

# School Library Home Language Funding Scheme

## 2022 applications now open

### We ♥ books— in foreign languages

We would like to encourage all students to maintain their home language. Home languages are part of a student's identity and heritage. Fluency and skills in a second language will be a useful tool for the student in life to build connections, understand diversity and expand future career choices. If students at your school have a home language other than English or Irish, you can avail of this funding to purchase books for your school library.

2022 School Library Funding Scheme has a particular focus to assist Ukrainian and other students in the schools.

### How does your school benefit?

#### STUDENTS:

Your school can support students' literacy and home language skills by providing material in that language.

This can also make them feel included and show that their heritage is valued by all. Students can benefit from the library resources if they sit exams or want to maintain their home language.

#### TEACHERS:

Your teachers will be able to make use of home language books and other materials, as well as to encourage students to use them. All teachers will be able to use resources in various home languages to support literacy.

#### SCHOOL LIBRARY:

Your school library will be more inclusive, diverse and better able to support all students' home language skills and heritage.

The scheme is

**FREE**

of charge

# Guidelines for School Library Home Languages Scheme

## 1. How does it work?

- ✓ If you have students who speak languages other than English or Irish, enquire what books or other resources they might want in the school library.
- ✓ If you have students arrived from Ukraine or other countries you can use funding to acquire resources for the students.
- ✓ Students may also opt for easy readers, magazines, comics, reference books, maps, traditional or digital games, etc. Any resource to assist with activities involving a student's language may, within reason, be covered by the scheme.
- ✓ The Parents' Association or a group of parents might want to help the school to source materials.

## 2. Checklist for criteria:

- ✓ Your primary or post-primary school must be Department of Education registered.
- ✓ Your students would benefit from foreign language books and other resources.
- ✓ The library agrees to display a Languages Connect sticker on the books purchased.
- ✓ The school accepts that it will acquire the books and resources independently and that funding will be provided by reimbursement upon provision of receipts.
- ✓ The school agrees to fill in a short evaluation form to give feedback 6 months after the full reimbursement.
- ✓ You agree to promote access to these books and resources to all students via their teachers, parents association, and other school communication channels.

## 3. Apply for funding in a few simple steps

Apply for funding by filling in a simple form

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022SchoolLibraryFunding](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022SchoolLibraryFunding)

Application deadline is **31st May 2022**.

You will receive an approval email shortly after you have submitted your application form. You can then start acquiring books and other resources. Return the reimbursement form provided with your receipts.

All reimbursement forms need to be returned with receipts by **29th October 2022**. Books and other materials can be purchased any time up to that point.

## 4. Sourcing books

- Search for the types of books you are looking for e.g. children's books in a chosen language to find sites.
- For quality book ideas the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) is a non-profit organisation which represents an international network of people from more than 80 countries who are committed to bringing books and children together. Find them at:  
<https://www.ibby-europe.org/>
- If you acquire materials from the UK or elsewhere outside the EU be mindful of any Brexit-related charges and shipping costs. These are covered by the scheme but factor in the extra expense.

Languages Connect aims to raise awareness of the many personal, social, economic and professional benefits of foreign language skills for all Irish people. It is delivered by Post-Primary Languages Ireland (PPLI) as part of the Irish Government strategy Languages Connect: Ireland's Foreign Languages Strategy 2017-2027. Accessible at: <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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