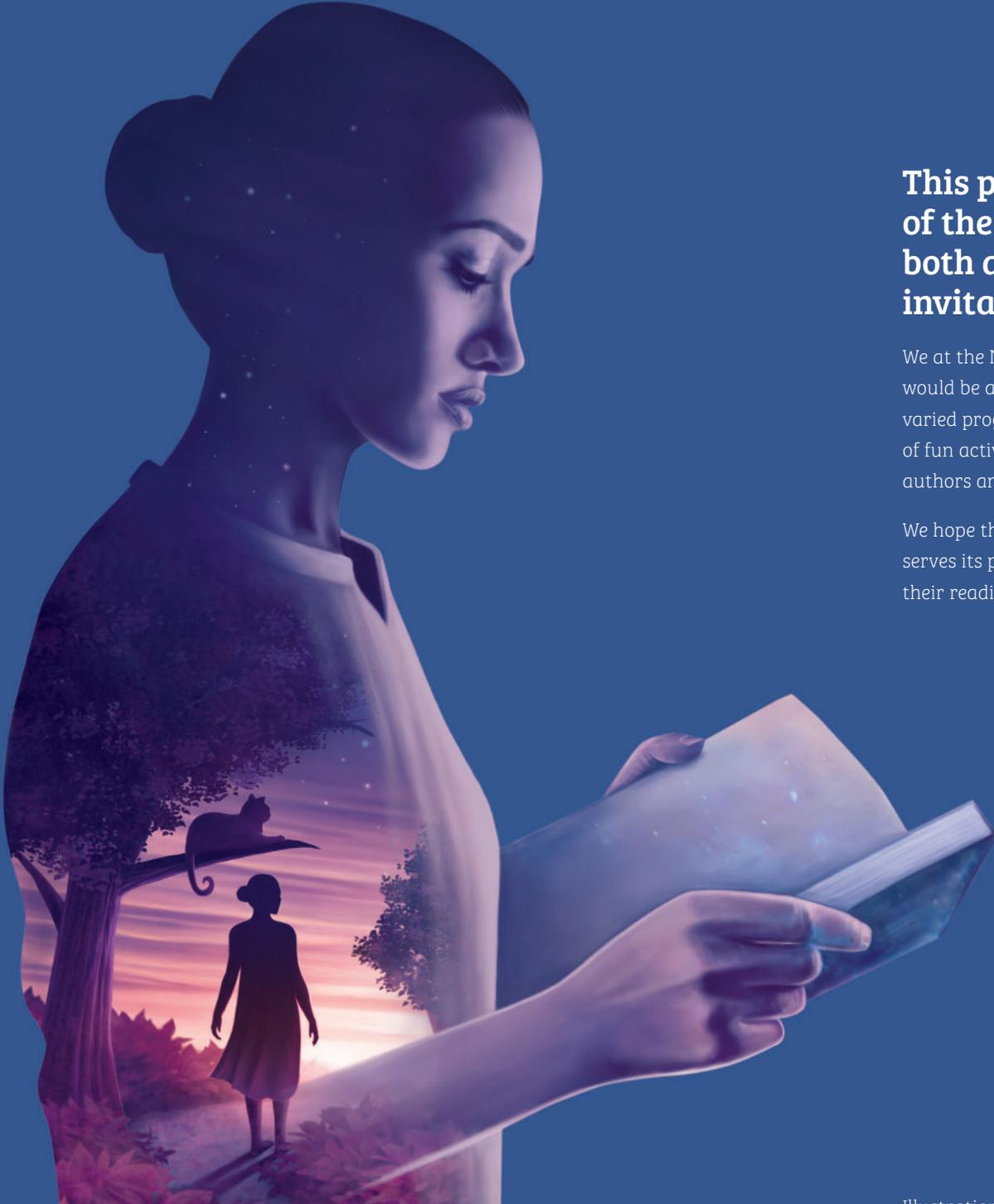




# Malta Book Festival 2016

## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

9-13 November 2016  
MCC, Valletta

A stylized illustration of a woman in profile, reading a book. Her silhouette is filled with a magical forest scene. Inside her body, there is a tree with a cat perched on a branch, a small figure walking on a path, and a sunset or sunrise sky. The background is a dark blue gradient with small white stars.

