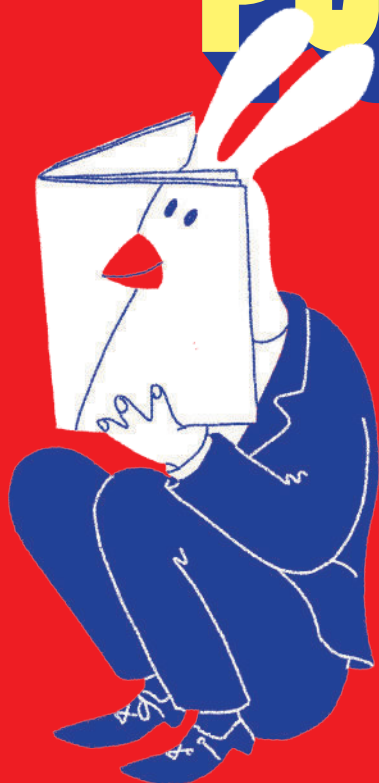


2022

# the malta BOOK FESTIVAL



## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

**23-27 NOVEMBER**

MALTA FAIRS & CONVENTIONS CENTRE  
(MFCC) TA' QALI





**WITH ITS LONG LIST OF PARTICIPANTS  
FROM ALL SECTORS OF THE BOOK  
INDUSTRY AND A CULTURAL PROGRAMME  
THAT FEATURES MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED  
MAJOR EVENTS IN BOOK LAUNCHES, BOOK  
PRESENTATIONS, DRAMATIC PERFORMANCES,  
WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES, THE MALTA  
BOOK FESTIVAL IS THE LARGEST AND MOST  
EXTENSIVE CELEBRATION OF THE BOOK  
CULTURE IN MALTA.**

People from all walks of life, young and old, eagerly await the Festival, this year held from 23–27 November at the Malta Fairs & Conventions Centre (MFCC). For five days, publishers, booksellers, illustrators, translators and authors gather under one roof to make the most of this unique opportunity to promote and sell their books to the public.

In addition to local talent, the Festival also features the participation of foreign guests, including big names in the international literary scene.

# WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER

09:00-13:00

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10:00-10:30

## READING SESSION: OSBERT AND FRIENDS

ENERGY AND WATER AGENCY (EWA) READERS' HUB 

Osbert, a painted frog who lives at Wied il-Qlejgħa, teaches us about his habitat, surroundings and the biodiversity at this place.

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## READING SESSION: IL-KAVALLIER GHATXAN

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This story takes us back to the time of the Knights where we meet the knight Jean de Villers, the greatest friend of the Grand Master Alof de Wignacourt. Jean had a very important position, that of taking care of the water supply of the Maltese Islands. We see Jean investigating the wells, cisterns, spiers and tunnels due to the lack of water. Jean's work increased as he would often check the project's progress due to its importance for the Maltese Islands.

11:00-12:00

## BREWING STORIES MALTA LIBRARIES AUTHORS' HUB

The joy of writing is a lifelong joy; and when the elderly share with the young and the young inspire their elders it becomes pure magic. This cross generational writing activity will bring together two sets of voices, inspirational cues and unique opportunities to share and create in a randomly cast community.

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17:00-21:00

**LIVE PODCAST** **JON MALLIA** **READERS' HUB** 🇲🇹

Live Podcast by Jon Mallia in which he will interview Joe public about their relationship with books, knowledge and culture.



17:30-18:15

**BOOK PRESENTATION: IL-FORKA TA' MALTA U L-PIENA KAPITALI BARRA MINN XTUTNA****RONALD BUGEJA** **AUTHORS' HUB** 🇲🇹

This book looks at all that was involved in and enacted under the death penalty law and to the job of the executioner, according to the famous theory by Sir William Marwood. The author will lead the discussion.



18:00-19:00

**THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR (3-6 YEAR OLDS)****INSPIRE FOUNDATION** **SENSORY-FRIENDLY ROOM @ RAINBOW HALL** 

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**L-ISFIDA MSELLA** **SAN ANTON SCHOOL & NBC** **BLUE HALL** 

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

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**LAUNCH OF THE 2022 'NOVELS FOR YOUTH LITERARY CONTEST'****NBC AND AĠENZJA ŻGHAŻAĠH** **AUTHORS' HUB** 

This event brings together the National Book Council and Aġenzja Żgħażaġh for the launch of a revamped edition of the Novels for Youth Literary Contest. During the activity there will be readings from the winner of the previous edition - Lon Kirkop - as well as testimonials from past winners of the contest.

19:00-19:30

**WATER – BE THE CHANGE****ENERGY AND WATER AGENCY (EWA)** **READERS' HUB**  

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**WIKIPEDIA EDITING WORKSHOP****WIKIMEDIA COMMUNITY MALTA (WCM)** **RAINBOW HALL**

Everybody reads Wikipedia, but did you know that you can become an editor of this amazing online encyclopaedia along with thousands of other people just like you? During this workshop you'll discover how Wikipedia actually works, along with other Wikimedia projects. This will enable you to take part in edit-a-thons organised by Wikimedia Community Malta at the Festival and beyond.

