

**White Ravens Festival
For International Children's and Youth Literature
July 20 to July 25, 2010**

Under the patronage of Wolfgang Heubisch, PhD, Bavarian Minister of Sciences, Research and the Arts, the International Youth Library will be organising the first White Ravens Festival for International Children's and Youth Literature in summer 2010. For five days, authors and illustrators from Bavaria and abroad will read from their books, conduct workshops and creative writing classes, and talk about themselves and their work in podium discussions. The festival will provide space both for renowned, award-winning authors and illustrators and for new literary discoveries and will focus on the encounter between these authors and illustrators and their young and adult audience. The festival's Bavarian and international contributions will serve as a bridge between different cultures.

Being the world's largest library for international children's and youth literature, the International Youth Library, situated in Munich, is the ideal place for a festival like this. Almost 40,000 visitors per year take the opportunity to visit its various exhibitions and events. For many years now, the term "White Ravens" has been a synonym for extraordinary and innovative children's and youth literature at the International Youth Library. The library publishes an annual recommendation list bearing this name, which enjoys a good reputation not only among experts. White Ravens invigorate, set new trends and stand for quality in terms of style, content and artistic quality.

Between July 20 and July 25, 2010, the White Ravens Festival would like to offer such high quality children's and youth literature a platform. The main festival venue will be the International Youth Library in Munich itself. However, the invited authors and illustrators will also be available for performances and workshops in youth and cultural centres, schools, and libraries around Bavaria during this time. Apart from open events in the afternoon and on the weekend, there will also be a special programme for schools.

The White Ravens Festival is sponsored by the Bavarian State Ministry of Sciences, Research and the Arts, the City of Munich's Department of Culture, and further sponsors.

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