



THE ACTIVITY OF THE BOOK CLUB AND THEATRE CLUB IN THE  
SCHOOL LIBRARY

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*Abstract: This paper aims to provide some ideas for the activities of a book club and drama club in the school library, highlighting the sources of information and the implementation of modern AI-based technologies on stage performance in the virtual environment.*

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"Do you love books and are you a little artist? Be a part of the school library's reading and theater club!"

Culture is an important factor, contributing to the development of society and human personality, so education for culture must be at the center of the concerns of current Romanian society. It is necessary for a young person to possess cultural knowledge in his or her general development. Through theater, informal learning opportunities are offered to young people who face social difficulties, this method contributing positively to the development of their skills, influencing and supporting their intellectual development, opening up opportunities for a permanent education.

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Theatre, in its attempt to reflect some of the aspects of life time, is a meditation on the human condition, but also a method of stimulating the student's creativity. It is demonstrated that theatre represents one of the best ways to acquire knowledge and, at the same time, to address the problems facing society by developing the personality of students, thus contributing to the decrease in the number of school dropouts or absentees. Theatre proves to be the most effective method of experiential learning. Project-Based Learning (PBL) helps students acquire knowledge and skills through a practical, self-directed approach that prepares them for real-world situations.

Since ancient times, ritual movements followed by stage movements have generated stories. Plato believed that from the age of three until adolescence, children should participate in artistic activities such as the choir and public dances.

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Theater helps students to improve their diction in order to be able to freely express their opinion in society, to become confident in their learning power, being a catalyst in the formation and stimulation of the intellectual and emotional personality.

Student-centered education opens a new chapter. In school, theater has the role of making students overcome their shyness in order to adapt more easily to social life and succeed later in life.

Reading and theater in middle school are a point of support in the study of literary texts and oral expression, being of interest in the managerial plan of the Romanian language and literature department and in the cultural life of school.

Theater is a friendly environment and the spontaneity of students helps them express themselves emotionally and intellectually to become strong adults.

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Both reading and theater allow students to explore and recognize their own possibilities and potential, methods and options, both to combine the elements of dramatic structure and to develop their own social personality. Theater brings the following qualitative points to middle school education:

- Determines the uniqueness and integrity in the development of the students' personality, through a wide range of concepts exercised on socialization;
- The aesthetic function of students' intelligence is intensified through contact with the world of metaphor and fiction and provides students with an incentive for study and preparation for the labor market;
- Theater games develop creative thinking because they allow students to find their own communication codes, which leads to the formation of a healthy social personality of the emerging adult.

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Methods of implementation:

- Creating a theater group by staging plays;
- Evaluating and disseminating the activity:
- Discussing, reading, playing;
- Characterizing the actors' performance, students' personal opinions regarding the staging of the play;
- Telling the story of the play to classmates from other classes who were not at the show, during recess, during free time;
- Writing an article published in the local press, regarding the success of this extracurricular activity.

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In addition, there is a theme in the school curriculum that focuses on the connection between literature and theater.

Thus, we established the "Theater Club" of "Vasile Goldiș" Secondary School in Alba Iulia, following positive experiences with the students, on the occasion of competitions performances and the awards received as a result of participating in various projects.

The club's activity (information-documentation of texts, rehearsals, costumes, etc.) takes place in the school library, under the guidance of the teachers and the librarian. I wanted to offer an alternative training through activities that aim to return to books, to reading, to the world of stories, to poetry, to meditation, to literary creation and to theater.

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I invited 2 students who are part of the theatre club to become little actors and present the books they read to the library users in a different way, using modern technologies. They accepted, created vlogs and presented their favorite book in the most original way possible, and when making the presentations they used CapCut, a free multifunctional editor, a complete creative platform equipped with AI, which allows the creation of video montages and photo designs. Creativity is one of the essential conditions in becoming a vlogger. Students who presented are: Gatea Daria and Muntea Nectarie - students in the 6th grade.