19:30-20:30

**POETRY READING FROM CONTEMPORARY POETS****KOTBA CALLEJA** **AUTHORS' HUB**

A poetry reading from a number of established and emerging contemporary writers. In 2022 we have the necessary critical tools to articulate sentiments and preoccupations and compose imagery which could not exist before 2022. All readings will be in Maltese. A number of published and unpublished works will be presented to the audiences by the writers themselves.

19:30-21:00

**DEMGHAT TAS-SILĠ? A TRIBUTE TO MARIO****AZZOPARDI** **NBC** **THEATRE**

In this discussion friends, writers and academics share their experiences with Mario Azzopardi, and bring to the fore the different facets of this pivotal figure in the Maltese cultural scene. This discussion will be moderated by Immanuel Mifsud (academic), and includes the participation of Giuseppe Schembri Bonaci (art historian), Karl Schembri (poet) and Marvic Cordina (actor).

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*from*  
**ILLUSTRATION**  
*to* **BOOK**  
E X H I B I T I O N

*From Illustration to Book* is a collaborative exhibition organised by the National Book Council and Arts Council Malta which explores the evolution of illustration in Malta from the interwar period to the present.

The exhibition is split into five sections. 'Looking Back' pays homage to historical examples of illustration by some of Malta's pioneering twentieth-century artists. 'Maltese Illustrated Characters' focuses on classic and contemporary characters which have left an indelible mark on our literary imagination. 'Illustration Today' and the 'MCOI Illustration Annual 2022 Exhibit' section highlight some of the finest work by contemporary illustrators and book designers active today. Finally, the 'Artist Spotlight' areas devote special attention to three prolific illustrators: Mario Azzopardi, Joe Sacco and Trevor Żahra.



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## THE JOY OF MAPS - MALTA LIBRARIES

AUTHORS' HUB  

In this session organised by Malta Libraries we will have the opportunity to discuss with the expert Joseph Schirò, collector and conservator of maps, as well as president of the Malta Map Society. Whilst viewing some of the most particular maps in the National Library of Malta's collection, we will learn about the way Valletta is built by consulting an interactive map of the capital city. If anyone has a map they wish to bring along with them, we urge them to do so, so that we may study it together under expert supervision!

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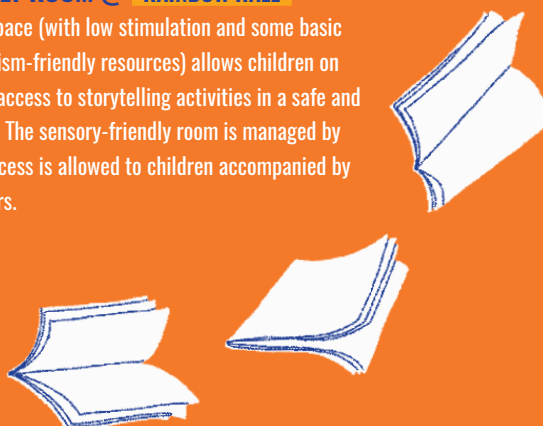
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**LAUNCH EVENT: THE MALTA ILLUSTRATION ANNUAL 2022****MALTA COMMUNITY OF ILLUSTRATORS (MCOI)** **ILLUSTRATORS' HUB** 

The Malta Community of Illustrators is having their first official meetup event and the launch of the second volume of their *Annual*. Illustrators and those interested in the subject are invited to attend, network, socialise and have a look at the best Maltese illustrations of 2021/2022. There will also be portfolio reviews by designer/illustrator Mike Ross and illustrator Zack Ritchie. These reviews will need to be booked in advance. Follow the MCOI Facebook and Instagram Pages for information.

17:45-18:45

**TRAVEL STORIES BETWEEN MALTA AND EUROPE IN THE 17TH AND 18TH CENTURIES** **FRENCH EMBASSY IN MALTA** **AUTHORS' HUB** 

During the 17th and 18th centuries, cosmopolitan Malta welcomed knights, traders and pilgrims from all over Europe. Malta was also involved in corsair activity in the Mediterranean. In an event moderated by Dr. Dominique Lanni, Prof. Carmen Depasquale and Prof. Patricia Micallef will outline the wonders and miseries of Malta via the testimonials of European travellers, and relay the impressions these visitors had of the Maltese.

18:00-18:45

**WIKI LOVES - INFORMATION SESSION****WIKIMEDIA COMMUNITY MALTA (WCM)** **BLUE HALL**  

Discover how to take part in the annual photo contests Wiki Loves Monuments, Wiki Loves Folklore and Wiki Loves Earth. This session is presented by Toni Sant.

18:00-20:00

**READING CHAMPIONS** **NATIONAL LITERACY AGENCY** **THEATRE** 

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.

