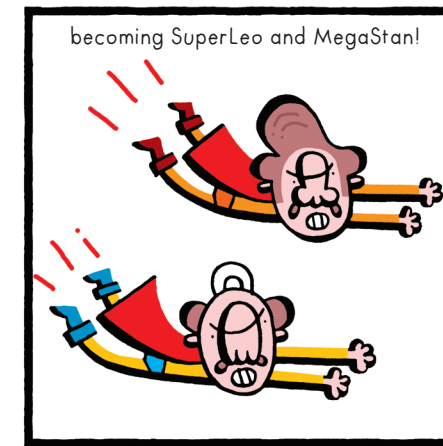
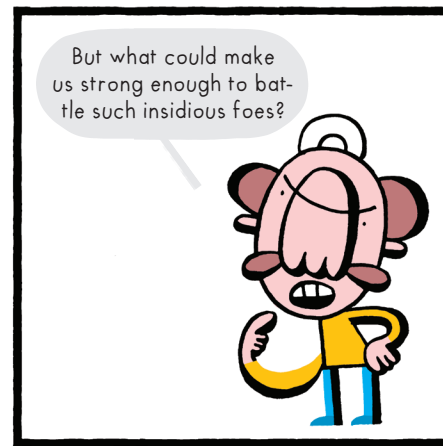
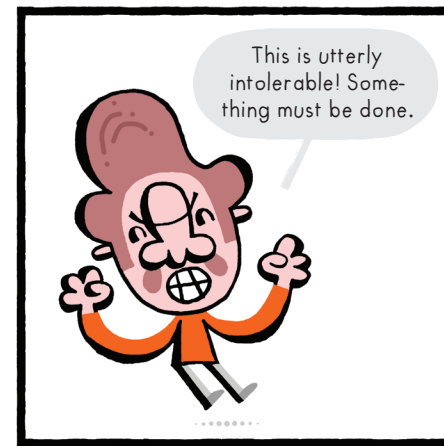
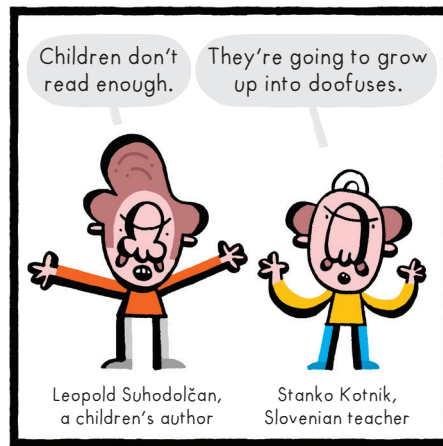
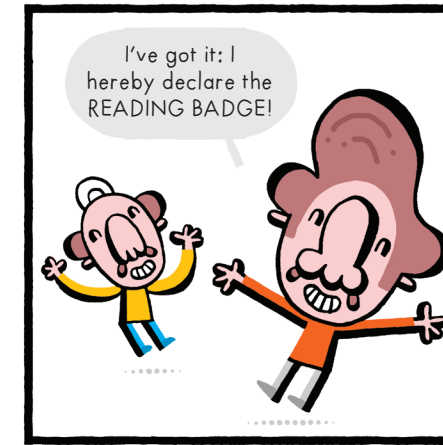
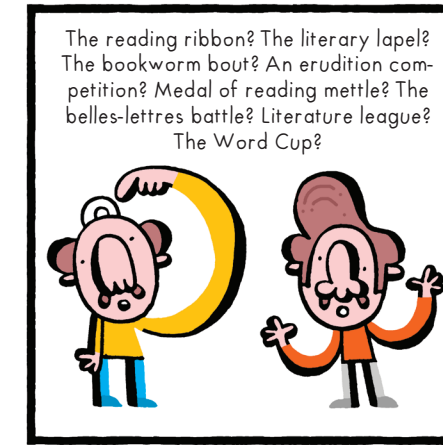
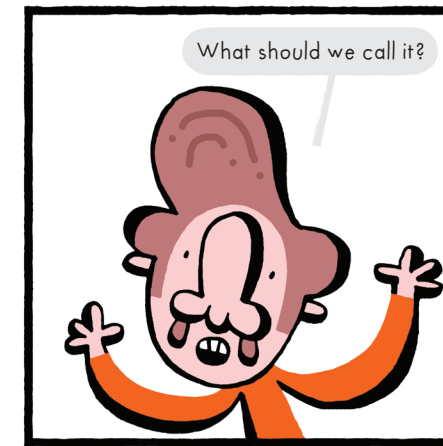
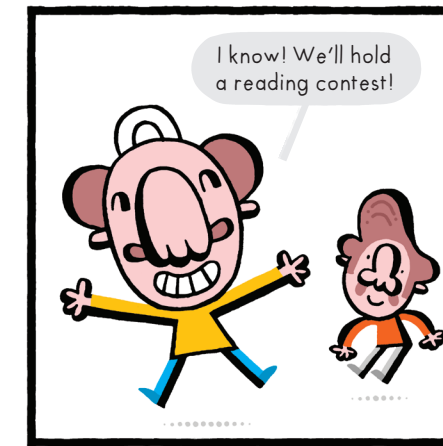
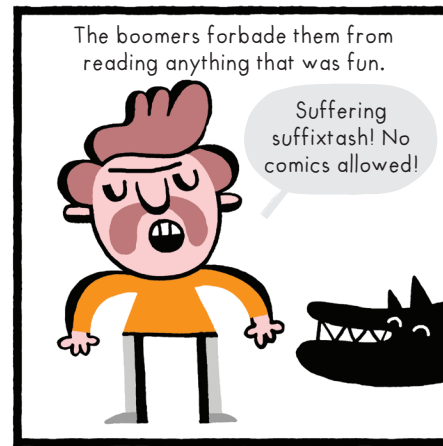
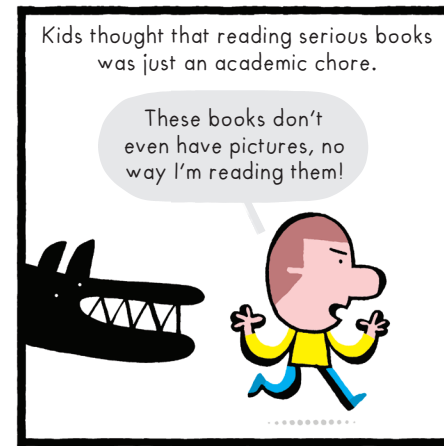