**This programme of events for the 2016 edition of the Malta Book Festival is being issued both as an information guide and as an open invitation to all members of the public.**

We at the National Book Council have spared no effort to make sure this festival would be a memorable experience for all visitors, both young and adult. The rich and varied programme includes a number of major conferences of great interest, plenty of fun activities for children and young people, meetings with foreign and local authors and a poetry evening.

We hope that the work and effort that we have put into the creation of the festival serves its purpose of encouraging the general public to indulge and invest more in their reading.

*Malta  
Book Festival  
2016*

# Wednesday

## 19:00 The NBC presents 'Literature and Totalitarianism – A Conference'

The Malta Book Festival opens with the highly anticipated conference on Literature and Totalitarianism. Basma Abdel Aziz, Patrick McGuinness, Alek Popov and Immanuel Mifsud are among the special guests invited to engage in a conversation with Jurgen Balzan (journalist) on how literature typically responds to systems of governance that seek to stifle all forms of individual expression in the social sphere, particularly when language itself becomes the target of oppression. **Temí Zammit Hall.**

## 19:00 80 Feasts and more than 170 Publications

Deer Publications present a critical analysis of all publications published annually by the parishes and local band clubs. Their development from a handful of leaflets to a series of voluminous books, with levels of production and content which vary, but which at times even reach very high standards. This talk also aims to counsel the way forward by suggesting improvements so that this strand of publishing contributes more quality material to the Maltese literary field in general. The talk is intended to give due credit to the voluntary editors and writers who contribute towards these interesting publications. **Activity Area.**

## 19:00 Book Presentation

*Vita quotidiana nella Sicilia greca* by Carlo Morrone (Morrone Editore). **Istituto Italiano di Cultura stand.**

## 19:30 Conversation with...

Ignazio Vecchio (Professor of Neurology Catania University and author of *Medicina e Magia*). **Istituto Italiano di Cultura stand.**

## 20:30 KOTBACALLEJA 'et cetera' – Taħdita 1

'*Desperoflora*: a case study...' from the written word to a paper installation to video and, ultimately, to a book. A presentation from poet Caldon Mercieca's perspective. **Activity Area.**

## 20:30 Conversation with...

Ignazio Vecchio (Professor of Neurology, Catania University), Cristina Tornali (Physiatrist) and Alfio Antonio Grasso (Professor of Neurology, Catania University): *Il medico chiamato a decidere sulla fine della vita. Problematiche bioetiche e cliniche*. **Istituto Italiano di Cultura Stand.**

# Thursday

## 18:00 Film Screening

*L'ultimo principe puparo* by Morrone Editore. Introduction by Corrado Di Pietro. **Activity Area.**

## 19:00 NBC presents Patrick McGuinness

Patrick McGuinness, the British poet, academic and writer will be talking to Dr. James Corby (Head of the Department of English, Faculty of Arts, University of Malta) about the events – both personal and historical – that led to the writing of his first novel, *The Last Hundred Days* and much more. **Temí Zammit Hall.**

## 19:00 Book Presentation

*Origini occulte dell'Illuminismo* by Davide C. Crimi (Edizione Carthago). **Istituto Italiano di Cultura stand.**

## 19:30 Launch of Several Horizons Novels

Horizons invite you to the launch of several new novels. Not to be missed! **Activity Area.**

## 19:30 KOTBACALLEJA '...et cetera' – DEMO

Between structure and content. Building an artist's book. Demonstration and discussion with the public. **Perellos Chapel.**