18:30-19:15

**THE BELL BY MARIA GRECH GANADO, A WORK IN PROGRESS****KOTBA CALLEJA** **RAINBOW HALL** 

A reading from *The Bell*, Maria Grech Ganado's forthcoming collection to be published by Kotba Calleja in 2023. *The Bell* is a series of poems that presents the reader with new preoccupations, sometimes darker and more fatalistic than the more celebratory poetry that Grech Ganado is known for.

19:00-19:30

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**JOE SACCO IN CONVERSATION WITH JAMES DEBONO****NBC BLUE HALL** 

Joe Sacco, one of the world's greatest cartoonists, is widely hailed as the creator of war reportage comics. He has visited numerous crisis and war zones all over the world and turned his research into graphic journalism. Joe Sacco will be speaking to James Debono, chief reporter on environment, planning and land use issues at *Malta Today*. The interview will be followed by a book signing session.

19:00-20:00

**QUIZ: MILL-BASLA TAX-XAGHAR SA QASBET IS-SIEQ****GHAQDA TAL-MALTI - UNIVERSITÀ AUTHORS' HUB** 

Għaqda tal-Malti - Università invites Nicole Farrugia Camilleri to give a talk about expressions in Maltese related to different parts of the body, based on the research she carried out for her undergraduate thesis. This is followed by a quiz related to the subject, in which the audience will participate.

19:15-20:30

**MEET THE ARTIST SESSION WITH TREVOR ŻAHRA****ARTS COUNCIL MALTA ILLUSTRATORS' HUB** 

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**BOOK PRESENTATION: *THE FRONT PAGE ON THE FRONT LINE*****KLABB KOTBA MALTIN** **RAINBOW HALL** **RAINBOW HALL** 

Martin G. Debattista, veteran journalist and wartime researcher, presents his latest work, *The Front Page on the Front Line*. In this new book, he analyses the active role of Maltese newspapers in the Second World War. He notes that propaganda was obviously important, but so were simple information and notices.

20:15-21:00

**DISCUSSION: *L-IBLEH*** **SKS** **BLUE HALL** 

Mark Vella discusses the novel *L-Ibleh* (1948) by Ġużè Orlando, one of the Maltese classics and an entry in the canon of Maltese Realism, that is also being studied in the undergraduate Maltese course at the University of Malta. Excerpts from the novel will also be read.



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## **READING SESSION: *THE WATER HEROES***

**ENERGY AND WATER AGENCY (EWA) READERS' HUB** 🇮🇹

In this story we meet Wallace, a young man who was born on the Green Planet. This planet started hosting Wallace's parents and others since they escaped from the Pink Planet, which was called Earth before the water was contaminated and the planet turned pink. Wallace was struck by lightning and found himself on Earth, which had become so uninhabitable that he had to use some of his supernatural powers to survive. On Earth he met Daniel and Wendy, children who had to wear protective clothing and a mask for the unbearable heat, and polluted air and water. The three of them start their mission to teach about sustainability to heal the Earth.

10:00-10:40

## **ŽIGUŽAJG SHOW – STRIPED PYJAMAS: MEET**

**JOHN BOYNE THEATRE** 🇬🇧

During this live show, adapted for the stage and directed by Rebecca Camilleri, and with live illustration by Gattaldo, registered students will be treated to a special appearance on stage by the author of *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*, John Boyne, who will be reading an extract from the book and answering questions from the audience.

11:00-11:30

## **READING SESSION: *A JOURNEY WITH THE ENERGETIC FOUR – THE RENEWABLES***

**ENERGY AND WATER AGENCY (EWA) READERS' HUB** 🇬🇧

A story that revolves around a ten-year-old boy named Ben who embarks on a journey with the Renewables to understand better present and future energy choices.

11:00-12:00

**WHEN IN DOUBT – ASK A LIBRARIAN!** MALTA LIBRARIES AUTHORS' HUB 

What does running a library entail? What does a 2022 library look like? What's a librarian's role and what do they get up to all day? It takes more than librarians to run a library... so join Malta Libraries' panel of experts and come prepared with your library questions.

11:45-12:45

**AUTHOR SESSION WITH CHILDREN AND PARENTS** MERLIN LIBRARY  
MERLIN LIBRARY STAND 

Join us to have a chat with children's author Mandy Tabone who will be talking about her books and experiences as an author. The chat will be followed by a book signing session.

12:00-12:30

**READING SESSION: L-ERBA' ŻGHAŻAĠH U L-KUMPANJA TAL-ILMA**  
ENERGY AND WATER AGENCY (EWA) READERS' HUB 

This book is about Mark and his three friends, who all work with a company responsible for water. We see them travelling to Malta where Mark and Alexandra visit a Reverse Osmosis plant and see how grey water systems work, while Keith and Amy visit a Sewage Plant. Thanks to these visits, they start working on similar systems for their own island, so much so that after a few years the island's citizens no longer suffer from a lack of water.

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**SICILY, CITIES AND MYTHS** ISTITUTO ITALIANO DI CULTURA AUTHORS' HUB 

A talk on Giuseppina Norcia's books *A proposito di Elena* and *Siracusa: Dizionario sentimentale di una città* (Vanda Edizioni), moderated by Serena Alessi.

