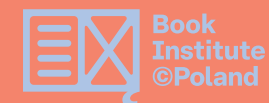




Ministry of Culture and National Heritage
Republic of Poland

Programme of events

Poland in Bologna 2026



● 12:00–13:30

Meet Poland's Top Comic Artists

Przemek Truściński, Jacek Świdziński,
Krzysztof Gawronkiewicz

Polish Stand BolognaBookPlus (stand A2)

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● 14:00–15:30

Live Sketching the Fair

Joanna Bartosik, Aleksandra Artymowska

The Illustrators Survival Corner

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● 14:30–15:20

Spotlight on Poland: The Emerging Scene of Polish Comics

Przemek Truściński, Jacek Świdziński,
Krzysztof Gawronkiewicz

Moderator: Szymon Holcman

The Content Café

ORGANISED BY: HAMELIN

● 16:30–17:15

Poland Handover Ceremony

Grzegorz Jankowicz – Director, The Polish Book Institute
Olga Brzezińska – Deputy Director, The Adam Mickiewicz
Institute

Magdalena Kłos-Podsiadło – Exhibition Curator

Anita Wincencjusz-Patyna – Exhibition Curator

The Illustrator Café (Services Centre)

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● 18:30–20:00

Meet Przemek "Trust" Truściński

Moderator: Daniele Nicot

Mondadori Bookstore in Modena

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Thursday — April 16

● 9:30–12:00

Portfolio Marathon

Anna Nowacka-Devillard, Magdalena Kłos-Podsiadło

The Illustrators Survival Corner

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Monday — April 13

- **11:30–12:15**
AI Authorship and Ownership: Redefining Publishing Contracts
Marcin Hamkało – Deputy Director, The Polish Book Institute
Kevin Stewart – Director, Contracts People
Searsha Sadek – Shimmr AI
AIE Theatre
ORGANISED BY: BOLOGNA BOOK PLUS
- **13:20**
Guest of Honour Forum: What's in it for us? Conversation with representatives from two guest countries at the Bologna Book Fair, Norway and Poland
Grzegorz Jankowicz – Director, The Polish Book Institute
Ewa Bolińska-Gostkowska – Senior Foreign Rights Manager, Znak Publishing
Margit Walsø – Director, NORLA Norwegian Literature Abroad
Evy Tillman – Literary Agent
Moderator: Jacks Thomas, Guest Director, BolognaBookPlus
BolognaBookPlus Theatre
ORGANISED BY: NORLA
- **14:10–14:50**
Graphic novels for adults. The Synergy Between Words, Design and Illustration
Participants:
Håkon Strand – Director, Strand Publishing
Szymon Holcman – Rights Manager, Kultura Gniewu
Moderator: Edward Nawotka, Publishers Weekly
BolognaBookPlus Theatre
ORGANISED BY: NORLA
- **16:00–16:40**
Dialogue between Wang Zumin and Marianna Oklejak Polish edition launch of the picture book *Oops! the Careless Pony*
Booth H26, B171 China Pavilion
ORGANISED BY: PHOENIX JUVENILE AND CHILDREN'S PUBLISHING LTD
- **16:30–17:20**
Big Feelings, Brave Books
Taylor Norman – Editorial Director, Neal Porter Books
Matthew Parkinson Bennett – CEO and Publisher, Little Island Books
Anita Wincencjusz-Patyna – Assistant Professor, The Eugeniusz Geppert Academy of Arts and Design in Wrocław

Moderator: **Valentine Stoeva** – Chair of EURead
The Content Café

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- **17:00–17:45**
Tradition Reimagined: Visual Voices from Poland
Zosia Dzierżawska, Kasia Walentynowicz, Kasia Minasowicz, Agata Dudek
The Illustrators Survival Corner Stage, BCBF
ORGANISED BY: THE ADAM MICKIEWICZ INSTITUTE

Tuesday — April 14

- **09:30–11:30**
Where Circles Belong – Workshop
Kasia Walentynowicz
ORGANISED BY: THE ADAM MICKIEWICZ INSTITUTE
IN COLLABORATION WITH MAMBO
- **11:10–11:40**
Control, Compensation and Creative Rights in the Age of AI
Piero Attanasio – AIE, Member IPA Copyright Policy Committee
Rafał Kosik – BolognaBookPlus Author Ambassador
Friederike Fuxen – Rights Manager, dp DIGITAL
BolognaBookPlus Theatre
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- **14:30–15:20**
Boys Will Be Boys: Why Boys Lag Behind in Reading (and What to Do About It)
Grzegorz Jankowicz – Director, The Polish Book Institute
Tamar van Gelder – CEO, Reading Foundation Netherlands
Silvija Tretjakova – CEO, Centre for Childrens Literature at National Library of Latvia
Viki Marcinová – CEO, The Land of Readers Slovakia
Moderator: **Valentina Stoeva** – Chair of EURead
The Next Chapter Café
ORGANISED BY: EUREAD
- **14:30–15:20**
Rhyme, Resonance, Reach: Navigating the Global Poetry Market from East to West
Ewa Bolińska-Gostkowska – Senior Foreign Rights Manager, Znak Publishing
Li Ruihua – Vice President, Yilin Press
Francesco De Luca – publisher and translator, Delufa Press
Alicia Liu – CEO, Singing Grass

Moderator: **Jacks Thomas**, Guest Director, BolognaBookPlus
ORGANISED BY: BOLOGNA BOOK PLUS

- **15:00–17:00**
Matchmaking session with Polish publishers
Polish Stand – BolognaBookPlus (stand A2)
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- **15:30–16:00**
Rafał Kosik – in conversation with Natasha Poliszczuk
BolognaBookPlus Theatre
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- **16:45–17:45**
Portfolio Review for Illustrators with Anita Wincencjusz-Patyna
Designer Studio
ORGANISED BY: BOLOGNA BOOK PLUS
- **17:15–18:15**
Poland Meets the Globe
BolognaBookPlus Theatre
ORGANISED BY: THE POLISH BOOK INSTITUTE

Wednesday — April 15

- **10:30–11:20**
Books with Wanderlust – Where Is Your Book Going?
Jadwiga Jędryas – Co-Founder & Publisher, Dwie Siostry
Camille Vasseur – Publisher, Éditions La Partie
Hans Petter Bakkeiteig – Literary Agent, Stilton Literary Agency
Moderator: **Steven Guarnaccia** – Prof. Emeritus, Parsons School of Design
The Content Café
ORGANISED BY: THE POLISH BOOK INSTITUTE
- **11:45–12:30**
Discovering Hidden Gems with the European Union Prize for Literature
Anne Bergman-Tahon – Director, FEP – Federation of European Publishers
Kasia Bidston – Production Manager, First Editions
Philippe Marczewski – Head of international Programs, Lithuanian Culture Institute
Karolina Oponowicz – Editor, Agora Publishing
Moderator: **Emma House** – Oreham group
BolognaBookPlus Theatre
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