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INVITATION

Under the auspices of
the **International Conference “In Love with Reading”**, 5th Edition –
“Librarians for Librarians” –
5 minutes of soul for 5 years of <falling in love> with reading
– *An event dedicated to those who give stories* –

Period: 23–28 February 2026

To: Teams of public and school libraries from Romania, the Republic of Moldova, Germany, Belgium, France, Bulgaria, Greece etc.

From: *Center of Excellence for Children and Youth / "George Barițiu" County Library Brașov*, with the support of the **Association of Librarians from Romania (ABR)**, the **National Association of Librarians and Public Libraries of Romania (ANBPR)** and the **Librarians Association of the Republic of Moldova (ABRM)**.

The **International Conference “In Love with Reading”** was launched in **2022**, on the occasion of celebrating the **National Reading Day**, and over time it has become a space for meeting, reflection, and inspiration for the community of librarians, educators, and all those in love with reading. **15 February** was officially established as the **National Reading Day**, according to **Law no. 21 of 14 January 2022**, Art. 1: “*15 February is established as the National Reading Day.*”
(Source: <https://legislatie.just.ro/Public/DetaliiDocument/250496>)

Dear colleagues,

This year, the International Conference “*In Love with Reading*” celebrates **5 years**. On the occasion of this edition, we do not wish only to talk about reading, but to rediscover ourselves through reading, together — from one shelf to another and from one city to another, from one country to another.

We extend to you an invitation to vulnerability and passion:
“Librarians for Librarians” – 5 minutes of soul for 5 years of <falling in love> with reading.

Concept:

During the week **23–28 February 2026**, we invite you to stop time for **60 minutes**. Create in your library a story-like space: a lamp with warm light, a comfortable armchair, and the aroma of good tea or coffee, together with dear colleagues.

We propose that a group of **10–12 librarians or collaborators** gather in this circle of friendship. Each person will offer the others, for a maximum of **5 minutes**, a fragment from the book that defined their journey or touched their soul.

It is our moment to be together and to receive, in turn, the gift that we so passionately offer to others every day.

From these “Librarians for Librarians” meetings, living resources will emerge, built from emotion, experience, and a passion for reading. Each group will share on the Facebook page, using the hashtag #LibrariansForLibrarians, at least 5 titles of the books they have read – titles that will serve as sources of inspiration for future book clubs and as valuable reading recommendations for library users.

Why do we do this?

Our strength lies in the way we inspire one another. My soul as a librarian has always been nourished by your passion, and my path has been illuminated by moments that I keep as treasures.

I will never forget how I discovered “*The Little House*” by Virginia Lee Burton through the warm voice of our colleague **Aura Câmpan** (Cluj County Library), or how I fell in love with “*Elmer the Elephant*” by David McKee while listening to **Doinița Stanciu** (Brăila County Library). Those moments touched me deeply. Ever since, I have read these little books in countless activities, and every time I open them, I think fondly of Aura and the gift she gave me through her recommendation, and of Doinița, who made me fall in love again with the joy of colors.

This is our power: we can plant seeds of inspiration in our colleagues that will bear fruit for decades.

Let the words fly. No screens, only voice and turning pages.

And to complete the atmosphere, we invite you to be carried by the magic of sound through the project “**Listen to 5 Minutes of Classical Music**” (initiated by Radio România Cultural in partnership with ABR and ANBPR since 2020, <https://www.romania-muzical.ro/5-minute>). Let us play classical music right at the beginning of the activity, allowing it to discreetly accompany the readings and embrace our thoughts.

We celebrate **5 editions of the conference** through **5 minutes of pure reading**. Let us be, for a few moments, not only custodians of books, but also messengers of their emotion.

We look forward to having you with us in this **relay of hearts!**

With much warmth and collegial respect,

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