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**AWARDS CEREMONY: THE 2022 DOREEN MICALLEF NATIONAL POETRY** **NBC** **BLUE HALL** 

Join us for the announcement of this year's winners and readings by the winning poets of the Doreen Micallef National Poetry Contest. During this event, the NBC will also announce its collaboration with Modern Poetry in Translation (MPT), a magazine that showcases the best of contemporary world poetry. MPT will dedicate a focus section of its summer 2023 issue for Maltese poetry in English translation.

18:00-18:45

**BOOK PRESENTATION: *NON È AL MOMENTO RAGGIUNGIBILE* (MONDADORI) BY VALENTINA FARINACCIO** **ISTITUTO ITALIANO DI CULTURA****AUTHORS' HUB** 

Presentation of *Non è al momento raggiungibile* authored by Valentina Farinaccio, organised in collaboration with the Catania Book Festival, and moderated by Simone Dei Pieri.

18:00-19:00

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**BOOK LAUNCH: SAJJ, A NOVEL BY RYAN FALZON** **KOTBA CALLEJA****ILLUSTRATORS' HUB** 

This is the launch of Ryan Falzon's debut novel. *Sajj* is a novel with red lipstick marks on its neck. It's a Summer of tinkering with vintage cars, excessive drinking and heart burn stamped with the perpetual promise of adventures round every corner.

19:00-20:00

**READING BY MARIE GAMILLSCHEG FROM HER NOVEL *AUFUHR DER MEERESTIERE* (2022)** **GERMAN-MALTESE CIRCLE / UOM DEPARTMENT OF****GERMAN** **RAINBOW HALL** 

Contemporary Austrian writer Marie Gamillscheg, special guest of the German-language book stand, will read from her latest novel *Aufuhr der Meerestiere* (2022), nominated for this year's prestigious German Book Prize. Centred around marine biologist Luise, the many-faceted novel deals with topical issues around family, work and complex relations between body and self, woman and man, humans and animals. 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.

19:00-20:00

**EDIT-A-THON** WIKIMEDIA COMMUNITY MALTA (WCM)WCM STAND 

Wikimedia Community Malta members meet regularly to improve Wikipedia and other Wikimedia projects, such as Wikidata and Wikimedia Commons. Join us for one of these edit-a-thons where you can collaborate with an experienced Wikipedia editor on subjects of personal interest to you. A personal laptop is required for full participation in the edit-a-thons during the festival.

19:30-20:30

**BOOK TALK: *IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ANTONELLO DA MESSINA* BY CHARLENE VELLA** MIDSEA BOOKSBLUE HALL 

Dr Charlene Vella is an authority on Renaissance art and architecture in Malta. In her recent book, *In the footsteps of Antonello da Messina: The Antonelliani between Sicily and Venice*, she faithfully follows the work of brothers Saliba from Veneto to Malta, and to every Sicilian hilltop town that commissioned their work. This study speaks to broader debates on mobility, migration and artistic exchange, while revealing how Antonello's artistic legacy and his family's exposure to Venice nurtured a neglected Renaissance of painting in Sicily, Calabria and Malta.

19:30-20:30

**BOOK LAUNCH: *L-ANTOLOĠIJA TAL-LETTERATURA MQARBA*** DAR CAMILLERI **AUTHORS' HUB** 

Dar Camilleri will be publishing its first literary collection: *L-Antoloġija tal-Letteratura Mqarba* (The Anthology of Mischievous Literature). This anthology brings together pieces of literature which were censored in the past due to their transgressiveness. This was the literature which pushed the boundaries for local works, and includes authors such as Alfred Buttigieg, Immanuel Mifsud, Ġużè Stagno, Karl Schembri, Loranne Vella and Alex Vella Gera. The anthology also includes a commentary by James Debono, Mark Camilleri, Katryna Storace and Mark Vella.

# ŽigUžajg

Arts Festival for Children & Young People

## FESTIVAL



# 18-27

## NOVEMBER

### 2022

Žigužajg International Festival for Arts Festival for Children & Young People and the Malta Book Festival are joining forces this year! At the 2022 Malta Book Festival, the morning hours of Wednesday 23, Thursday 24 and Friday 25 will be specially dedicated to students from schools in Malta and Gozo. Žigužajg Festival will be curating a special programme for children who were registered to take part in the Malta Book Festival with their school. The activities will include morning shows inspired by the 2022 Terramaxka Book Prize winners, and the meet-the-author show 'Striped Pyjamas', where students will have the chance to meet the author of *The Boy in The Striped Pajamas*, John Boyne, in person! Registrations for these morning shows are now closed.

