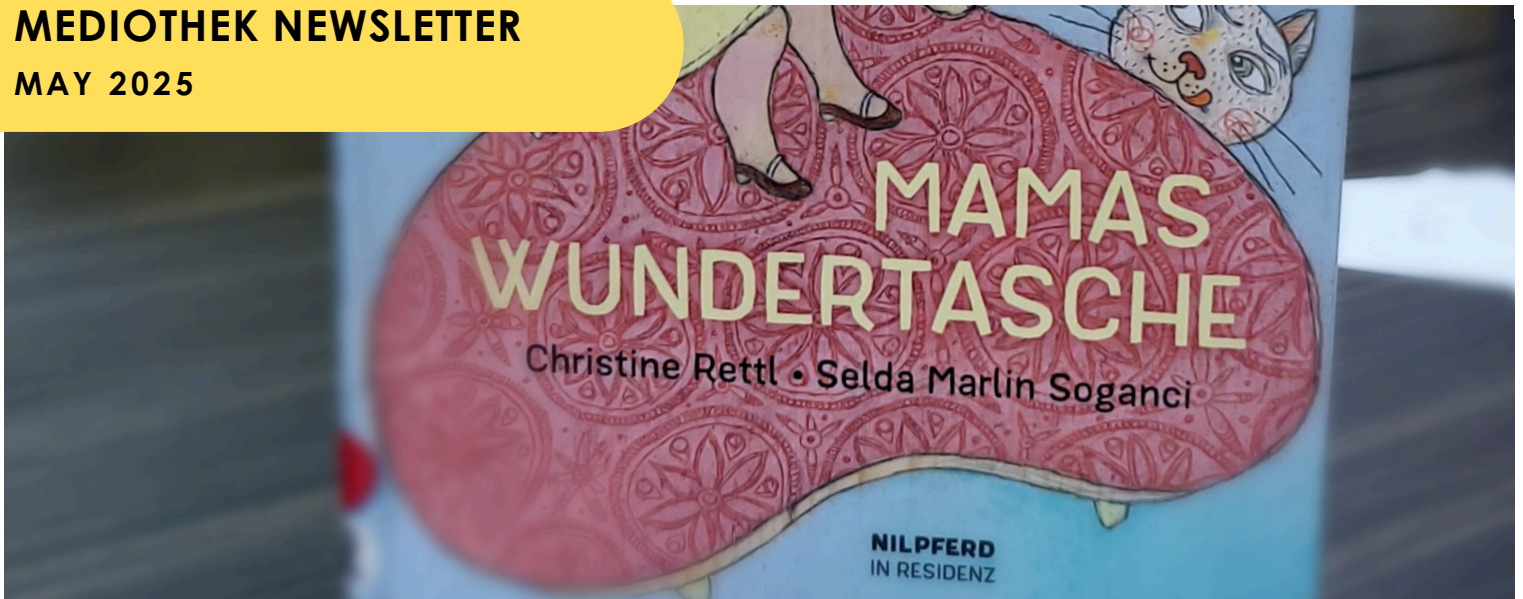


MEDIOTHEK NEWSLETTER

MAY 2025



Dear Parents, children, students and colleagues,

In May, everything in our media library revolved around loving gestures and little heroes from nature. Two special events made this month a special experience for our young visitors.

Mother's Day - "Mom's Wonder Bag"

For Mother's Day, we read the lovingly illustrated book "Mom's Wonder Bag" by Stefanie Taschinski. In this heartwarming story, a child discovers the seemingly magical contents of her mother's handbag – bandages, chewing gum, candy, and magic items for all situations. A loving homage to the many little things that keep moms prepared for any situation.

Afterwards, the children were able to get creative and paint their own mom's very own "wonder bag" – with everything that makes her special and unique.



World Bee Day - The "Queen Bee" as an eKami

On the occasion of World Bee Day, we explored the Brothers Grimm fairy tale "The Queen Bee." The story was presented as an eKami (electronic Kamishibai) – a special reading experience with pictures and exciting texts.

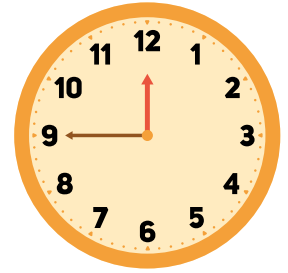
Together, we learned how important it is to respect animals and not harm them. The queen bee reminds us that even the smallest ones are often the greatest helpers. We were also amazed at all the things we would be missing from our breakfast table without bees: honey, apples, strawberries, jam, nuts, and much more!

With spring greetings from the media library 🌸

Your media library team at GISAD



"The Time" - Media Basket for the Flex Classes



A new media basket on the topic of "time" has been put together for science lessons in the flex classes.

It contains a diverse selection of materials that help children discover and understand the topic in a playful and varied way.

The basket includes Tiptoi games and books, exciting storybooks, a LÜK box game, and selected titles from the "Wieso? Weshalb? Warum?" series on the topic of time.

Learning the time is an important step for children on the path to greater independence and everyday skills. Games and engaging stories not only make learning easier but also really fun!

We are pleased to be able to make this media basket available and wish all little time explorers lots of fun exploring!

If you are interested in any of the media in the basket, you are welcome to borrow them.





ABU DHABI BOOK FAIR - NEW TREASURES FOR THE LIBRARY

Our visit to this year's Abu Dhabi International Book Fair was a complete success!

