

# MALTA BOOK FESTIVAL

**6 – 10 November**  
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**#bindingworlds**



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OF EVENTS**



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Building on a **rich tradition** stretching back decades while also dynamically evolving with the times,

The Malta Book Festival is

**the largest  
celebration of  
book culture  
in Malta**





People from all walks of life eagerly await the Festival, which will be held between 6–10 November at the Malta Fairs and Conventions Centre (MFCC). Over five days, publishers, booksellers, authors and translators gather under one roof to make the most of this unique opportunity to promote and sell books to the public.

The spirit of this year's edition is encapsulated in its theme:

## **#bindingworlds**



reflecting the multifaceted nature of the publishing process, from the inception of an idea to the final product. Through this play on words, the Festival underscores the richness of each of these 'worlds', giving full due to the professions involved: from writing and illustration to printing and book-binding.

The thousands of visitors will be able to avail themselves of a deep insight into each of these 'worlds' thanks to a varied selection of workshops and masterclasses aimed at bolstering the skills of all those interested in artistic pursuits – from writing to illustration and book-binding. The Festival will also be facilitating encounters with international literary superstars, complementing the participation of local authors and creatives.

The Malta Book Festival 2024 is also distinguished by the largest take-up of space at the MFCC, with a large number of exhibitors opting for custom stands, lending a sense of uniqueness and individuality both to their own offering, and to the look and feel of the Festival space.

# FROM ILLUSTRATION TO BOOK

*From Illustration to Book* is a collaborative exhibition organised by the National Book Council and Arts Council Malta that explores the evolution of contemporary illustration in Malta.

The third edition of the exhibition is split into five sections. 'Maltese Illustrated Characters' focuses on classic and contemporary characters that have left an indelible mark on our literary imagination. 'Illustration Today' and the 'MCOI *Illustration Annual 2024*' highlight some of the finest work by illustrators and book designers active today in both Malta and on the international scene. The 'Artist Spotlight' area devotes special attention to two prolific illustrators: Frank Schembri and Moira Zahra. Finally, 'From Idea to Illustration' showcases the journey from concept to drawing, which eventually leads to the final illustration.

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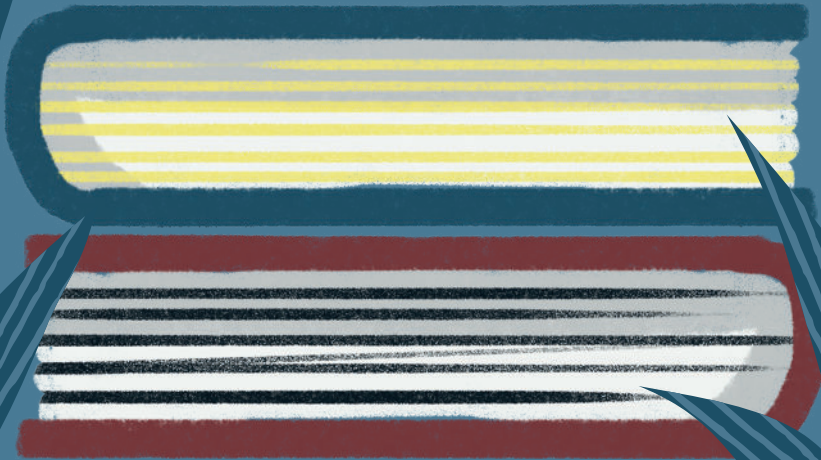
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## 18:00 - 20:00 **Reading Champions**



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The National Literacy Agency awards Year 7 students nominated by the school administration and teacher-librarians for their love of reading, promotion of books and improvement in literacy skills.

**18:00 - 19:00** **Book Launch & Readings: *Antologija Poezija Kontemporanja 2023/2024***



**Kotba Calleja** **Is-Sala tal-Qarrejja**

Book launch of an anthology of poetry by a number of contemporary poets. During this event, the public will be able to meet the featured poets.

