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Information sheet on the fellowship program for professionals in the field of children's and youth literature

The Federal Republic of Germany's Ministry of Foreign Affairs promotes study visits at the International Youth Library for specialists in the field of children's and youth literature who wish to use the collection and become better acquainted with the library's work. The fellowship recipients will be also requested to assist the library actively in developing the book collection and documentation materials.

1. What the fellowship includes

Each year up to fifteen applicants are granted a monthly grant of € 1,200. This sum is intended to cover the costs of food and lodging in Munich. It is not possible to offer a supplemental grant for travel costs! The International Youth Library is prepared to locate furnished rooms in private homes upon request.

2. Who is eligible?

Any specialist in the field of children's and youth literature who is not a German citizen may apply for a fellowship. As a rule the recipients are working as publishing house editors, authors, illustrators, educators, college professors or reading promoters in the widest sense. This fellowship program is not intended for students whose coursework includes children's and youth literature, with the exception of dissertations.

A fellowship will be granted only once to any applicant. Each applicant has to introduce a detailed research project with the application.

An important prerequisite for a meaningful use of this fellowship is language competency. Without sufficient fluency of either German or English it is not possible to use the library catalogues and other research sources. The International Youth Library retains the right to terminate a fellowship if language skills are inadequate for successful communication.

3. What can fellowship recipients expect at the International Youth Library?

Fellowship recipients have the opportunity to use a study desk in the reference library and access the extensive international depository collection of children's and youth literature and professional literature in order to pursue their own projects and research topics.

Fellowship recipients can avail themselves of the subject expertise of the staff members.

During their stay they will have the opportunity to make contact with other subject specialists and specialized institutions which deal with children's and youth literature.

What is expected of the fellowship recipients?

It is expected that fellowship recipients be present at the International Youth Library in Munich for the duration of their grant and pursue their projects and research topics independently to the extent possible. All guests are invited to present their research topics and results of their work during round table discussion.

Areas in which assistance *may* be rendered include:

1. Inspection of the primary and secondary literature collection from the fellowship recipient's home country and recommendation of future acquisitions for its systematic development.
2. Preparation of book annotations for bibliographies.
3. Support of staff members through translation of correspondence directed towards publishers and subject specialists and institutions in his or her home country.
4. Development of a core collection of literature from countries for which the library has no directly responsible staff members.
5. Assistance with exhibits and other special projects.

Fellowship recipients can also contribute to the promotion of knowledge of the literature of their home country through lectures and written essays.

Research related travels outside of Munich have to be announced in advance. Longer periods of stay in other cities have to be planned before or after the fellowship period in Munich.

At the end of their stay fellowship recipients are requested to submit a written report of their activities.

4. Study related activities

Upon request the International Youth Library can arrange visits or tours to other libraries, to publishing houses or appointments with subject specialists in Munich.

5. How to apply for a fellowship

Return the filled in application form together with a detailed description of your research project and a photograph to the following address:

(Deadline for applications: 30th September)

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