### **RIDE THE FEELING: AGE 0-7**

Duration: 35 minutes

Language: English

#### **CAST AND CREATIVE TEAM**

Direction and Adaptation: Prickly Pear Productions

Performers: Zoë Alba Farrugia and Chantelle Micallef Grimaud

### **VJAĠĠ BIL-BALLUN: AGE 8-12**

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Direction and Adaptation: Prickly Pear Productions

Performer: Chantelle Micallef Grimaud and Sean Briffa

### **STRIPED PYJAMAS: MEET JOHN BOYNE: ALL AGES**

Duration: 30-40 minutes

Language: English

#### **CAST AND CREATIVE TEAM**

Director: Rebecca Camilleri

Assistant Stage Manager: Julia Camilleri

Illustrator: Gattaldo

Narrator: Myron Ellul

Performers: Jamie Iles, Beppe Radmilli, Myron Ellul

The dance performance **COCO, THE SINGER AND THE CHOCOLATE FINGER** will also be at the Malta Book Festival theatre over the weekend.



You can purchase your ticket on <https://www.ziguzajg.org> or scanning this barcode.

*Žigužajg International Arts Festival for Children & Young People is the only festival in Malta specifically aimed at children & young people, presenting an enticing programme of international productions and new commissioned work, annually. Since its inception in 2010, the festival programme of Žigužajg has grown from strength to strength, becoming a cornerstone of the cultural calendar both in Malta and overseas.*

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19:30-21:00

**JOHN BOYNE IN CONVERSATION WITH LEANNE ELLUL** **KNK** **THEATRE** 

The author of *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* (David Fickling Books, 2006) and many international bestsellers, John Boyne is on book tour presenting its critically acclaimed sequel for adults, *All the Broken Places* (Penguin, 2022) – a powerful novel about guilt and complicity after the Holocaust. John Boyne will be talking to Leanne Ellul, prize-winning author of YA novel *Gamma* (Merlin Publishers, 2015) and *Bjuda* (2022), and signing books after the interview.

20:00-20:30

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# SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER

09:30-10:15

## READING SESSION WITH LUCIENNE CASSAR

PANDORA BOOKS | AUTHORS' HUB | 🌐

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

09:30-11:00

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10:00-11:00

## THREE LITTLE PIGS (3-6 YEAR OLDS)

INSPIRE FOUNDATION | SENSORY-FRIENDLY ROOM @ RAINBOW HALL | 🇬🇧

Reading session for 3-6 year olds by Jasmine Cilia, Petra Farrugia and Rebecca Ferrito. Organised by Inspire Foundation in an autism-friendly environment, for children on the spectrum to have access to storytelling activities in full respect of their challenges.

10:00-11:00

## DISCUSSION: SOCIETY FASHION IN MALTA BY CAROLINE TONNA

MIDSEA BOOKS | BLUE HALL | 🌐

Caroline Tonna, in this new book published with FPM, discusses fashion in Malta as seen through the lens of Leandro Preziosi. Preziosi, a highly competent pioneer camera artist, was for fashion in Malta in the nineteenth century what Antoine Favray was for it in the eighteenth – without the benefit of colour. He recorded with loving precision what was indigenous in clothing, and what was cosmopolitan. His full-figure portraits immortalised the clothes of the sitters as an integral part of their persona.

10:00-11:00



## ILLUSTRATE WITH GATTALDO: EXCLUSIVE WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN AGED 7-12

NBC | ILLUSTRATORS' HUB | 🇬🇧

Join illustrator Gattaldo, the author of children's book *Fearless* and the creator of this year's Malta Book Festival poster, for a

one-off illustration workshop session for children aged 7 to 12. During the one-hour fun activity, participants will be encouraged to connect visuals to words, and work towards a deeper understanding of narrative and its emotional message. Paper and colours for the session will be provided. Upon registration for a maximum of 20 children.

11:00-12:00

**BOOK LAUNCH: ASHER AND THE EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY**  
**BY CARL-THOMAS TONNA** RAINBOW HALL 🇬🇧

Carl-Thomas Tonna wrote this book during the lock-down due to the Covid pandemic. The four stories of the book delve around four young adults and their adventures. Challenges and tangled circumstances are the highlight of these short stories. One needs to read the book to find out how these four friends manage to accomplish their missions even though they had to go through lots of difficulties and demanding situations. During this event Carl will be introducing and signing his first book.

11:00-12:00



**SIMON TREWIN - CONFESSIONS OF A LITERARY AGENT** NBC AUTHORS' HUB 🇬🇧

Veteran literary agent Simon Trewin reflects on the transition the global publishing world has gone through since the early 1990s and looks at the role of the agent in maximising an author's potential creatively and from a business perspective. Having worked with a host of international bestselling authors, including John Boyne, across books, film, theatre and digital he is well placed to talk about the agent's role and to answer questions from prospective authors, published authors or individuals looking to embark on a career in publishing. Upon registration.

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**INFORMATION SESSION** ARTS COUNCIL MALTAILLUSTRATORS' HUB 

Learn more about Arts Council Malta's projects and funding schemes during this informative session dedicated to supporting artists, creatives and all those with a passion for the arts.