**18:00 - 19:00** **Wikipedian-in-Residence @ TimesofMalta.com**



**Wikimedia Community Malta** **WCM Stand 37**

The *Times of Malta* has a strong online presence, which offers great opportunities for collaboration with Wikimedia Projects. During this event, they will discuss 2024 activities, wherein TimesofMalta.com has been working closely with Wikimedia Commons and Wikipedia.

**18:30 - 20:00** **Discovering the UM Library's Unique Collections: From Rare Books to the Kollezjoni Programmi tal-Festa**



**UM Library** **Is-Sala tal-Kittieba**

The UM Library presents two talks on its unique collections: 'The UM Library Archives and Rare Books collection' by Matthew Cuschieri and 'Cover to Cover: The Programm Tal-Festa as a Rich Resource of Melitensia' by Katja Zahra Camilleri.

**19:00 - 21:00** **Guess who?**



**Merlin Publishers** **Merlin Publishers Stand 16**

Would you like to play a game with us? And perhaps win yourself a book in the process? You'll hear a number of excerpts read out live on our stand, and all you need to do is match the excerpt to its correct author. What could be simpler? Hehe... Perhaps... or perhaps not so simple! (And of course, help yourself to a glass or two of wine during the readings.)





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## THINK Soapbox

**THINK Magazine** **Is-Sala tal-Qarrejja**

THINK is the official research magazine of the University of Malta, offering a window into the stories of academics, students, alumni and researchers. Our Soapbox is a unique opportunity wherein current research featured in the latest edition is presented. The event is open to the public, allowing the audience to share ideas, ask questions and network.

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## L-Isfida Msella

**NBC & San Anton School** **It-Teatru**

For the fourth consecutive year, San Anton School celebrates the achievement of a group of students who successfully completed L-Isfida Msella. In this exciting reading challenge, students read three books in Maltese in three months and work on related tasks, such as posters, creative writing projects and book trailers. During this event, each participant is presented with an award.

19:30 - 20:30 **Talk: The Correspondence Exchanged between Ġużè Cardona and Karmen Mikalleg Buħaġar**



**L-Akkademja tal-Malti** **Is-Sala tal-Qarrejja**

Karmen Mikalleg Buħaġar strove to ensure that the memory of Dun Karm is respected. She maintained correspondence with local authors including Ġużè Cardona, who completed his MA on Dun Karm and wrote both poetry and prose. Sergio Grech gives a talk on the correspondence exchanged between them.

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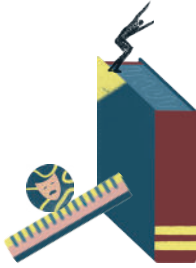


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Join acclaimed author Anthony Horowitz for a masterclass on storytelling at the Malta Book Festival! Dive deep into the writing process, gain practical techniques, and draw inspiration from the bestselling writer of the *Alex Rider* series and the Sherlock Holmes detective novels *The House of Silk* and *Moriarty*. The masterclass will cover plot ideas, character development, dialogue, and the differences between writing books and writing for TV. An interactive Q&A session will follow, allowing participants to explore any aspect of writing. This masterclass requires pre-registration. Don't miss this enriching experience! Register early to avoid disappointment.







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## Meet the Author: Paul George Pisani

**Delicon Books Delicon Books Stand 26**

A reading session with Paul George Pisani, guest author of Delicon Books. The reading will be followed by a book signing session, during which the audience will have the opportunity to meet the author and ask him questions.

17:30 - 18:30



## “Half bil-Malti u Half bl-Ingliż”: A Discussion on English in Maltese

L-Għaqda tal-Malti – Università

Is-Sala tal-Kittieba

Guest speakers will expand on the “Tkellem bil-Malti!” talk held during Kampus Kotba 2024, delving into a panel discussion on English loanwords in Maltese, prompting further reflection on the question: “What’s Maltese, and what isn’t?”

