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PRESS RELEASE

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Leipzig Book Fair 2025

A highlight for all book lovers: Leipzig Book Fair 2025 and reading festival “Leipzig liest” (Leipzig reads) with new formats

“Words Move Worlds“: This is the slogan of the Leipzig Book Fair 2025, which takes place from the 27th to the 30th of March. It is the most important meeting place for the book and media industry in spring. Last year, it attracted approximately 283.000 visitors. More than 2,000 exhibitors from over 40 countries were represented at the Book Fair.

Europe's largest reading festival, “Leipzig liest” (Leipzig reads), also takes place during the Book Fair, bringing visitors together to celebrate the power of words and the exchange of ideas. With a minimum of 2,000 events and contributions at over 300 reading venues, Leipzig will once again emerge as Germany's literary center during this period. Well-known international authors and German celebrities such as Sebastian Fitzek, Christoph Kramer, Peter Maffay, and Lara Ermer will be attending the Book Fair.

There will also be new forums and experiences at the Book Fair. One exciting new feature is the discussion forum “Humans and AI: Brave New World?” in Hall 5. This forum will discuss the impact of artificial intelligence on various areas of society. Another new feature of the Leipzig Book Fair is the Audio World in Hall 2. Here, people can experience prominent speakers and authors and listen to the latest audio productions. Located at the center of the Audio World is a stage. Additionally, there are three listening islands, where visitors can enjoy a variety of audio samples lasting up to 15 minutes in a relaxing environment.

The Open Society Forum located in Hall 5 is a venue where participants from the fields of politics, science, activism, and media will discuss prominent issues that concern society. Topics such as the shift to right-wing politics and attacks on democracy, the fight against climate change, and remembering history will be discussed.

"Spring Dreams" is the slogan chosen by NORLA (Norwegian Literature Abroad) for Norway's appearance as the Guest of Honor Country. Norway is bringing almost 50 representatives from its diverse literary landscape to Leipzig. Additionally to contemporary literature and popular crime novels, they will present children's and young adult books as well as historical stories. Karl Ove Knausgard, Maja Lunde, Tomas Espedal, Johan Hardstad, and numerous other Norwegian authors will be present at the Book Fair. Another special guest is the Norwegian Crown Princess Mette-Marit, who will be representing the guest country in Leipzig.

Last year's guest country, the Netherlands and Flanders, will be returning to the Leipzig Book Fair with ten authors and their program "Everything but Flat – Reloaded!"

In addition to the literary festival "Leipzig liest" (Leipzig reads), Manga-Comic-Con, the most vibrant event of the Leipzig Trade Fair, which draws manga, comic, and anime fans from all over the world, will once again take place during the Book Fair. A special highlight of this event are the creative cosplayers, who will be perfecting their lovingly designed costumes and appearances by March 27 to impress at the Leipzig Cosplay Competition (March 29) and the new Cosplay Performance Championship Germany (March 30). Special guests, such as the Japanese manga artist Kamome Shirahama, will also attend the Book Fair.

For those book lovers who do not always need the latest bestsellers, the 31st Leipzig Antiquarian Book Fair in Hall 5 offers rare treasures and historical copies. Since it was founded in 1995, it has grown into one of the most important antiquarian book fairs in Germany, organized by abooks.de. A variety of antiquarian books, prints, and handwritten materials are available, as well as the popular literature mile with inexpensive used books.

The cost of a day ticket is 25 euros (30 euros on Saturday) and 58 euros for a full ticket. The admission tickets entitle the holder to travel to and from the exhibition grounds on the day of the visit using the MDV public transport system in fare zone 110. Tickets are available online.