12:00-13:00

**THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR (6-12 YEAR OLDS)**INSPIRE FOUNDATION **SENSORY-FRIENDLY ROOM @**RAINBOW HALL 

Reading session for 6-12 year olds by Stefany Munoz. Organised by Inspire Foundation in an autism-friendly environment, for children on the spectrum to have access to storytelling activities in full respect of their challenges.

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12:30-14:30

**LITERARY SPEED-DATING** KNK **READERS' HUB** 

A unique fifteen-minute opportunity to meet different actors in the publishing process in a private setting: bypass the slush piles and get yourself in front of a publisher, a distributor, an agent, and editor, a printer, an illustrator, a graphic designer, a funds expert or a copyright lawyer. Upon registration.

13:30-15:00

**PIRATES OF MALTALAND! (6-12 YEAR OLDS)**INSPIRE FOUNDATION **SENSORY-FRIENDLY ROOM @**RAINBOW HALL 

Reading session for 6-12 year olds by Geraldine. Organised by Inspire Foundation in an autism-friendly environment, for children on the spectrum to have access to storytelling activities in full respect of their challenges.

14:00-15:00

**DISCUSSION: SELF-PUBLISHING, A FOCUS ON QUALITY** AUTHORS' HUB 

Writers who decide to self-publish often think they have to do everything on their own. For a self-published book to be taken seriously, it needs to meet the same high standards held by publishing houses. This panel will discuss the route to self-publishing and how industry professionals can ensure a high-quality publication. Discussion moderated by author John Bonello, with editor Elizabeth Cortis, proofreader Dwayne Ellul, and illustrator and designer Julian Mallia.

15:00-16:00

**PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY: GERMAN LANGUAGE WRITING COMPETITION 'TIERWELTEN'** GERMAN-MALTESE CIRCLE / DEPARTMENT OF GERMAN, UOM  
BLUE HALL 

The winners of the German language writing competition 'Animal Worlds' (TierWelten), launched in the context of the Malta Book Festival, will be invited to this prize-awarding ceremony.

15:00-16:00

**PUPPET SHOW AND STORYTELLING** MERLIN LIBRARY RAINBOW HALL 

Do puppets talk? Join us for a storytelling session. Children's author Mandy Tabone will be reading and puppeteer Sean Briffa of Briffa Animation will be animating the fun session with his puppet friends. Places are limited so booking is on a first-come-first-served basis by emailing mail@merlinlibrary.com by 16 November.

16:00-17:00



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BLUE HALL  

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16:00-17:30

### MEET THE ARTIST SESSION WITH CHRIS GRUPPETTA AND JOSEPH MIZZI

ARTS COUNCIL MALTA

ILLUSTRATORS' HUB 

Arts Council Malta invites you to meet with some of Malta's leading book illustrators and publishers during daily sessions focused on introducing audiences of all ages as well as aspiring artists to the world of illustration. These events form part of the 'From Illustration to Book' exhibition programme.

17:00-18:00

### BOOK LAUNCHES: SCINTILLAS: NEW MALTESE WRITING 2 AND THE LIVES AND DEATHS OF K. PENZA

PRASPAR PRESS

AUTHORS' HUB 

Editors and co-founders of London-based Praspas Press Kat Storage and Jen Calleja will be presenting two new publications of Maltese literature in English and English translation: their second anthology of contemporary Maltese fiction, poetry and essays *Scintillas: New Maltese Writing 2*, and *The Lives and Deaths of K. Penza*, an English translation of Clare Azzopardi's *Castillo* by Albert Gatt. Both publications have been supported by the National Book Council.

17:00-18:00

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INSPIRE FOUNDATION

SENSORY-FRIENDLY ROOM @

RAINBOW HALL 

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17:15-18:00

### ALBERT CAMUS AND ANNIE ERNAUX, TWO FRENCH NOBEL PRIZES IN LITERATURE

FRENCH EMBASSY IN MALTA

BLUE HALL 

Prof. Anthony (Toni) Aquilina and Dr. Marilyn Mallia from the Department of French of the University of Malta will be speaking about Annie Ernaux (b. 1940), 2022 Nobel Prize for Literature, and reviewing her contribution to the field of female collective memory literature. Prof. Aquilina will also present his translation

into Maltese of *L'exil et le Royaume*, a masterpiece of French Nobel Prize winner Albert Camus (1913-1960). M. Renaud Lallement, Cultural Counsellor of the French Embassy, will be moderating the event.

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18:15-19:30

**PANEL DISCUSSION: WHAT'S AN IMAGE WORTH – FORMS OF VISUAL**  
**STORYTELLING NBC BLUE HALL** 

Most printed stories, of fact or fiction, rely primarily on words to report events, spur the imagination, or convey their message. Once we grow past picture books, images tend to take on the role of accompaniment to text. This panel discussion brings together journalists and creative practitioners that have chosen, each in different forms, to bring their images to the forefront of the storytelling process. This discussion will be moderated by writer Teodor Reljić, and includes the participation of cartoonist Joe Sacco, photojournalist Joanna Demarco and illustrator Gattaldo.