## 20:00 The NBC presents Basma Abdel Aziz

Basma Abdel Aziz, author of the novel *The Queue*, will be talking to Walid Nabhan (author) about the political and social milieu resulting from the so-called 'Arab Spring.' This milieu has become the cradle of a new literary movement of writers from the Middle East who seek to rationalize the bitterness and chaos of life after the revolution by exploring its features through the literary form of the dystopian novel. **Temí Zammit Hall.**

## 20:30 Book Presentation

*Di tonni e tonnare in Sicilia e Malta* by Gaetano Malandrino (Morrone Editore). **Istituto Italiano di Cultura stand.**

## 17:30 Conference “La battaglia di Gallipoli: il riscatto – Dalla guerra di Crimea alla prima guerra mondiale”

Guest speakers: H.E. Reha Keskintepe (Ambassador of Turkey in Malta), Captain Hasan Kiplapinar (Defence Attachè in Malta), Zeynep Esin Selvi (Director of the Culture and Information Office of the Embassy of Turkey in Rome), Domenico Romeo (Honorary Consul General of Turkey in Sicily), Salvatore Schirmo (Director Istituto Italiano di Cultura, Malta), Sevin Aktas (Director Istituto di Cultura “Yunuz Emre” Rome), Giacomo Lo Bue di Lemos (Lawyer at the Bar of Palermo), Silvio Aliffi (Lawyer at the Bar of Syracuse) and Clara Salpietro Damiano (Journalist). Language: Italian. **Temi Zammit Hall.**

## 17:30 – 19:30 Meet the Authors

Various children’s authors will be available for book signing sessions including Sandra Hili Vassallo and Clare Azzopardi. **Merlin Publishers’ stand.**

## 17:45 – 18:30 Imeldina u l-Imbarazz

Imeldina’s room is a mess. Then Imeldina thinks of a solution ... would you like to try it out too? Come join the fun, with Sandra Hili Vassallo. Ages 3-6. **Merlin Publishers’ stand.**

## 18:00 Bejn Ħaltejn mal-Akkademja tal-Malti

A unique experience for students preparing for the Maltese Matsec exam – an encounter with the authors including audio-visual material and presentations prepared by students and teachers. **Activity Area.**

## 18:00 Conversation with...

Corrado Di Pietro, author of *La terra sopra Scibini*. **Istituto Italiano di Cultura stand.**

## 18:30 Xalata ta’ Kitba

The National Literacy Agency is organising a Family Writing Activity for children aged 7 years and older and their parents/caregivers. This 2-hour writing activity will introduce participants to the writing process. Families will tap into their ideas and craft a story or poem together. **Malta Libraries stand.**

## 18:45 – 19:30 A Picture Book Activity

An activity led by Clare Azzopardi, Ages 6-9. **Merlin Publishers’ stand.**

## 19:00 Ċelebrazzjoni ta’ Poeżija Horizons

Horizons celebrates its authors’ poetry – an event focusing on the work of Mario

Azzopardi, Fr Charlo Camilleri, Achille Mizzi, Joe P. Saliba, Andrew Sciberras, Jesmond Sharples and Tarcizio Zarb. **Temi Zammit Hall.**

## 19:00 Book Presentation

*La battaglia di Gallipoli: il riscatto – Dalla guerra di Crimea alla prima guerra mondiale* by Domenico Romeo, Fabio L. Grassi, Giacomo Lo Bue di Lemos and Silvio Aliffi (Morrone Editore). **Istituto Italiano di Cultura stand.**

## 19:30 KOTBACALLEJA ‘et cetera’ – Work-in-progress

The art of etching. Presentation with Jesmond Vassallo (etcher). Discussion and presentation of his work-in-progress. **Perellos Chapel.**

## 19:30 Konkors tal-Poeżija Mons. Amante Bountempo

Organized by the National Book Council in collaboration with the Maltese Poets Association, this event will feature selected poetry readings. In addition, the winners of the *Mons. Amante Bountempo Poetry Contest 2016* will be announced. **Activity Area.**

## 19:45 Book Presentation

*L'ultimo fiore che ho in me* by Alexandre Zappalà (Edizioni EPSIL). **Istituto Italiano di Cultura stand.**

