

ATTENTION SCHOOL LIBRARIES!



Would you like to have more books in different languages?

Languages Connect is a campaign to promote and support foreign language learning in Ireland.

We ♥ books - in all languages.

If you have students in your school whose home language is not English or Irish, we offer funding to your school to purchase books in languages used in your school. We encourage students to maintain their home language. Their home language is part of their identity and heritage. Research has shown that literacy in the home language improves learning outcomes in the second language as well as in other subjects and it may also be a useful tool in the future when students are choosing their careers.

School Library Home Languages Scheme

- ✓ The maximum funding granted per school is €500. This can be increased if the school student profile would benefit from more resources
- ✓ The school acquires the books and resources independently and the funding is provided by reimbursement upon provision of receipts
- ✓ Books, easy readers, magazines, comics, reference books, maps, traditional or digital games etc. Any resource to assist with activities involving a language
- ✓ The Leaving Certificate curricular languages in 2020 will include Polish, Lithuanian, Portuguese and Mandarin Chinese – it is possible you might have students who will sit these exams? The Leaving Cert curricular subjects currently include Russian and Arabic along with French, German, Spanish and Italian. Or perhaps you have students sitting the non-curricular Leaving Certificate exam (i.e. any EU language)? The school library can provide material to help students to develop their home languages and support their studies
- ✓ Some links and ideas are provided to assist schools to source books and resources



Languages Connect is an awareness raising campaign delivered by Post-Primary Languages Ireland (PPLI).

PPLI is responsible for implementing key actions in Languages Connect : Ireland's Foreign Languages Strategy 2017-2027 (<https://bit.ly/2m6HPxX>)

The School Library Home Languages Scheme is administered under Action 2.E.4 of the Strategy *'Schools and libraries should have books, digital resources etc. available in a variety of relevant home languages'*.

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