18:00 - 19:30



## The 2024 Doreen Micallef National Poetry Contest: Prize-Giving Ceremony

NBC It-Teatru

Join us for the announcement of the winners and readings by the winning poets of the sixth edition of the Doreen Micallef National Poetry Contest, launched by the National Book Council with the aim of further raising the profile of poetry in Malta and honouring the best poetry written in Maltese. Among the guests of this year’s ceremony will be Murad Shubert, winner of the 2023 National Book Prize for Poetry, and Emirati poet Ali al Shaali, who will be reading each other’s work in translation and participating in a literary exchange moderated by Antonella Axisa.

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## Intangible Cultural Heritage on Wikidata

Wikimedia Community Malta (WCM)

WCM Stand 37

Discover Wikipedia, another Wikimedia project, which provides essential data to Google, Siri and Alexa, along with Wikipedia and other Wikimedia projects. The session includes information about the new WikiProject KAZINI.

19:00 - 20:00



## Book launch: *Disa’ Opri* by Albert Marshall

Horizons Is-Sala tal-Kittieba

Horizons presents Albert Marshall’s latest book *Disa’ Opri*, a Maltese rendition of the most famous operatic librettos. The presentation includes excerpts from *La Bohème*, *Carmen*, *Rigoletto*, *Tosca*, *La Traviata*, *Cavalleria Rusticana*, *Pagliacci*, *Norma* and *Il Barbiere di Siviglia*.

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## Book launch: The Maltese Translation of *The Three Body Problem*

Faraxa Publishing Is-Sala tal-Qarrejja

Celebrate the launch of Faraxa Publishing’s latest translation by John A. Bonello: *Il-Problema tat-Tliet Korpi*. This Maltese translation of bestselling Chinese science-fiction novel *The Three Body Problem* by Liu Cixin will take you through space and time as you uncover the mysteries within.

**19:00 - 20:00 Book Launch: *The Field* by Ricky Caruana**



**Agenda Bookshop Agenda Bookshop Stand 41**

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**20:00 - 21:00 *Prophet Song*: Booker Prize-Winning Author Paul Lynch in Conversation**



**NBC It-Teatru**

The NBC is proud to host one of the most notable literary luminaries of the moment: award-winning Irish author Paul Lynch. In conversation with journalist Emma Mattei, Lynch will delve into the key themes and preoccupations threaded through his five novels – among them Booker Prize-winning *Prophet Song* (2023). Don't miss this opportunity to engage with one of literature's most compelling voices! Paul Lynch's participation was made possible with the support of the Embassy of Ireland in Malta.





# SATURDAY

# 9 NOVEMBER

All day

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The third edition of an exhibition dedicated to book design and illustration, showcasing the work of Malta's leading contemporary book illustrators and designers, as well as paying homage to the country's book illustration and design pioneers. This initiative forms part of a strategic collaboration between the National Book Council and Arts Council Malta.

All day



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09:30 - 15:00



**Developing Your Fiction: A Faber Academy Workshop by Richard Skinner**

**NBC** **Is-Sala tal-Kittieba**

Hone your fiction writing skills with Richard Skinner, Director of Fiction at Faber Academy. This workshop will focus on character development and the role of the narrator in fiction. This session incorporates a Q&A session focusing on editing skills and literary agents. Pre-registration required, €20 fee includes lunch. Limited spaces available.



09:30 - 11:00



**Bookbinding Workshop (Ages 8–12): A Hands-On Introduction by Glen Calleja**

**NBC** **It-Teatru**

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09:30 - 10:45



**Draw a Café Scene: An Illustration Workshop for Adults**

**The French Embassy** **Ir-Rokna tal-Ktieb**

French painter and illustrator Sophie Guinzbourg will give a creative workshop on how to draw a typical French café scene. Register for free by scanning the QR code or through the Embassy's website.