18:30-19:15

**HOW A BOOK IS MADE GUTENBERG PRESS ILLUSTRATORS' HUB** 

Join us for a 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.

18:30-19:30

**READING SESSION WITH NICOLA KEARNS AUTHORS' HUB** 

Irish bestselling author Nicola Kearns will give a reading from each of her three novels - *Under a Maltese Sky*, *The Azure* and *All the Seas Between*. She will show how falling in love with Malta while on holiday inspired the background to her stories. Original manuscripts of notes taken on her many research trips will be on display, and Nicola will give accounts of

comedic scenarios of her experiences and travels within Malta and people she met along the way. At the Malta Book Festival Nicola Kearns will have copies of her books for sale, which can be signed personally by the author.

19:00-19:30

### WATER – BE THE CHANGE

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19:30-20:30

### DISCUSSION: *TAHT IL-KAPPA TAX-XEMX* – WHAT CHANGED? JOURNALISM IN MALTA 20 YEARS AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THE NOVEL

**MERLIN PUBLISHERS** **RAINBOW HALL** 

Twenty years after the publication of Karl Schembri's *Taht il-Kappa tax-Xemx* (Under the Sun), Merlin Publishers are celebrating a new edition with a debate about the state of journalism in Malta. What has changed since then? Where does this book about Maltese journalism, but also about Malta, still punching us in the gut? Or is it really a case of 'nothing new under the sun'? Join us in this event with the author, Claire Bonello, Matthew Caruana Galizia, Immanuel Mifsud and Mark Vella in a debate facilitated by editor Matthew Vella.

19:30-20:30

**POETRY SLAM** **GHAQDA TAL-MALTI - UNIVERSITÀ** **ILLUSTRATORS' HUB** 

People within the audience compete against each other by performing their original poetry. This genre of performative poetry, which deals mostly with contemporary issues, is still very new in the local literary scene.

19:30-21:00

**FILM SCREENING: RENA BALZAN, RECIPIENT OF THE 2021 NATIONAL BOOK PRIZE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** **NBC** **THEATRE** 

The National Book Council will be paying tribute to the literary achievements of Rena Balzan, one of the first Maltese women to lead a successful career in scientific research and who has also authored novels and poetry collections. To celebrate the life and works of the recipient of the 2021 National Book Prize Lifetime Achievement Award, the NBC will be premiering a short documentary film produced by Nest Creative about Balzan, followed by a discussion between Rena Balzan and Charles Briffa, moderated by Kit Azzopardi.

20:00-20:30

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**BOOK LAUNCH: IR-RE BORG BY ALEKS FARRUGIA** **SKS** **AUTHORS' HUB** 

The author of *Ir-Re Borg* will be interviewed on this that was defined an electoral novel, however the highlight will be King Borg himself explaining the political programme of the Maltese Monarchic Party to the public.



# SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER

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10:30-12:00

## PRESIDENT GEORGE VELLA BOOK SIGNING OF TISJIR MILL-QALB AGENDA BOOKSHOP AGENDA BOOKSHOP STAND

Book signing activity with President George Vella and Ms Vella for the publication of *Tisjir mil-Qalb* in aid of the Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation.

11:00-11:30

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**BOOK LAUNCH: MIKELIN AND NOÈ E LO SCOIATTOLO GIOCHERELLONE** **NBC AND ISTITUTO ITALIANO DI CULTURA** **AUTHORS' HUB** 

Book launch of *Mikelin and Noè e lo scoiattolo giocherellone* (*Noè u L-Iskojjattlu bla Kwief*) in Italian published by Verbavolant. Serena Alessi will be moderating a discussion with the authors, Sandra Hili Vassallo, Leanne Ellul and Stephanie Bugeja, and the translator, Virginia Monteforte.



14:30-15:00

**READING SESSION: OSBERT AND FRIENDS****ENERGY AND WATER AGENCY (EWA) READERS' HUB** 

Osbert, a painted frog who lives at Wied il-Qlejgha in Malta, teaches us about his habitat, surroundings, and the biodiversity at this place.

15:00-16:00

**BOOK LAUNCH OF LEHEN IL-MALTI NO. 41****GHAQDA TAL-MALTI - UNIVERSITÀ BLUE HALL** 

The student organisation returns with its yearly appointment to provide a preview of what readers will find in its annual publication. Such a preview will consist of diverse interpretations of the poems, short stories, translations and academic studies that have been chosen for this year's edition of *Lehen il-Malti*.

15:00-16:00

**BOOK SIGNING WITH LORRAINE GALEA****PANDORA BOOKS PANDORA BOOKS STAND** 

Lorraine Galea will sign her books published by Pandora Books.

15:30-16:00

**READING SESSION: L-ISTEJER TA' ZOE U D-DRAGUN WAQT ŻMIEN IL-PANDEMIJA TAL-COVID****ENERGY AND WATER AGENCY (EWA) READERS' HUB** 

At the Għajn Centre we meet two characters - Zoe, an eleven-year-old girl, and the Dragon, Zoe's best friend. Due to the Covid pandemic, schools and educational centres are all closed, including Għajn. Zoe and the Dragon begin to discuss and start learning about various topics related to water. They even prepare virtual lessons on the Għajn website to teach children in a different way adapting to the circumstances.

