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Süddeutsche Zeitung

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Today, in this enchanting library about which I read in the United States, a dream came true … My visit here made me completely happy.

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The International Youth Library itself is something like a poem. A castle at the lake. Ducks on the lake, dainty little towers above the roof. A fortress for books! The Youth Library personifies utopia! Susanne Mayer, Journalist, DIE ZEIT

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A park, therein a castle, therein more than half a million of books – that is the International Youth Library. Die Abendzeitung, München

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