11:00 - 12:00



## Create a Drawing and a Poem: A Workshop for Children

**The French Embassy** **Ir-Rokna tal-Ktieb**



French painter and illustrator Sophie Guinzbourg will give a creative workshop on how to draw a rabbit. French author Chloe Gallien will invite the children to write a verse in French or in English to accompany their drawing. Register for free by scanning the QR code or through the Embassy's website.

10:00 - 11:00



## Zinn Zinn Zinn 2: More Music and Literature for Young Ones and Their Elders

**L-Għaqda tal-Malti – Università** **Is-Sala tal-Qarrejja**

Stories, rhymes and music leave an impression on all of us, but due to their innocence and imaginative capacities, children seem to appreciate them even more. This event is an opportunity for children to get lost in a fairytale-like world, where they can also bring along their parents and guardians!

10:30 - 11:30



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11:30 - 12:30



## From Theme to Illustration (Ages 14+): A Workshop by Ed Dingli

**NBC & Arts Council Malta (ACM)** **Is-Sala tal-Qarrejja**



Join Ed Dingli, illustrator of the 2024 Malta Book Festival, for a hands-on workshop on transforming concepts into illustrations. Participants aged 14+ will sketch alongside Ed, exploring ideas, mind maps and keywords to create their own designs. This workshop is being done in collaboration with Arts Council Malta. Free registration required.

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## Literary Speed Dating

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Literary speed dating is back – a unique 15-minute opportunity to meet publishing professionals at the Malta Book Festival. You may simply want to chat about literature, writing skills or any other publishing topic about which you wanted to know, but were afraid to ask. This edition features Simon Trewin (literary agent), Joey Connolly (Director of Faber Academy), Lorraine Vella and Joe Gatt (Aphroconfuso editors), Kat Storace (translator, publisher at Praspas Press), Glen Calleja (publisher at Kotba Calleja), the Literature Chairperson at MEIA, Moira Zahra (MCOI), Ed Dingli (illustrator), Nikki Petroni (Education and Development Executive at ACM), Matthew Borg (Senior Manager at the NBC, Malta Book Fund).

13:00 - 14:00



## From Concept to Animation: Kyle Xuereb Cunningham's Malta Book Festival Promos

**NBC & Arts Council Malta (ACM)** **Is-Sala tal-Qarrejja**

Discover the creative journey behind the 2023 and 2024 promo ads with illustrator and animator Kyle Xuereb Cunningham. Learn about the animation process, from creating the storyboard to the final touches. This session is being done in collaboration with Arts Council Malta. Free registration required.

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## French Children's Book Signing: *Lapinouddoudou*

**The French Embassy** **The French Corner Stand 24**

French illustrator Sophie Guinzbourg and author Chloé Gallien will sign their children's book in French *Lapinouddoudou et les tissus magiques*.

14:30 - 15:30



## The Role of Contemporary Illustrators: Panel Discussion and Launch of the Illustration Annual 2024

**Malta Community of Illustrators (MCOI)**

**Is-Sala tal-Qarrejja**

In this panel moderated by Ruth Ancilleri, guest speakers Ed Dingli, Philip Sultana and Dr Ċensu Caruana (Centre for Environmental Education & Research) will discuss the 'polymath' illustrator and the multifaceted nature of contemporary illustration, examining how illustrators can use their skills to address pressing environmental concerns. This event will feature the launch of this year's edition of the MCOI *Illustration Annual*.

15:00 - 17:00



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15:30 - 16:15



## How a Book Is Made

**Gutenberg Press** **Ir-Rokna tal-Ktieb**

Join us for a hands-on seminar on book production. Learn more about how a book is made and the full process of book manufacturing – from the design aspect through to the production process and finally the finished bound book.

15:30 - 16:30



## Manuscript to Market: A Q&A with Literary Agent Jonathan Lloyd from Curtis Brown

**NBC** **Is-Sala tal-Kittieba**

Join Jonathan Lloyd, literary agent and president of Curtis Brown, for an enlightening Q&A session moderated by Kat Storace (Praspar Press). Gain invaluable insights into publishing, from finding the right agent to making a compelling first impression. This event is open to Maltese writers in English. Pre-register to ensure your spot and submit questions in advance for a personalised discussion.