## 20:30 Celebrating Maria Grech Ganado

An event to honour last year’s winner of the *National Book Prize Lifetime Achievement Award*, the poetess Maria Grech Ganado. This is a unique opportunity for members of the public to meet the poetess in person, and also to listen to her poetry being recited by professional readers. Prof. Charles Calleja will lead the discussion. **Temi Zammit Hall.**

## 20:30 Book Presentation

*La casa nel cuore* by Betty Scaglione Cimò (Aulino Editore). **Istituto Italiano di Cultura stand.**

## All day signing sessions with

Dr William Zammit who will be signing his new book: *Kissing the Gallowes*; Rita Saliba who will be signing *Il-Kulur tal-Lellux* (prizewinner in the *Konkors ta’ Kitba Letteratura għaż-Żgħirażgħ 2015*) and Dr Joseph F. Grima who will be signing his latest publication: *The Fleet of the Knights of Malta - Its Organization during the Eighteenth Century*. **BDL Books stand.**

## 9:00 – 18:00 Books and Literacy: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow - International Conference

This conference explores the traditional relationship between books and literacy within the context of the evolution of publishing. Aimed at publishers, librarians, educators, academics and anyone who is enchanted by books and knowledge, the conference will explore these questions bringing together ideas from Maltese, British, and Australian speakers. This conference will be held in English and it is being organised by the National Book Council, Department of Library Information and Archive Sciences of the University of Malta and Malta Library and Information Association (MaLIA). **Temi Zammit Hall.**

## 9:00 Tracing and Colouring Activities inspired by Faraxa Characters

The magical world of *L-Avventuri ta' Sammy* will come alive in the presence of the wizard himself who will recount Sammy's adventures to children present. Winners will take home various book tokens. The authors of most of the children's books on sale will be present on the stand during the events. These include Calvin Cassar, Kirstin Spiteri, Naila Turner, Corrine Zahra, Lydia McKay McIntyre and Toni Aquilina who are the authors of the new releases. **Faraxa Publishing stand.**

## 09:45 – 10:30 Inħobbok!

Two sides of the same love: the love of a mother for her children, and that of the children for their mother. Join us and write your own love verse. With Leanne Ellul. Ages 3-6. **Merlin Publishers' stand.**

## 10:00 Aqra Miegħi/Read with Me

An 'Aqra Miegħi/Read with Me' one hour storytelling session in English organised by the National Literacy Agency of the Ministry for Education and Employment. The session will include sharing of storybooks, singing of nursery rhymes and other fun activities for babies and toddlers up to the age of 3 years and their parents. **Malta Libraries stand.**

## 10:00 – 12:00 Meet the Authors

Various children's authors will be available for book signing sessions including Audrey Friggieri, Leanne Ellul, Trevor Żahra, Roberta Bajada, Noel Tanti and Matt Stroud. **Merlin Publishers' stand.**

## 10:30 Workshop: How Comics help Storytellers

The *Graphic Novels Library Malta* (NGO) is organizing a workshop about writing stories and how comics can help. The workshop is aimed at anyone who wants to start writing and will be exploring how comics can inspire and teach the story-telling process. Mark Camilleri,

author of *Prima Facie* and creator of the 'Victor Gallo' series, will explain how comics were key inspirations for his writing and storytelling techniques. Julia Pollacco, a self-published poet, will talk about the writing process and self-publishing. The workshop will end with a practical exercise which will allow participants to test their creative writing skills. **Activity Area.**

## 10:45 – 11:30 Fil-Kamra ta' Jonas

Come and meet Jonas - get lost in this magical emotional story. With author Noel Tanti and illustrator Matt Stroud. Ages 7-10. **Merlin Publishers' stand.**

## 11:00 Seħer l-Istejjer/The Magic of Stories

A 'Seħer l-Istejjer/The Magic of Stories' reading for fun session in Maltese organised by the National Literacy Agency of the Ministry for Education and Employment. The session will motivate children aged between 4 and 7 years to read books for fun and encourage parents to read and share books with their children. **Malta Libraries stand.**

