SLOVAK IBBY NEWSLETTER
NATIONAL AWARDS AND IBBY HONOUR LIST CEREMONY
(November 22)
At the end of November in The Chamber Studio of the Slovak Radio, the award ceremony of national awards took place – Ludovít Fulla Award 2018, Triple Rose Award (Trojruža) 2018, and International Prize - IBBY Honour List 2018. More

SK IBBY GENERAL ASSEMBLY
(November 22)
Slovak Section of IBBY met at the general assembly of members with the main goal: voting to SK IBBY Board.
The participants were acquainted as well with the SK IBBY vision for upcoming season. We want to build up and connect personal relationships and friendship in a broader way in order to spread, develop cultivating reading in Slovakia already at the youngest age. As a result of voting, the members of SK IBBY Board became: Viera Anoškinová, Martin Kellenberger, Luba Kepštová, Toňa Revajová, Beata Panáková, Juraj Martiška, Timotea Vrábolová.

BOOK FAIR BIBLIOTHECA 2018
(November, 8-11)
The collections of The Most Beautiful Books of Slovakia 2017 and The Most Beautiful and The Best Children’s Books of Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter 2017 were presented. We actively participated in the accompanying programme: a workshop How to choose books for children.
SERIES OF SEMINARS: OPEN GATE TO READING

The series of seminars for adults – parents, teachers of pre-primary education, librarians, and broad general public continued once a month from November to April. At the two-hour long sessions (Blue Mountain, Where Has the Sun Hidden Himself?, Let’s Play Hide-and-Seek with a Book!), the participants familiarised themselves with innovative forms of reading to children aged 6 months to 6 years. They learnt when to start stimulating a toddler’s interest in books, how to build up a baby’s inner motivation, and what influences the development of a child’s perception, so that children may, step-by-step, get closer to books. The seminar was led by Timotea Vráblová. More

SERIES OF SEMINARS: WE READ IN THE SPACE OF BOOK

Seminars for adults are designed for those, who work with groups of younger and older school-age children, (i.e. parents, teachers, librarians, and others). The first set of series took place in spring 2018. The second set of series has started in February 2019 (1x per month). When a child comes to school, what principles are activated? How the child develops through reading its relationship with the reality? The concept of fantasising - why it is not positive? And how to make effective use of fantasy while reading books with preschoolers? These and other topics were covered by the lecturer Timotea Vráblová. More
PRIX EX AEQUO 2018 AWARD CEREMONY
(November 16)
In November Slovak Section of IBBY awarded Radio and Television of Slovakia for the best radio adaptation of literary piece Prix Ex Aequo 2018 Award for an extraordinary impressive adaptation of romantic lament of well-known Slovak ballad Podivný pútnik (A Strange Pilgrim) by Nora Weberová.

ROOM OF READING:
ATTENTION! EXCAVATION OF STORIES!
Since November 2018 in the Room of Reading children can found themselves on a story field. It is not a trash dump. It is an archaeological site, in which children may find valuable things and guess what “stories” they carry. Where do they come from? What type of environment they were located in? Who did they belong to? What was the hero of the story like? What events they were connected to? By using “maps”, children try uncovering both the stories that are already well-known from books, and also such stories that they will have be reading later. More
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME: ADVOCATES OF READING

A teenage programme for selected students continued once a month for two hours. Its goal is to stir up students in building a reading culture, helping them find broader fulfilment in their lives. The programme stimulates the oldest students of both elementary and high schools to be active in their community and to promote reading to their younger schoolmates. The programme was led by Timotea Vrábolová. More

MEETING OF SK IBBY BOARD
(February 18)

At the Meeting of SK IBBY Board in February, out of elected members, Timotea Vrábolová was confirmed at the position of the President, Viera Anoškinová as the Vice-President, and Beata Panáková will be Bookbird Correspondent. We thanked Viera Némethová, the leaving member of the Board, for all her work and effort. We discussed also the plans for this year, the preparation of the evaluation seminar, Book Feast, and international conferences on reading, which are planned for October 22, and October 23, 2019. More

WORKSHOP: FROM EAR TO EAR

The creative programme on developing auditory perception of children (together with their parents) continued once a month. By listening to various sound samples (of music and drama) at the workshops, the children's auditory imagination is activated. The children are led to deeper understanding of sound manifestation through activities and discussions. Various themes and genres are used. Children's attention is fastened on different forms of how to perceive sound artistic means: music, noises, and even silence. The programme is led by RTVS dramaturge Beata Panáková. More
THE MOST BEAUTIFUL BOOKS OF SLOVAKIA 2018
By the end of January 2019, books could have been submitted to the Most Beautiful Books of Slovakia 2018 Competition by publishers, graphic editors, illustrators, printing houses, and other entities. The Competition has been announced in cooperation with Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic, Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic, Slovak National Library, and Printing Industry Association of the Slovak Republic. In February the professional jury held a meeting and evaluated 182 submitted books from illustration and graphical perspective, as well as their printing treatment level. The winning books, their authors, and publishers, are going to be awarded on the ceremony on April 25, in the Hall of the Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic.

GOOD NEWS – RADIO BROADCAST (RTVS) ON READING ON A DAILY BASIS
Brief regular broadcast on Radio Devín covering topic of Children’s Literature and authors is designed for families and mainly for the children. The goal is to encourage and motivate both children and their parents to read, to have better understanding of children's literature, to bring guidance, reflections, and short samples, to present interesting books for readers of various ages. The Best Children's Books of Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter are promoted on the broadcast. In cooperation with SK IBBY, the author of the broadcast is Timotea Vrábolová, and the dramaturge is Beata Panáková.

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AND THE BEST CHILDREN’S BOOKS OF AUTUMN 2018
Juries of experts, put together by the organiser of the competition, i.e. BIBIANA and Slovak Section of IBBY, evaluated the collection of books (42 titles from 16 publishing houses) of the autumn 2018. The list of awarded titles may be found here.