17:00 - 18:00



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## 17:00 - 18:00 The Writing Community



**Aphroconfuso** **Is-Sala tal-Kittieba**

Often, when we write, we are in a room by ourselves, but the words we use are never ours alone. In the first year of Aphroconfuso, we wanted to create, together with our contributors, a community in which words are not spoken once and then lost to time, but find an echo and a response in other words inside the journal itself, in our own literary history and that of the world. During this event we will introduce Aphroconfuso's first book, *Antologija 1*.

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## 18:30 - 20:00 Wiki Loves 2024 Awards Ceremony



**Wikimedia Community Malta (WCM)** **WCM Stand 37**

An awards ceremony for Wiki Loves Folklore and Wiki Loves Earth 2024. The finalists of Wiki Loves Monuments 2024 will also be announced at this event.

## 19:00 - 20:00 Book Signing: *The Field* by Ricky Caruana



**Agenda Bookshop** **Agenda Bookshop Stand 41**

Agenda Bookshop presents Ricky Caruana's latest book, *The Field*. The book launch will be followed by a signing session.

## 19:30 - 20:30 Meet the author: Anna-Elisabeth Mayer Reads from Her Latest Novel *Kreidezeit* (2023)



**German-Maltese Circle / Dept. of German, UM**

**Is-Sala tal-Qarrejja**

Contemporary Austrian writer Anna-Elisabeth Mayer, special guest of the GMC/Dept. of German, UM stand, will read from her latest novel *Kreidezeit* (2023). In a biting ironic way, the novel tackles the question of human-machine relations, critically reflecting on the digitalisation of school education and artificial intelligence. The reading will be followed by a book signing session and the opportunity for the audience to meet the author. This event is kindly sponsored by the Austrian Embassy for Malta.

## 20:00 - 21:00 Cracking the Case: An Evening with Anthony Horowitz



**NBC** **It-Teatru**

Join us for an intriguing evening with Anthony Horowitz, one of the UK's most prolific and versatile writers, as he delves with a particular focus into his illustrious career in crime fiction. This event will be hosted by Prof. James Corby from the English Department at the University of Malta, offering a rare opportunity to explore the mind of a master storyteller.



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## Artivisti: Stories of Youths in Literature

**Arts Council Malta (ACM) & Aġenzija Żgħażaġħ**

**Is-Sala tal-Kittieba**

During this discussion, former and current participants of the Artivisti programme will speak about their individual literary journeys and on their ideas on the local publishing scene. Artivisti is a collaborative programme run by Arts Council Malta and Aġenzija Żgħażaġħ.

10:00 - 11:00



## Reading with Lucienne: Interactive Session

**Pandora Books** **Is-Sala tal-Qarrejja**

Lucienne Cassar will read excerpts from some of her books in an interactive session with music, games and learning activities.

10:00 - 12:00



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## Beyond the Game: Sports Writing in Malta

**NBC & DFG Lab** **Is-Sala tal-Kittieba**

This discussion panel promises a deep dive into the little explored world of sports writing or sports literature in the Maltese literary landscape. Moderated by Mark Vella, with special guests Giovanni di Giorgi, editor at DFG Lab and organiser of the Premio Invictus sports literature prize; journalist Charles Camenzuli; and author Maria Borg Cremona, this engaging panel will reveal the unique intersections of sports and culture.

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## H.E. President Myriam Spiteri Debono signs *Tisjir mill-Qalb*

**Agenda Bookshop** **Agenda Bookshop Stand 41**

Book signing session with H.E. President Myriam Spiteri Debono for the publication of *Tisjir mill-Qalb* in aid of the Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation.

