INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

BEYOND READING: A Library For Every Mind

PROGRAMME

4–5 November 2026 | Povilas Višinskis Library. Aušros al. 62, Šiauliai



4th November

9:00–10:00	**Participant arrival and registration.** Welcome coffee.
10:00–10:30	**CONFERENCE OPENING** (performance by the Colours Orchestra and welcome speeches).
10:30–10:50	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Indrė Bakanienė. ***From Rare to Everywhere: How Our Understanding of Autism Changed – and What It Means for Open Institutions.***
10:50–11:10	Jurgita Žalgirytė-Skurdenienė. ***The Library – a Safe Haven for Autistic People.***
11:10–11:30	Virginija Juškevičiūtė. ***Reading – Another Bridge to Inclusion.***
11:30–12:00	**COFFEE BREAK.**
12:00–12:20	Urtė Šulskienė. ***How HERUN Was Born: Ideas, Collaboration and Exchange Across Europe.***
12:20–12:40	Verónica Magalhães and Maria Lacerda. **Stories That Make Sense(s): The Portuguese Experience of Sensory Reading in Public Libraries.**
12:40–13:10	Klemen Brvar, Martina Magdič, Meta Blagšič, Robert Kereži, Biserka Bobnar, Anja Tlakar, Igor Plohl and Teja Milavec. ***Slovenia: How We Helped the Heroes and Unleashed the Bear.***
13:10–13:30	Olena Shchepil and Iryna Biluta. ***Sensory Reading in Ukraine: Challenges and Achievements.***
13:30–14:30	**LUNCH BREAK.**
14:30–14:50	Simona Juzėnienė. ***Numbers and Voices: Feedback on HERUN Sensory Reading Sessions.***
14:50–15:10	Greta Bacevičiūtė and Odeta Maziliauskienė. ***Reading and Understanding: The Role of Libraries in Creating Easy-to-Read Publications.***
15:10–15:30	Gintarė Navakauskaitė and Greta Ščeliokaitė. ***Taming the Book: Challenges and Discoveries of a Dyslexia Camp.***
15:30–15:50	Paulina Sprindžiukaitė. ***Future Ideas for Unleashing the Heroes: Best Practices and Neurodiversity in Libraries Across Europe and the World.***
19:00–22:00	**CONFERENCE SOCIAL EVENING.**

5th November

10:00–10:15	Biserka Bobnar and Robert Kereži. ***Why is Storytelling Not the Same as Reading? Practical presentation.***
10:15–12:45	Creative workshop: ***What Shall We Do Next? Idea generation through graphic facilitation.***
12:45–13:30	**LUNCH BREAK.**
13:30–14:00	**CONFERENCE CLOSING.**
14:00–15:00	**Ex libris workshops for guests from partner countries.**

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