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### **Books? Of Course**

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School libraries play an important role in developing students' literacy skills. These goals cannot be reached without collaboration between a school librarian and other teachers. We, the school librarian and a fifth-form teacher, work together on projects in which we motivate students to read literature in different ways. A few reading projects will be presented, with the focus on an international project (between Slovenia and Croatia) titled Reading without Borders. The basic goals of this project are: motivation of students to read quality young adult literature, reading aloud, consolidating reading skills, group reading, informal gatherings, reproducing literary texts, pretending to be one of the characters, listening to one another, encouraging respectful communication and different opinions, as well as breaking prejudices and stereotypes. What is more, peers from neighbouring countries share their opinions on books, socialise and play together, learn about other countries, and thus learn to respect and accept other cultures. Teamwork between the librarian and teacher and aspects of reading will be presented.

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