14:00 - 15:00



## Launch of *Lehen il-Malti* – Għadd 43

**L-Għaqda tal-Malti – Università** **Is-Sala tal-Kittieba**

As per annual tradition, L-Għaqda tal-Malti will give a sneak peak into what readers can expect in its yearly journal. This will be carried out through various readings of some of the poems, short stories, translations and studies that have been selected for this edition of *Lehen il-Malti*.



14:00 - 15:00



## From Passion to Profession: MEIA's Introduction to the Literature Sectoral Goals

**Malta Entertainment Industry and Arts Association (MEIA)**

**Is-Sala tal-Qarrejja**

This workshop aims to specifically target publishers, writers and authors, acting as well as an introductory session as MEIA's new addition to its creative sectoral goals. The goal of this workshop is to foster an open dialogue about the professionalisation of the literary industry in Malta. Participants will explore critical aspects of navigating Malta's literary scene, addressing the necessity for implementing effective strategies and navigating challenges. The session will emphasise strategies for enhancing the professional development of individuals engaged in the literature sector, ultimately aiming to empower attendees to thrive in their literary careers.

15:30 - 16:30



## Maltese Fiction: Where to Next?

**NBC Is-Sala tal-Kittieba**

Join the NBC for a roundtable discussion on the state of fiction writing in Malta, moderated by David Aloisio. Are Maltese writers conscious of the notion of literariness in fiction? Is literary tradition given its due importance? To what extent are Maltese writers eager to receive a heavily edited version of their manuscript, if need be? With the participation of National Book Prize judges Omar N'Shea and Maria Theuma, author and lecturer Immanuel Mifsud, and Daniel Cossai, literary columnist for *ILLUM*.

15:30 - 16:30



## The Status of the Artist: Exploratory Workshop

**Arts Council Malta (ACM) Is-Sala tal-Qarrejja**

This workshop, which forms part of Arts Council Malta's commitment to advancing the status of artists and creatives, will consist of an open discussion about the Charter for the Status of the Artist, exploring ideal scenarios and possible outcomes for the local context.

16:00 - 17:00



## Meet the Author: Lorraine Galea

**Pandora Books Pandora Books Stand 39**

Lorraine Galea is a Maltese author of various books for adults and kids. Be the first to get a copy of her new release, *L-Akbar Habib Tiegħi: Infittxu lil Jacques*, and get it signed by the author.

16:30 - 17:30



## Interview with Daniel Massa

**Kotba Calleja Ir-Rokna tal-Ktieb**

An interview with poet Daniel Massa about his literary work and artistic vision over the years. During the event, the general public will be able to meet the poet and ask him questions about his work and life.

**17:00 - 19:00** **Film screening & Networking Event featuring Prof. Daniel Massa, Recipient of the 2023 National Book Prize Lifetime Achievement Award**



