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WORLD BOOK AND COPYRIGHT DAY



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DID YOU KNOW?

World Book and Copyright Day is celebrated annually on 23 April to honor literacy, authors, and copyright. It promotes reading and access to knowledge through education. Books written by and for women and girls are vital for learning and empowerment, while reading supports school participation and broader social and economic development.

SOURCE: UNESCO

Annually, the UNESCO designates a World Book Capital. In 2026 the World Book Capital is Rabat, the capital of Morocco, chosen for its strong book industry and publishing scene.



INTERESTING READ

The article explains that the gender gap in intellectual property is not just about fewer women in STEM. Even women already in technical fields are less likely to use the patent system. It emphasizes that early exposure, education, information, and role models are key to closing this gap. For young women and girls, this means access to quality education, and visible innovators can help them see themselves as creators and inventors. In the World Book and Copyright Day campaign, the message is that knowledge, creativity, and copyright awareness can empower girls to turn ideas into impact.

SOURCE: WIPO MAGAZINE

4 QUALITY
EDUCATION



This day is directly linked to SDG 4, which aims for inclusive, equitable, quality education.



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ADVOCACY IDEAS

Here are some ways to advocate for girls' and women's right to read, write, and be heard.

Celebrate diverse women authors. Share their work and stories online using hashtags like #WorldBookDay.

Donate to literacy programs. Books, devices, and internet access help bridge the gap for girls everywhere.

Support inclusive education policies. Encourage your government or local schools to expand literacy access and protect the rights of women writers.

Support GWI, as our aim is to advance education and the rights of women and girls by making knowledge, and creative expression accessible.