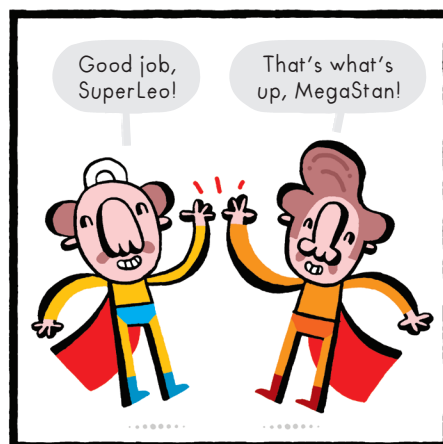
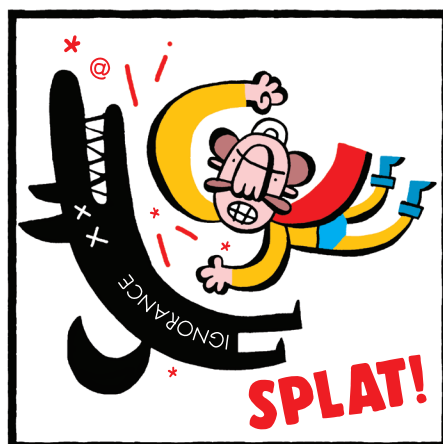
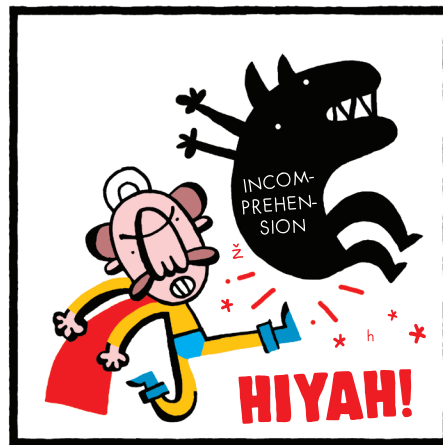
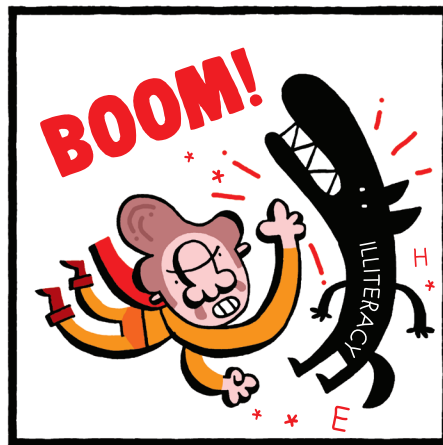
A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE READING BADGE



Leopold Suhodolčan and Stanko Kotnik invented the Reading Badge during the 1960/61 school year in Prevalje na Koroškem.

