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Dear friends of Kultur verbindet e.V.,

many of you have been volunteering for our projects for many years. You are reading with children, coordinating projects at the schools or you are supporting the association in the field of fundraising, public relations, translations or administration and accounting. You keep Kultur verbindet e.V. going. Your work is important so that the association can continue to exist and provide activities for children.

We would like to ask all volunteers and all friends to consider whether you can become a supporting member of our association. For active volunteers, the annual fee is 12€, for the others 60€ or 30€ (reduced contribution).

For Kultur verbindet e.V. a larger number of members is important. This gives us more "weight" in negotiations with the city about funds such as institutional funding or in the search for our own space where we can offer our activities. And even in cooperation with other organizations, the number of supporting members is an important factor.

We have a membership form attached to this newsletter you can fill in and return to the association (by e-mail to info@kulturverbindet-bonn.de or by post to M. Schmidt-Engbrecht, Wiedemannstraße 32, 53173 Bonn).

We are urgently looking for new volunteers to help with our project "My First Library". We need more volunteers at the Astrid Lindgren School in Duisdorf, at the Andreasschule in Rüngsdorf and at the Gotenschule in Plittersdorf, who read there with children and bring them closer to the world of books. We also need volunteers for our new cooperation school, the Nicolaus-Cusanus-Gymnasium, in order to be able to set up our book and reading project there as well.

Please talk to your acquaintances and your circle of friends and inform them about the work as a reading buddy. All interested parties can contact the association at info@kulturverbindet-bonn.de or by phone at 0160 – 996 733 54 (if possible between 8.30 – 11 a.m.). We then make an appointment for a personal interview, in which we tell you more about us and the project.

Information about the association's work

At the end of April, our association received a funding commitment from the Bonn Donation Parliament for its project "Music in our City". We are very pleased about the generous funding of 6,700 €. This allows us to implement this beautiful project during the

autumn holidays. Children aged 6 – 10 years will have the opportunity to discover the diversity of music in Bonn in this two-week workshop. From Beethoven to Querbeat, from the violin to the oud, from the music on the streets and in the shops to the melodies found in nature: the children listen, hear and feel the sounds; they try out instruments and sing. For this purpose, small instruments and sounding bodies are built and the effect of music on the feelings and mood is investigated.

The association will receive further funding from the Integration Council of the City of Bonn in the coming six months. From the funds we can finally buy a mobile phone for our association. This facilitates the management of contacts and greatly improves the reachability of the association.

Our new application "I shape my own future" has just been submitted to Aktion Mensch. If the application is approved, the extensive project on the topic of environment and climate change can start with children in three districts of Bonn. The decision on the application will be taken in June.

The first meetings with volunteers from the project "My First Library" are now taking place. On Monday, May 23, the "reading buddies" working at the Astrid Lindgren School met. They talked about the children, about books they want to read with the children and about participation in cultural events as well as about the contacts with the families. All volunteers appreciate their work very much and especially praise the good cooperation with the teachers and the school.

The meeting of the volunteers working at the Erich Kästner School will take place at the beginning of June and the volunteers working at the Elsa Brändström School will also meet in June. The dates will be announced in the next few days.

Attached to the newsletter is an invitation to the next workshop for children. This time it's about solar energy. The workshop will take place on Sunday, May 29 at K7 (Pennelfeld). You can register for this workshop with Mrs. Dettmann-Nouri.

Information from the Executive Board

At the end of April, the General Assembly for the 2021 financial year took place. All members have received the minutes of the meeting as a pdf file by e-mail or by post.

With Maja Voss, we have gained a new member of the Executive Board. She was unanimously elected to the board. She introduces herself here:

Hello, I'm Maja Voss and new to the board of Kultur verbindet e. V. Since October 2021 I am "reading buddy" of a great boy who attends the Elsa Brändström School in Tannenbusch, and recently I also became coordinator there. In addition, I work as a speaker in a cultural holiday education project, like to tinker with my four-year-old daughter and am interested in other cultures, creative writing and diversity-sensitive children's books. I am looking forward to working with all of our dedicated volunteers! :-)

Maja has recorded a podcast episode on the subject of diversity-sensitive children's books, which can be heard via this [link](#).

Public relations

On Sunday, June 12, our association Kultur verbindet will be represented with a booth at the Bonner Kultur – und Begegnungsfest. We look forward to every visit at the booth. In addition to information material, we have numerous books that we give away for small donations of money. And for children, we have small "audio memories" games to try out.

We still need helpers for this day, who support us for about 2 hours each at the booth. You can use this [doodle](#) if you want to help us.

On May 19th our regulars' table took place. Monika Schmidt-Engbrecht and Frauke Rheingans presented some new children's books and our volunteers also brought their favourite books with them. There has been a lot of discussion, including how to alert children to the dangers of climate change, but also on gender stereotypes and racism and stereotypes in children's books. A list of the presented books can be found in the appendix.

Tips for reading and leisure

Museumsmeilenfest Bonn: On Saturday, June 4th and Sunday, June 5th, the Museumsmeilenfest Bonn will take place on the Museumsmeile. There will be many great hands-on activities for children and families. Unfortunately, the program is not yet online.

Balloon Festival in the Rheinaue: From Friday, June 10 to Sunday, June 12, the Balloon Festival takes place in the Rheinaue. There will be mass launches of hot air balloons, a bungee trampoline, balloon competitions, a balloon carousel and many other attractive play offers for children and families. More detailed information can be found on the festival's [homepage](#).

And if you like to play with mud, you will find instructions on how to make magic slime in the appendix.

In the appendix we have information about the holiday leisure activities that Kultur verbindet e.V. carries out in cooperation with the Stadtmuseum Bonn at the end of July/beginning of August. The children can now be registered. For children who want to participate, but have no way of getting to the city museum and back, we can organize a "pick-up service". Please contact Frauke Rheingans at frauke.rheingans@kulturverbindet-bonn.de, preferably before the child is registered.

Upcoming events

May 29th 2022: Workshop solar energy (invitation is attached to this newsletter).

June 12th 2022: Internationales Begegnungsfest der Stadt Bonn, Marktplatz

July 25th – August 5th 2022: Holiday time travel. A holiday project in the city museum. A journey through time and through Bonn, which is captured with self-made small films. Information and registration form are attached.

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