

The Little English Library in Breda



February 2014 will see the opening of the non-profit children's project called The Little English Library: a free library service for English children's books for all children (0-12 years) in and around Breda who speak English or who are learning English.

There is a vibrant English-speaking Expat Community in Breda and the difficulty of gaining frequent access to English children's books when living abroad was the reason why, at the end of 2013, Gruenbaum Publishing launched this non-profit project.

We are proud to announce that the directors of the Montessori School in Breda, Mrs Monique van Doorn and Mrs Carla van Eijk have offered a dedicated zone within the school's library space. Their library space is currently being redesigned by the Breda based company TIESENCOO and completion is planned for the end of February.

Once open, The Little English Library will be accessible to every parent & baby, toddler and school child aged 0-12 who would like to browse and borrow English books. In addition to books, the library will be offering audio books and free book related activities such as rhyme-time and storytelling sessions. We hope to organise monthly competitions which will be sent out to all Primary Schools in Breda. These activities will be held in English and will be open to all.

The Little English Library is being actively supported by organisations such as the IWC Breda and Breda Expats Monkeys. So far over 500 books have been donated. With the current focus on English at Primary School level, we are delighted to see how this project is quickly gaining in interest. We are therefore looking at ways to swiftly increase our book collection before the opening in February. We are especially in need of books suitable for dyslexic children, children's reference books and young teenage literature.

We believe that **The Little English Library** will be the first of its kind in the Netherlands and it is wonderful to see how this project is being met with enthusiasm and support by both the international and local Breda community.

Join us and support this community-focused children's literacy project. Help us to create an English children's library that will amaze our children and get this young generation excited about books, reading and English.

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