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PRESS RELEASE

Definitely worth a visit: the Leipzig Book Fair 2024

Leipzig is showing its literary side: from 21 to 24 March 2024, the city will once again become a magnet for all book, manga and comic fans. Numerous national and international authors, artists and publishers have announced their intention to present their latest works to the public in person. With more than 2,500 events at 300 different locations, Leipzig will be transformed into a single reading festival - the largest in Europe for years.

At the end of March, the Leipzig Trade Fair Centre will once again become a paradise for book lovers - the Leipzig Book Fair is coming up. Parallel to the extensive programme of the book fair and the Leipzig Reads reading festival, the Manga-Comic-Con will also take place, with its evening events in the city for the first time. For manga and comic fans, the convention is the most important German spring event in the scene and, thanks to the many cosplayers who come to Leipzig in costume, a spectacularly colourful event in a class of its own. Things will be quieter in Hall 5 at the stand of the 30th Leipzig Antiquarian Book Fair, where antiquarian booksellers from all over Germany will be showcasing important exhibits.

Numerous renowned authors are highly anticipated to attend the Leipzig event, travelling from all over the world to meet their fans. These include, for example, Anna Enquist and Stefan Hertmans from this year's guest country, the Netherlands & Flanders, Christopher Clark (England, born in Australia), Ali Hazelwood (USA) and Didier Erigon (France). Some German celebrity authors such as Jörg Hartmann, Oliver Masucci, Katja Riemann, Boss Hoss, Mai Thi Nguyen-Kim and Uschi Glas will also be presenting their books - to name just a few of the many names.

Astrid Böhmisch, Director of the Book Fair, said: "Literature serves as a bridge through difficult times and opens doors to hope and new horizons. In challenging times, the Leipzig Book Fair is and will remain the familiar home of the word. It and all the many events organised by 'Leipzig liest' are important places of exchange on the issues that move our world." In addition to traditional reading spaces such as libraries, bookshops and cafés, the written word will also be celebrated in cemeteries, churches and galleries.

The guest country Netherlands & Flanders will be represented at the 2024 Book Fair with 41 authors and 100 events. Its motto is: Everything but flat. Because the Netherlands & Flanders may be geographically flat, but it is certainly not flat in social, cultural and political terms. The five core themes of New Voices -

New Perspectives, Children's and Young Adult Literature, Without Translators No World Literature, Sustainability and Digital Literary Worlds will characterise the guest country's presence this year.

The Leipzig Book Fair in conjunction with the Manga-Comic-Con and the Leipzig Reads reading festival opens from 21 to 24 March. Tickets are available online or on site.

Further Information

- <https://www.leipziger-buchmesse.de/en/>
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