## 11:45 – 12:30 Qrempuċu

After spending all winter shivering with cold and hunger, Qrempuċu embarks on an adventure to the city built out of cheese. With Trevor Żahra. Ages 8-10. **Merlin Publishers' stand.**

## 12:00 Meet the Publisher

Giammanco Aulino - *Nuovi scrittori dalla Sicilia al giallo.* **Activity Area.**

## 13:00 Book Presentation

*Zaira* by Carola Baudo (Edizioni EPSIL). **Activity Area.**

## 15:30 Book Presentation

*Non abbiate paura. C'è vita dopo la vita* by Cino Tortorella (Armando Siciliano Editore). **Activity Area.**

## 16:30 – 18:30 Meet the Authors

Various children's authors will be available for book signing sessions including Carmel G. Cauchi, Frank Schembri and Antoinette Borg. **Merlin Publishers' stand.**

## 16:45 – 17:30 Lupettin

Lupettin is none other than the younger version of Lupu Lupettu, children's favourite wolf. Do you, just like him, want to eat only pasta? With Clare Azzopardi. Ages 3-6. **Merlin Publishers' stand.**

**17:00 Public Talk**

*Kunsill Nazzjonali tal-Ilsien Malti* will be discussing the writing of English words in Maltese with special focus on the public consultation process, research and work done by the council. A Q&A session with the audience will follow. **Activity Area.**

**17:45 – 18:30 Lupu Lupettu**

*Lupu Lupettu* is back with four new adventures. And more surprises... See you there! With Clare Azzopardi. Ages 4-8. **Merlin Publishers' stand.**

**18:00 KOTBACALLEJA 'et cetera' – Discussion/presentation**

The book and the word. What makes a book? When does a book become a book and when does it stop being a book? A presentation about alternative structures and work by several artists who ask this very question via their work. **Perellos Chapel.**

**18:30 Book Presentation**

*La Prima Guerra mondiale – Un'analisi politico sociologica a cento anni dal conflitto* ed. by Salvatore Santuccio (Morrone Editore). **Istituto Italiano di Cultura stand.**

**18:30 – 20:30 Meet the Authors**

Various authors will be available for book signing sessions including Trevor Żahra, Lara Calleja, Clare Azzopardi, Teo Reljic, Joe Pace and Aleks Farrugia. **Merlin Publishers' stand.**

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**19:00 The NBC presents Alek Popov**

Alek Popov, the popular Bulgarian author of *Mission: London*, will be talking to journalist Teodor Reljic about the themes that inform his literary work. We will also assist to a screening of excerpts from the film adaptation of *Mission: London*, directed by Dimitar Mitovski. **Tem Zammit Hall.**

**19:00 Book Launch of Malta Ħanina**

French author Daniel Rondeau, ex-Ambassador to Malta and author of *Malta Ħanina*, together with the translator of the book into Maltese Toni Aquilina will officially launch their latest FARAXA publication. The Maltese translation of the Book has been financed by the National Book Council under the Malta Book Fund Scheme. **Activity Area.**

**19:30 Book Presentation**

*È pur sempre amore* by Iano Campisi (Morrone Editore). **Istituto Italiano di Cultura stand.**

**20:00 Il-Kompliċi - Film Premiere**

This year's winner of the *NBC PBS Short Film Contest* is Ryan Gatt who will be adapting Walid Nabhan's short story *Il-Kompliċi* from the collection of short stories *Iura d-dar u ġrajjet oħra li ma ġrawx* (Klabb Kotba Maltin, 2009) and the event, which is open to all free of charge, will present the audience with the opportunity to meet the young film director, the award winning author and others in a discussion about literary adaptation into film. **Tem Zammit Hall.**

**20:30 WESTERN – RAKKONTI, DIVERTIMENTI**

Official SKS launch of an anthology of short stories by leading writer Alfred Sant. **Activity Area.**

