

Polish Children's Library

I have started an Initiative called Biblioteka Smyka to provide our children access to Polish books that are relevant both content and age (0-18). As a parent I found it at times difficult to find Polish books for my son that contain content which he was familiar with and *WANTED* to read. Living in America I found it very hard to find these types of books, and when I do they are often super expensive because of shipping costs. There are few places that are in the US and ship to the US for reasonable prices. This is why I want to help other parents by providing a way to access new Polish books, with relevant content, that your children will want to read, for free.



The goal of this objective is to start a library of books that will be available to everyone and anyone free of charge, to check out, read and use for 2 weeks at a time and return or exchange for another one just like a typical library. I strongly believe in the power of reading. Moving to America as younger child with very limited exposure to Polish grammar in Poland, I feel that my ability to write, read and speak Polish fluently after 20 plus years of living in America is largely due to my continuing to read Polish books after I moved here.

The library will be created and catalogued digitally. Those that are interested will be able to sign up for a bi-monthly newsletter which will start coming out in October, that will include an inventory of all the books available. You will be able to look over the list and reserve which book(s) you will want to pick up. The book(s) you reserve will be pulled and put "on hold" for three days to give you time to pick them up. The library will be located at my home and each week there will be designated times for drop in pickups/returns as well as previously arranged special pick up/drop off times to accommodate irregular circumstances.

I Need Your Help:



The first phase of this initiative involves all of you. I have started a good collection of books; however, I am looking for donations to build this library. I ask that all who may have children books that they no longer use to donate for our Polish community to have access to.

While I am grateful for donations, please keep in mind I will NOT accept any books that are in poor condition, which include tears, writing, loose pages, pages missing, very worn etc. The books need to be in used but good condition for others to enjoy.

I have set up a few donation drop of times to accommodate various schedules (please see below) Please be so kind and email or call to give me a heads up that you plan to come on a particular day. I will review the books upon your arrival to make sure they are in good condition before accepting them into the library. I will also review the books to make sure we don't have too much redundant content. If books are not in good condition or redundant they will not be accepted into the library. Thank you for your understanding.

Friday, September 18th 5pm to 8pm

Saturday, September 19th 9am to 12pm

Sunday, September 20th, 5pm to 8pm

Monday, September 21st 6pm to 8pm

Wednesday, September 23rd 5pm to 7pm

Friday, September 25th 5pm to 7pm



Next Steps:

To receive the bi-monthly newsletter of Biblioteka Smyka Inventory send an email here:

bibliotekasmykamemphis@gmail.com

To let me know you have donations and sign up for a donation day send an email here:

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You can also check out more information on facebook, just search for @SmykMemphis “Biblioteka Smyka – Memphis”

Thank you for your help!

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