



19TH LITERARY COMPETITION

(primary and secondary schools)

The 'Monte Linas' Library System - Province of South Sardinia and Sisar s.a.s. propose the 19th edition of the literary competition reserved for children and young people of primary and secondary schools in the municipalities belonging to the System, entitled

“ELEMENTARE WATSON!”

The detective story is a literary genre that conventionally originated in 1841 with *The Murders of the Rue Morgue* by Edgar Allan Poe and then spread enormously with the birth of the detective Sherlock Holmes created from the pen of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Actually, the correct definition of the genre is detective story, only in Italy it is called giallo by a famous series with a yellow cover, published by Mondadori and dedicated to detective novels. Even today, when one speaks of a mystery or a case to be solved one uses the now synonym is used "giallo".

The structure of this literary genre is very simple:

- * A puzzle to be solved
- * An investigator who collects clues and formulates hypotheses
- * The solution of the case, and the identification of the guilty party, which concludes the story.

It can certainly be said that the detective story is a reassuring and educational genre because, in the end, the guilty is always brought to justice and therefore legality always wins.

The aim of the competition is to stimulate reading, writing and creativity in children through an interesting, entertaining and also interactive literary genre as the reader participates in the investigation, develops hypotheses and feels involved in the search for the solution to the enigma.

We approach our young writers with a challenge to the last pen that will eventually lead them to pronounce, like Sherlock Holmes to his assistant: "Elementary, Watson!"

Rules

- 1) Each work must be original and unpublished and may be accompanied by a drawing. Works must be submitted in paper format. A4 paper is required leaving a margin of 1 cm on each side to allow them to be bound into a single file. Works that do not comply with the required instructions may not be bound in the handout that will be made available to the public in the various libraries of the System.
- 2) You can enter the competition individually or in school classes.
- 3) Works must be received no later than 4 February 2023 - 12.00 noon, hand-delivered or by post (the postmark will serve as proof), to the municipal library.
- 4) Works must be received inside a sealed envelope on the outside of which must be written the address of the library and the wording: Literary competition 'Elementare, Watson!' - primary or secondary school, country of origin and name of the institute and of the plexus, if any. Works must contain first name, surname and age of the authors. Please enclose a sheet with the names of only the children participants, the personal details of the teacher of reference and the school's telephone number or, in the case of individual participation, the first and last name, class, school belonging and a telephone number.
- 5) Participation in the competition is free of charge and constitutes express authorisation to non-profit publication. Submitted works will not be returned. The organisers accept no responsibility for any loss or misunderstanding of any kind that may occur during the during the submission of works to the competition secretariat or in relation to the competition itself the execution of the competition.

The students and/or classes that participate in the competition will give their school to receive as a gift a series of children's books that will enrich the school library.

For information:

Municipal Library – Arbus – Piazza San Lussorio – tel. 0707340529

Municipal Library– Gonnosfanadiga – Via Gramsci, 19 – tel. 0702051219

Municipal Library– Guspini – Via San Nicolò, 12 – tel. 0709760602

Municipal Library– Pabillonis – Via Su Rieddu, 4 – tel. 0709353957

Municipal Library– San Gavino Monreale – Via Leonardo, snc – tel. 0709339071

Municipal Library– Sardara – Via Manzoni, 7 – tel. 0709387559

Municipal Library– Villacidro – Via Regione Sarda, 65 tel. 0709316551