

IBBY Germany and IBBY Italia
“Literanauten meets Young Readers – 15-17 June 2026”



When I left for Munich, I thought it was going to be a nice trip, but I didn't expect it to become such an important experience for me. At first I was excited to visit a new city and meet the Young Readers from Germany, but after just a few hours I realized that this project was about much more than books...

The thing that impressed me the most was how easy it was to connect with everyone. Even though we had just met, it never felt awkward. Sharing lunches, working together, talking with our host families and spending time with each other made everything feel natural. We all came from different places and had different experiences, but we were still able to understand each other and have a great time together.

One of my favourite moments was watching

the final performance. Seeing all the work that everyone had put into it made me realize how much effort and passion there was behind the project. It was also nice to see how every group had something different to share.

When it was finally time to leave, saying goodbye was much harder than I expected. Signing each other's T-shirts, taking the last pictures and promising to stay in touch made me realize how many memories we had created in only three days.

"I came back home with much more than photos or souvenirs. I came back with new friendships, new ideas and a different point of view. This experience reminded me that meeting new people, sharing our passions and learning from each other can be something really special. I am very grateful that I had the chance to be part of it, and I know I will remember these days for a long time." *(Nedzat)*

The exchange experience in Munich has been wonderful, I realised that I can share my ideas despite any geographical or cultural distance: can't wait to repeat it! *(Giulia)*

It was really nice meeting other people with our same interests! it was a very fun experience *(Valentina)*

It was fascinating to learn about the views and opinions of people from another country, and to discover what we have in common *(Elettra)*

The project was a great experience, I had a lot of fun and we met so many new and interesting people (*Stefano*)

IBBY was an unforgettable experience; not only did I have the opportunity to read new books and gain new experiences, but I also made many new friends. I really hope that this event will be kept as a tradition, because many teenagers should have the opportunity to experience what we did! (*Nina*)

It was great meeting so many amazing people who took part in the same project. Without this project, we would never have had the chance to meet each other (*Lara*)

We had some very nice and interesting days during this project. We met many new and friendly people and quickly became friends with them. It was a very nice experience that we will always remember (*Pietro*)

Our German bookclub met the Italian IBBY in Munich. It was such a great time we had together. The best was the cultural exchange, to realise to have the same perspective about young readers - and playing Basketball together! (*Filippo*)

It was really cool to meet people our age and to be able to show them our city, homes and especially our views on books and reading (*Carla*)



For me Munich was a breath of fresh air, it allowed me to meet new people, but most of all it allowed me to get new friends, it made discover new points of view on how reading is perceived by people from other cities and countries, and it was interesting approaching with types of lives so different from mine. I'm immensely grateful to have had this opportunity, I think it has been an experience that enriched me on so many levels, if I could I would do it again another thousand times (*Nora*)