

DONATE A BOOK TO UKRAINIAN CHILD

The Polish Book Institute and the Metropolia Dzieci Foundation (Children's Metropolis Foundation) have initiated the “Give a book to Ukrainian children” project.

Although it may seem that books are not necessarily essential under the shadow of war, their therapeutic power can be significant.

Reading books provides moments of relief and distance from the world that brings anxiety. Thanks to books, kids can learn and better understand their emotions, and strengthen their self-confidence and self-worth, despite the chaos around them. And as such, reading creates feelings of security and, in times of disruption, offers small doses of normality.

Ukrainian children need special attention and care right now. Most of them don't speak languages other than their own. They miss their country, family, and friends – they are missing out on normal childhood. This is why we would like to allow those children and their parents to spend time together with books written in their language.

We endeavor to buy books straight from Ukrainian publishers for children of different ages so that Polish libraries could have their shelves with Ukrainian reading material. Our priority is both supporting Ukrainian book publishers and reaching the refugees, who are already in Poland, will either be staying here temporarily or will stay for a long time if not forever.

The purchased books will be distributed to the public libraries all over Poland, especially to the ones close to the Ukrainian refugee clusters. The books will be available to both younger and older children, which will strengthen and multiply our nationwide outreach and serve as a comfort away from home, that the war has taken away.

Our goals:

1. To buy and send packages of books for children of different ages to public libraries, so that every library that would like to participate, can have a shelf of books in the Ukrainian language.
2. To enable the Ukrainian children affected by war to read in the language they know.
3. To create access to reading materials for the Ukrainian families already settled in Poland.

4. To establish free access to our libraries for as many Ukrainian refugees and their children as possible.
5. To buy books directly from Ukrainian publishers, which would in turn benefit Ukrainian businesses in day-to-day life in the war zone.
6. To share all of the valuable resources and assist those whose priority is to help the youngest affected.

The first part of the books (7.000 copies) was bought by the Polish Book Institute thanks to the financial support of the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage arrived in Poland. They are distributed to provincial public libraries, from where they will also be sent to smaller centers to enable young Ukrainians in Poland to enjoy them and escape the horrors of war.

Fundacja Metropolia Dzieci (Children's Metropolis Foundation) is still collecting money to buy the second part of books from Ukrainian publishers, that's why we are asking for your support. Any amount donated, can - through the sponsored books - bring the refugee children moments of peace.

You can support the project by donating directly to the foundation:

**Fundacja Metropolia Dzieci
with the annotation "Give a book to children from Ukraine"
IBAN: PL16 1140 2004 0000 3102 8012 1088**

Thank you!

We can do more together!

<https://instytutksiazki.pl/en/news,2,books-for-young-ukrainians,7435.html>