**NBC** **It-Teatru**

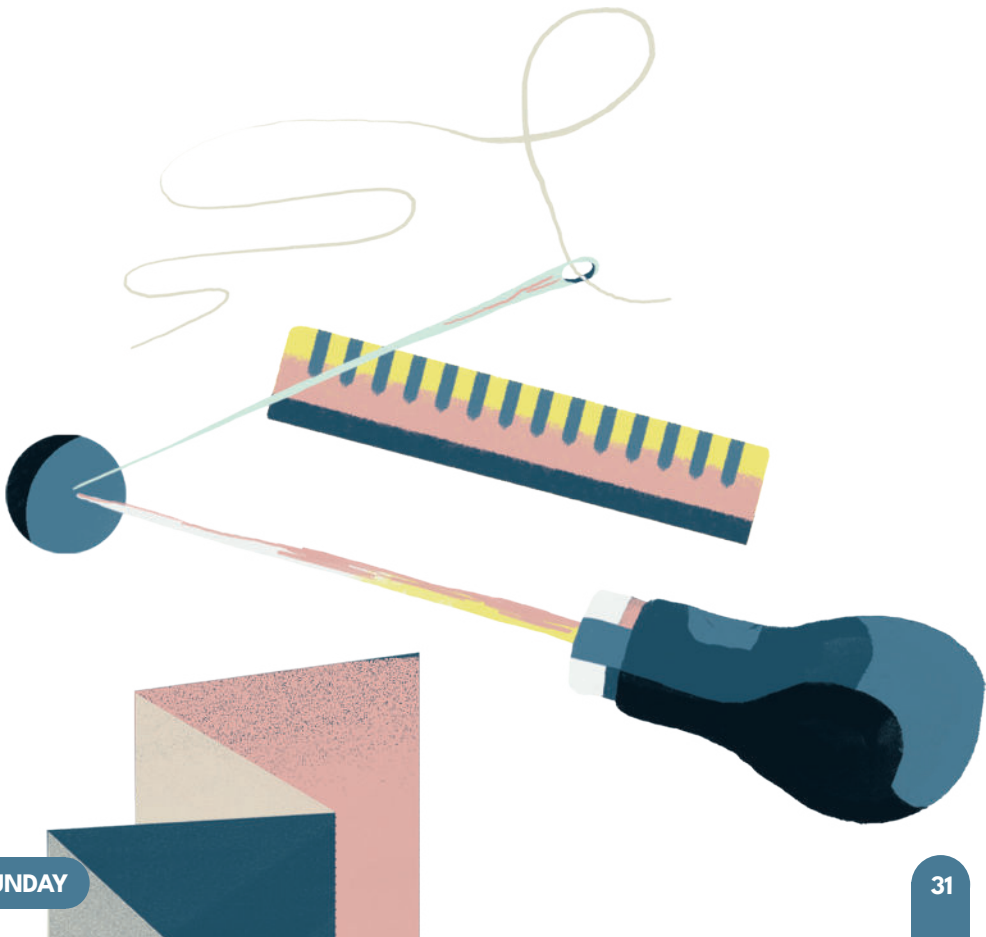
The National Book Council celebrates Daniel Massa, recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award recipient in 2023, with a film screening of a documentary by Blank Canvas Creatives. This will be followed by a networking event featuring National Book Prize winners and shortlisted authors. Enjoy live music by singer Kym Pepe and musician Jimmy Bartolo, who have set Massa's poems to music.

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Jonathan Lloyd from  
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# EXHIBITORS



## L-AĠENZIJA NAZZJONALI TAL-LITTERIŻMU

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## ARTS COUNCIL MALTA

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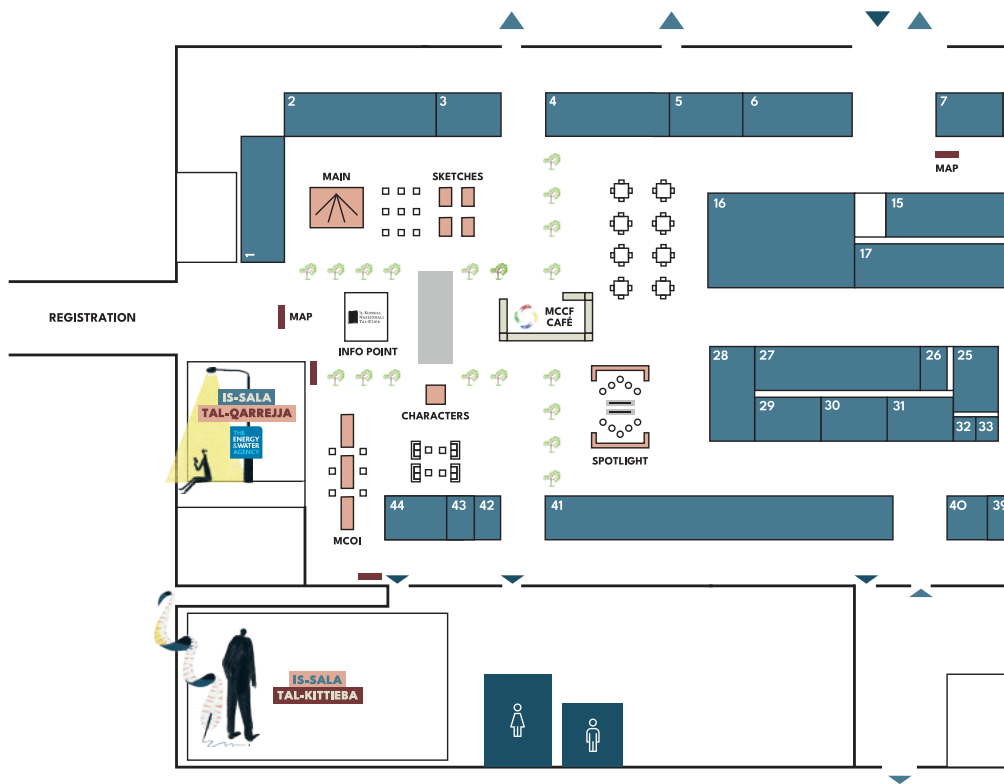


