo, Spain ↗

IES Carthago Spartaria, La Palma, Spain ↗