The Reading Badge endeavors to raise the level of literacy and reading culture at all levels of society.

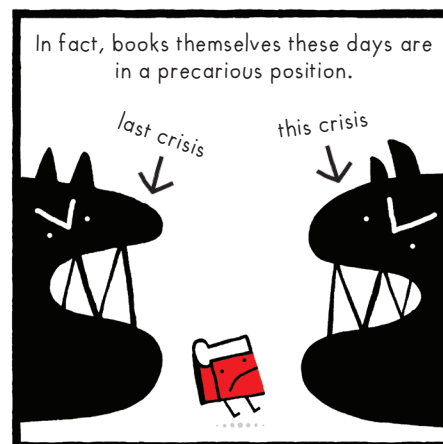
Kids in those days enjoyed collecting badges. Leopold and Stanko took advantage of this and awarded badges to budding readers.



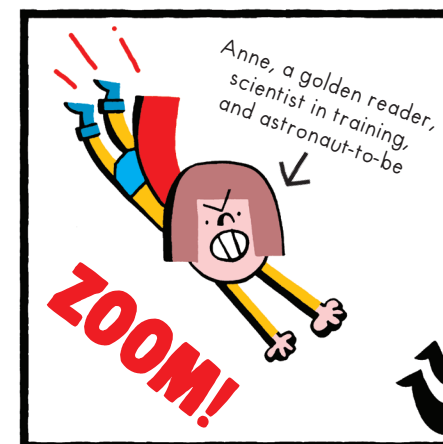
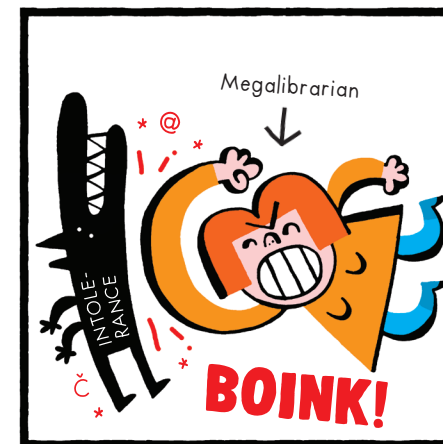
"The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr. Seuss



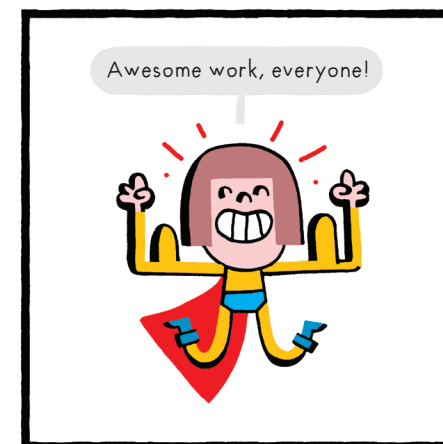
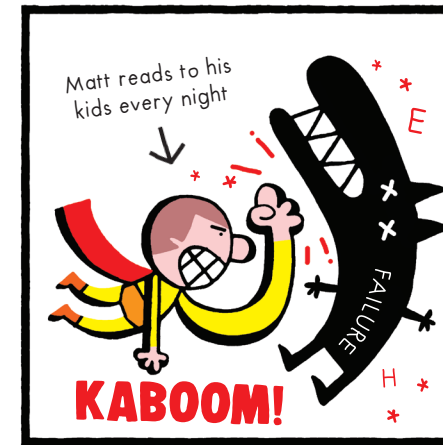
The Reading Badge has its share of accolades. Since 2019 it is proudly featured in Slovenia's national register of intangible cultural heritage.



In fact, books themselves these days are in a precarious position.



Over 7,000 mentors contribute every year to the Reading Badge, which is held at nearly every Slovenian school both at home and abroad.



Awesome work, everyone!