**20:30 Book Presentation**

*Polipòpio* by Emma Margari (Armando Siciliano Editore). **Istituto Italiano di Cultura stand.**

**20:30 Iltaqa' mal-Awturi**

Faraxa will be welcoming the well-known French author Daniel Rondeau, ex-Ambassador to Malta and author of *Malta Ħanina* together with the translator of the book into Maltese, Toni Aquilina, immediately after the official book launch in the Activity Area. Both author and translator will be available for book signing. The Maltese translation of the Book has been financed by the National Book Council under the Book Fund Scheme. **Faraxa Publishing stand.**

**All day signing sessions with**

Dr William Zammit who will be signing his new book: *Kissing the Gallows*; Rita Saliba who will be signing *Il-Kulur tal-Lellux* (prizewinner in the *Konkors ta' Kitba Letteratura għaż-Żgħirażgħ 2015*) and Dr Joseph F. Grima who will be signing his latest publication: *The Fleet of the Knights of Malta - Its Organization during the Eighteenth Century*. **BDL Books stand.**

**All-day launch**

with various authors of *Essays in honour of Joseph Attard Tabone* (BDL Publishing, 2016). **BDL Books stand.**

## 9:00 Tracing and Colouring Activities inspired by Faraxa Characters

*Gruffalo Event* where children will be reading and participating in a game involving the Gruffalo stories; *Monster game: Everyone's afraid of monsters* where children re-enact monster roles to scare those present. The scariest monster wins a prize! Winners will take home various book tokens. The authors of most of the children's books and other new releases on sale will be present on the stand including Kevin Cassar, Kirstin Spiteri, Naila Turner, Corinne Zahra, Lydia McKay McIntyre and Toni Aquilina. **Faraxa Publishing stand.**

## 9:15 – 10:00 Imeldina u l-Imbarazz.

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## 10:00 Cervantes and Don Quixote in Literature and Culture

The Department of Spanish and Latin-American Studies (UOM) and the Embassy of Spain in Malta together with the National Book Council and SKS will be celebrating the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Miguel de Cervantes' death (1616). Prof. John Ardila, a specialist on Cervantes, will be the keynote speaker of this public presentation about Don Quixote and its relevance in current literature. The presentation will be held in English. Emmanuel Abela, a popular 'għannej', accompanied by popular guitarists, will narrate excerpts from *DUN KIXOTT MILL-MANĊA*, the Maltese translation of Miguel de Cervantes' *Don Quixote* in poetic form by Pawlu Montebello. We will also assist to a presentation of *Żwieġ Qarrieqi (The Deceitful Marriage)*, an 'Exemplary Novel' by Cervantes, translated into Maltese by Fiona Sciberras. The Embassy of Spain has supported the publication of this short novel on the occasion of this anniversary and H. E. José Pons, Ambassador of Spain, will be present for the occasion. **Temi Zammit Hall.**

## 10:00 Ġewż, lewż, qastan, tin...

In November we celebrate St Martin's feast. Do you remember this rhyme? "Ġewż, lewż, qastan, tin, kemm inħobb lil San Martin"? And as much as we love St. Martin, we also love to rhyme ... all the time. During this activity children aged between 6 and 12 will be take part in a creative writing session whose starting point is rhyme. This activity will be held in Maltese. Children will also be given a token. **Għaqda tal-Malti – Università stand.**

## 10:00 – 12:00 Meet the Authors

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wolf. Once he found a strange object in the garden. What do you think it was? With Clare Azzopardi. Ages 3-6. **Merlin Publishers' stand.**

## 10:30 L-IMPATT li ħallew fuqi

Midsea Books Ltd | Klabb Kotba Maltin invite Dr Anton Grech and Dr Frank Psaila to talk about their new book *L-IMPATT li ħallew fuqi*. A number of Maltese personalities, coming from all the social strata were invited to choose and write about a person who was of influence in their life and career. Psychiatrist Anton Grech analyses this choice and the impact it had on their life and work. From prominent politicians, entrepreneurs, businessmen, religious leaders, thinkers, authors, journalists, sportsmen and philosophers. The book opens a window on those that influence our daily life directly. **Activity Area.**