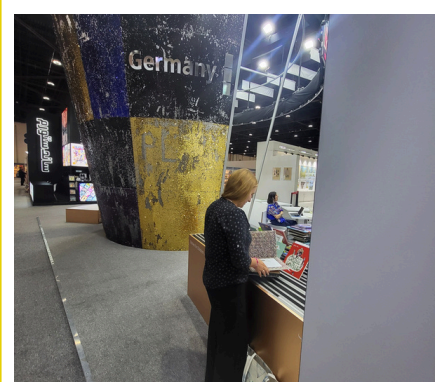
We were thrilled to visit numerous inspiring booths and purchase many new books in Arabic and English. These not only expand our selection but also actively contribute to promoting our students' multilingualism and fostering their enjoyment of reading in different languages.

When selecting Arabic books, we paid particular attention to ensuring that they fit the holiday reading suggestions of the MOE (Ministry of Education) for grades 2 to 4. This allows our students to continue reading outside of class in a targeted and enjoyable manner.

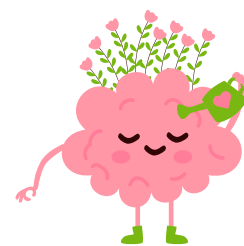
We also selected books in English-language literature that are also available in our library in their German translations. We want to give multilingual families the opportunity to discover, compare, and enjoy stories together.

A very special thank you goes to the German booth and the Frankfurt Book Fair, who supported us with a generous book donation. The donated books cover all ages – from kindergarten to secondary school – and enrich our shelves with stories, nonfiction, and much more.

We look forward to making all these new books available to our readers, both young and old, soon – for them to browse, read, and discover!



LISTEN AND LEARN SOMETHING



"LISTEN AND LEARN SOMETHING!" – HOW CHILDREN PLAYFULLY ABSORB KNOWLEDGE THROUGH LISTENING

In a world full of books, worksheets, and tablets, we often forget one of the most natural forms of learning available to children from an early age: listening. "Listen and learn something!" – this call reminds us how important it is to offer children not only something to read, but also something to listen to.

Especially at kindergarten and elementary school age, children are particularly receptive. They literally absorb knowledge when it is presented in an age-appropriate, exciting, and imaginative way. And this is precisely where audio stories come into play. They not only promote concentration and imagination, but also playfully impart basic knowledge that will be enormously important later in school – for example, about animals, nature, technology, social interaction, or first geographical terms.

A particularly nice find is the YouTube channel ["I know what! - Alerbert E explains to us..."](#) Here you'll find child-friendly audio stories that cover much of the same content covered in elementary school science classes (SMU) or even kindergarten. What's special about them: Although they're YouTube videos, the stories are purely audio-based. This means no screen required – just listen!

A major advantage: These stories can be listened to on the go – e.g., in the car on the way to school, on longer weekend trips, or even just at home while painting or crafting. A Bluetooth connection to the car radio turns every trip into a little journey of discovery.

Because learning doesn't always have to be associated with books and sitting still. Hearings often remain deeply ingrained because they create emotional images in the mind. And that's exactly what children need for long-term learning: experiences, stories, and curiosity.

So, let's work together to ensure that our children not only learn to read – but also learn to listen properly. Because those who can listen well understand better. And those who understand learn for life.

 Check it out! YouTube Channel: [Learn with Me – Nonfiction Stories for Children](#)

Recommended for kindergarten and elementary school-aged children.



Albert E. erklärt





PARENT HUB



FRIDAY, MAY 30 AT 8 AM

**Inspiring topics, real
conversations &
community vibes in the
GISAD Mediothek**



Speaker: Karl Weinmeister

Topic: Exam anxiety – how
it affects students and
what we as parents can
do to support them.

JOIN US!



I'M GOING TO SCHOOL SOON











Dear preschoolers, dear parents,

It's almost that time – the big step from kindergarten to school is approaching! For many children, this transition is filled with great anticipation, but also with some questions and perhaps a bit of excitement. That's why it's so important to prepare for this new phase of life together with your children.

Our library offers a diverse selection of lovingly designed picture and nonfiction books that explore the topic "I'll be starting school soon." These books help reduce anxiety, awaken curiosity, and make the start of school a joyful and exciting experience.

Some of our favorite back-to-school books are:

-  A Back-to-School Full of Surprises - German
-  Wieso? Weshalb? Warum? – I'm Starting School - German
-  I'm Starting School Tomorrow - German
-  Yawmuna Aláwal fi almadrasa (Our First Day at School – in Arabic)
-  First Day of School and Other Adventures - German
-  Globi at School (in English)
-  Haqiba madrasia (My School Bag – in Arabic)
-  Starting School (in English)

These stories provide child-friendly insights into everyday school life and address questions like "What do I do at school?", "What does my classroom look like?", or "Will I make friends?" They invite empathy, laughter, and reflection – and create a wonderful foundation for conversations between children and adults.

We warmly invite all preschool children and their parents to visit our media library and immerse themselves in the world of school stories!

READY, SET, SCHULTÜTEN

A TRADITION THAT HAS CHARACTERIZED THE START OF SCHOOL IN GERMANY FOR GENERATIONS!

Originally from Thuringia and Saxony, the tradition has spread throughout the country since the 19th century. The colorful and lovingly filled school cone is simply a must. For about 200 years, children have been preparing for the start of school – and the sugar cone is an essential part of this.

For parents unfamiliar with the tradition, we offer small, special products for the school cone in our school shop.



Preschool families can purchase their school cone sets from us now, and the crafting dates will be announced by the preschool teacher in due course.

SCHOOL CANES AND FILLERS
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