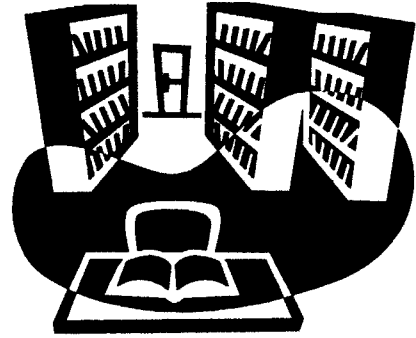


An open letter to friends of "The Bookshelf, e.V."

Does Munich need an English Lending Library????

The Bookshelf[®] has been in financial difficulty in recent months. Fewer new members, difficulty meeting our monthly rent. We also have competition. Since our founding in 1992 Munich has acquired a second-hand English bookshop as well as an English Hugendubel.



Do we still have a place here? Are we needed? From the start, our library was seen as a community service, run by volunteers, for Munich's English-speaking booklovers. We still feel that way, and have a number of loyal members and volunteers. In fact, we have always managed to find enough volunteers to keep the library running. That's the good news. We have a steady supply of books in all categories...novels, mysteries, biographies, history, sociology, etc., as well as many children's and juvenile books. And we now have a monthly Children's Story Hour, which raises our profile in the community.

But there is rent to be paid, low though it is. (€205 a month.) Bank charges and small items like postage, light bulbs and our web page (www.thebookshelf.de) make up our other costs.



What you can do:

- Become a member (€42 a year, €25 for trial membership) or renew your membership if you are already a Bookshelfer.....
- Publicize our library (flyers available at the library desk)
- Consider new ways we can attract members (students of English, families with small children, newcomers.)
- Get involved!! Come to our Annual General Meeting in the downstairs clubroom of the library on Sat. February 3, at 1 p.m. This will be a potluck lunch and social gathering, where you can help us make decisions about the future of the library.
- Tell people about our "Give a Library Instead of a Book" offer now available for €30 (6 months) or €42 (year membership.) Attractive vouchers are available at the library

Please help us keep our library alive!

Dee Pattee, Chairman (dee.pattee@t-online.de)

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Some recent additions to our bookshelves:

<i>The Devil Wears Prada</i>	Lauren Weisberger
<i>Snow</i>	Orhan Pamuk
<i>My Name is Red</i>	Orhan Pamuk
<i>The Moscow Vector</i>	Robert Ludlum
<i>1000 Places to See before you Die</i>	Patricia. Schulz
<i>Perfume</i>	Patrick Suskind
<i>With No One as Witness</i>	Elizabeth George
<i>Prague</i>	Arthur Phillips
<i>My Life</i>	Bill Clinton
<i>Teacher Man</i>	Frank McCourt

Our Library Board:

Chairman	Dee Pattee
Vice-chairman	Ellen Sullivan
Secretary	Terry Saks
Treasurer	Dick Pattee

PLEASE NOTE.
The library will be closed
Dec. 22 -January 8
(Last open day Dec. 20)