## 11:00 KOTBACALLEJA 'et cetera' – Workshop

From cover to cover. Audience (8-10 yrs). Building a book from scratch. What makes a book? What is required in the design of a book? (Max. 8 Participants, First come first served). **Perellos Chapel.**

## 11:00 Book Presentation

*Mare Rotto* by Michele Giardina (Armando Siciliano Editore). **Istituto Italiano di Cultura stand.**

## 11:30 Book Presentation

*Estetica cristiana* by Luigi Amato. Speakers: Giacomo Lo Bue di Lemos and Silvio Aliffi. **Istituto Italiano di Cultura stand.**

## 11:15 – 12:00 Inħobbok!

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## 16:30 & 18:00 Reading Champions Award Ceremony

Awarding of Form 2 students who are ardent readers, have improved their reading skills or have inspired their peers to read. This event is organised by the National Literacy Agency in collaboration with the National Book Council and the Department of Curriculum Management of the Ministry for Education and Employment. **Temi Zammit Hall .**

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**17:45 – 18:30 A Picture Book Activity**

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**18:00 Meet the Publisher**

Salvo Bonferraro, publisher of *I Cavalieri di Malta* by Frans Sammut. **Istituto Italiano di Cultura stand.**

**18:00 – 20:00 Meet the Authors**

Various authors will be available for book signing sessions including Leanne Ellul, Clare Azzopardi, John Bonello, Mark Camilleri and Lizzie Eldridge. **Merlin Publishers' stand.**

**19:00 Book Presentation**

*Tommaso. L'educazione sentimentale di un giovane* by Angelo Fortuna (Armando Siciliano Editore). **Istituto Italiano di Cultura stand.**

**20:00 *Leĥen il-Malti* launch**

*Għaqda tal-Malti – Università* will be launching the 35th edition of *Leĥen il-Malti*. Excerpts from the issue will be read by the authors themselves. Drinks will follow. **Temi Zammit Hall.**

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# '...et cetera'

'...et cetera' presents the living art of handmade books making clear references to both traditional bookbinding skills and contemporary book design. The exhibition also refers to emerging book structures including interactions between books and digital media.

The central question that this exhibition addresses is 'what makes a book?'. The question is pertinent both because the West values the book as central to its civilisations (Bible, Law codices) and because of the emerging publishing platforms and new materials available for book artists and bookbinders today.

Viewers are able to see and handle various books, book-objects, tools of the trade and materials. In order to guide the viewers and to provide a better appreciation of the exhibits, bi-lingual (MT, EN) information panels accompany every section of the exhibition.

Throughout the festival, we will hold a daily talk, workshop or demonstration relating to the exhibits presented in the exhibition. These vary from talks about the trends and directions in which contemporary book design is taking our notions of 'books' to the problems of creating content for structures such as a flag book or a dos-a-dos.

The programme around the exhibition also includes book making and bookbinding demonstrations during which the general public can ask and discuss with the craftsman.

All the exhibits are either property of Kotba Calleja or book projects in which Kotba Calleja is collaborating with other craftsmen and artists. All books presented in the exhibition are handmade books made in Malta.



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# Exhibitors



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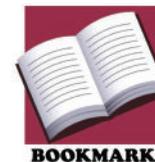
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ĆAK (Animation & Communication Centre) belongs to the Franciscan Conventual Friars and was erected in 1998 with the aim of offering religious animation through social communication means. It published various leaflets, magazines and books and in 2005 it embraced the already existing Publishing House Reliġjon u Ħajja (Religion & Life) that was founded in 1967 by Fr Alexander Bonnici. The Publishing House continued its work in the religious sector and lately became the official publisher of the Church and Papal documents with a mutual agreement with the Maltese Episcopal Conference and Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Till now ĆAK published more than 270 titles.

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