The implementation of these new technologies in the club's activities helps students realize their creative potential. They also develop their critical sense and become independent in choosing the books they want to read.



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They can formulate critical observations, presenting an essay, a review, a report in a vlog, and they can develop multiple intelligences through writing, reading, and theatre. Each member of the club is free to become an author of texts and images, but also a critic of the texts and images of other authors.

Modern technologies have contributed to improving speech and library activity and reading books have become more fun. The activities of the book club and theatre club are posted on the school library blog, and e-Twinning site they are visible both for parents and as examples of good practices for those interested in carrying them out.

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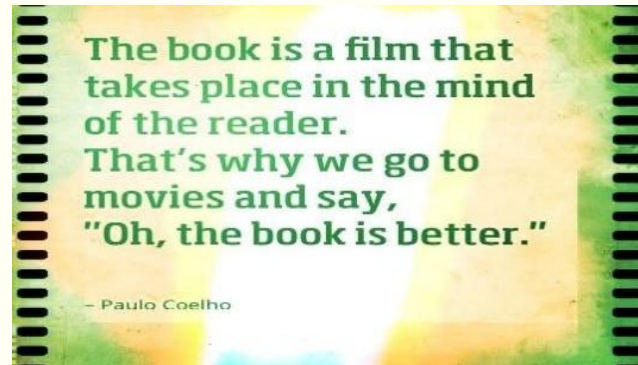
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Also the students in the club wrote drama texts that were brought together in a brochure by a lady from the "Prichindel" Puppet Theatre in Alba Iulia city and broadcast on the PROTV news channel:

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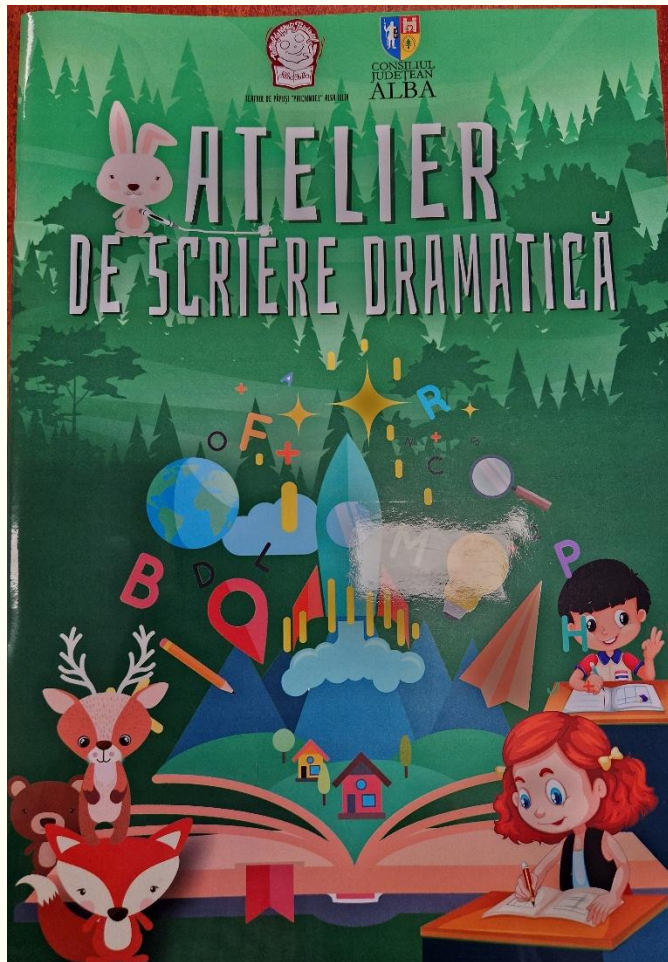
The students came to the conclusion that a book can be turned into a film, but never the other way around. I would like to finish my presentation with this quote by Paulo Coelho:



<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/25-best-quotes-comparing-books-and-movies--244179611021312032/>

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