



### Tilka Jamnik: Intergenerational hunger for words

*All of us who work in the field of youth literature and reading are aware of the importance of including adults and older people in encouraging children and teenagers to read. Successful lifelong readers grow with vertical encouragement of reading: from family (cradle reading), to school and peer reading to various forms of intergenerational reading (at all levels with particular attention given to readers with special needs). Sharing reading experiences deepens both reading and interpersonal relationships. This is also something that both the Slovenian Section of IBBY, which with its various campaigns to promote reading tries to satisfy the hunger for words with readers of various ages, and the Slovenian Reading Badge Society, which has been encouraging reading for more than six decades, are aware of.*

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