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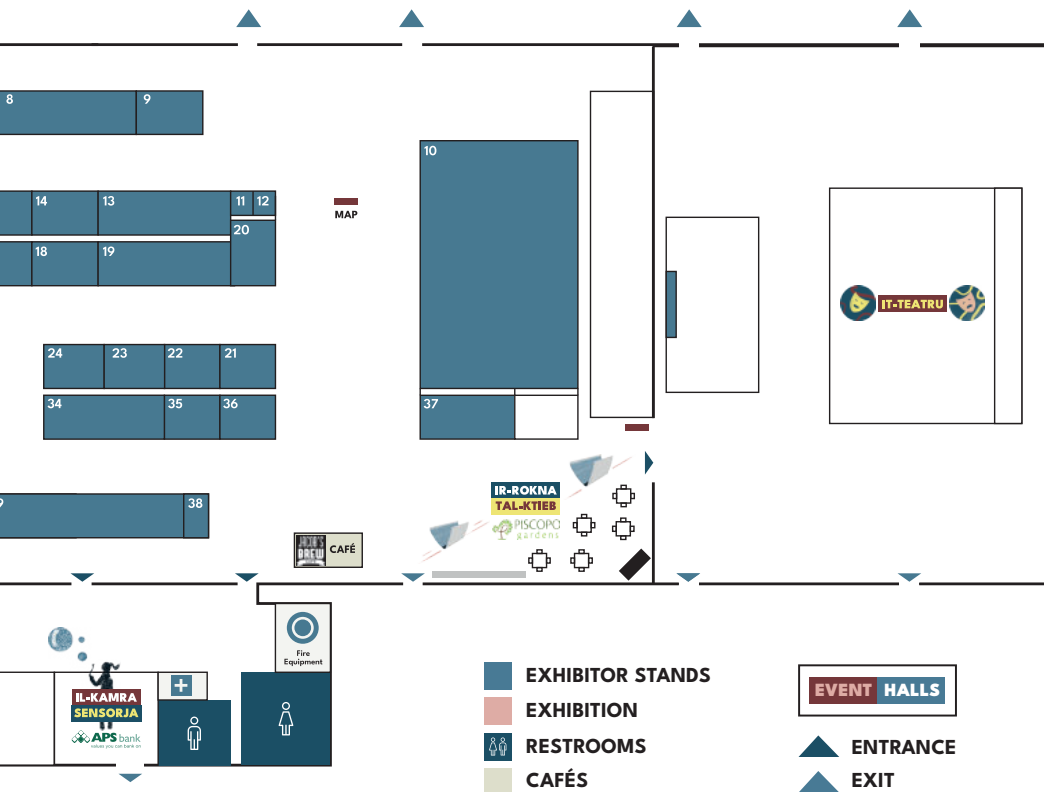
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