16:00-16:45

**BOOK PRESENTATION: A TAVOLA CON GLI ANTICHI ROMANI (EFESTO EDIZIONI) BY GIORGIO FRANCHETTI****ISTITUTO ITALIANO DI CULTURA AUTHORS' HUB** 

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**LIVING THE DYSTOPIA – THE NOVEL *ТІК* BY UKRAINIAN WRITER**ART ANTONIAN BLUE HALL 

Shortly after Russia's full-scale attack on Ukraine, the surviving Ukrainian publishing houses returned to publishing books. One of the first was the dystopian *ТІК*. We'll discuss the book and its history. The author will read excerpts from the novel and tell stories about his work for the U.S. government in Moscow after the annexation of Crimea and the attack on eastern Ukraine in 2014. Art will also read some Ukrainian poetry.

17:00-18:30

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Agenda Bookshop operates as the leading books and magazines retailer and is a household name in Malta. Today, the Agenda Bookshop stores are located in high profile, heavy footfall areas such as the Airport, the capital city Valletta and the main shopping malls. Offering the very latest International best sellers and a wide selection of new titles on a daily basis, our offer is as wide and deep as would be expected of leading bookshops in the UK.

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**AHMADIYYA MUSLIM JAMAAT [WWW.AHMADIYYA.ORG.MT](http://WWW.AHMADIYYA.ORG.MT)**

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat Malta is a religious organisation. It encourages dialogue, peace, and respect between followers of different beliefs. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community promotes education, knowledge and book reading. For this purpose the community publishes books and a monthly magazine in the local Maltese language, also to serve the national language. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is also known for its active role in charitable and philanthropic work. Its motto is: "Love for All, Hatred For None".

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I suffered from Anorexia and depression for a decade, and when I recovered, I found the diaries I kept throughout the torment, as well as the experience of volunteering in Ghana when I was well enough.

I felt strongly to expose the reality of what it is truly like to suffer from mental illness, to help people understand it while also showing recovery is possible.

I also launched a charity in Malta, "Walk and Talk", to offer support within the community and raise awareness through the media to reduce the stigma of talking about mental health.



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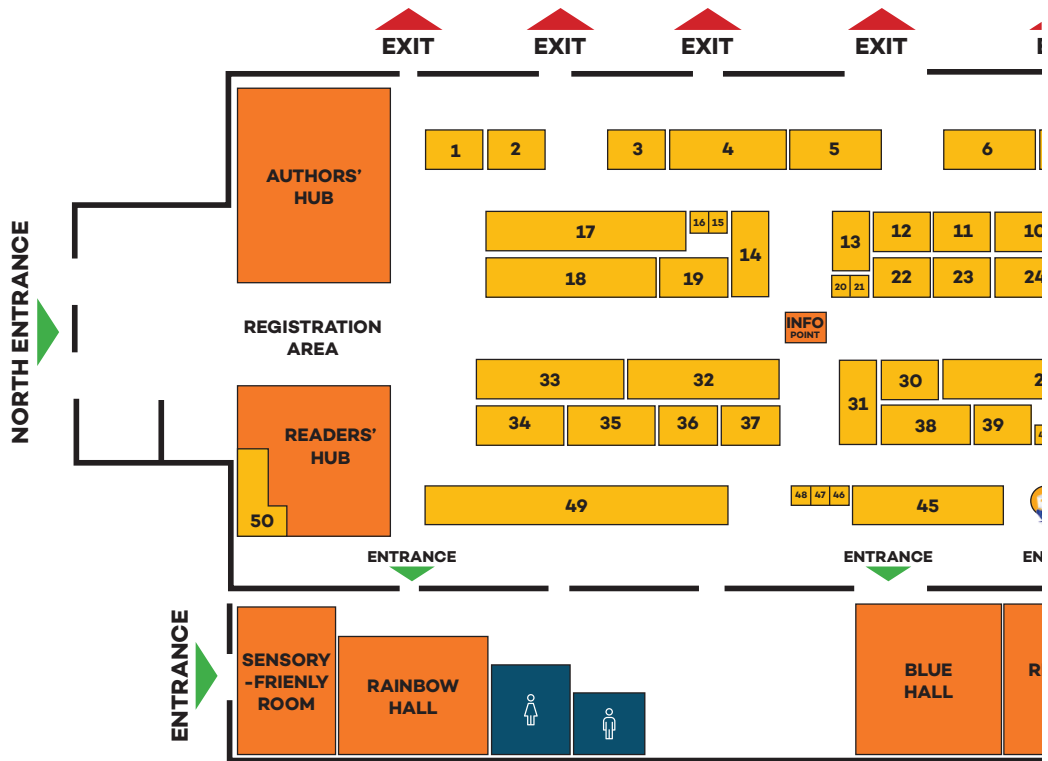
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