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City Library

## **Children's book author Alice Pantermüller looks forward to reading in Bocholt**



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**Bocholt - The well-known children's and youth book author Alice Pantermüller ("Mein Lotta-Leben", "Florentine Blix") will be reading from her works in Bocholt next Wednesday, 6 March. Claudia Alders, head of the children's and youth library in Bocholt, spoke to the author in advance.**

**Claudia Alders:** "Mrs Pantermüller, what do you actually think of when you think of a library? Do you associate any special memories with the subject?"

**Alice Pantermüller:** "In the Flensburg of my childhood, there was of course a public library, but it was too far away from my parents' house. But there was a book bus! Every fortnight - at least I think so - it was parked not far from us at the top of the street and my sister and I hardly ever missed it to stock up on new books. You couldn't buy as many books as we devoured.

**Alders:** "And today?..."

**Pantermüller:** "I now look forward to reading in a library every time. The atmosphere is always nicer than in a classroom or a gym. Libraries are often housed in historical or modern buildings that are flooded with light. You're surrounded by books - it's simply cosy."



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**Alders:** "You were already on a reading tour in the Borken district last year. Is there anything that you particularly remember from Bocholt?"

**Pantermüller:** "I really remember the city library in Bocholt, which is not only strategically located right next to the railway station, which is not to be underestimated when you're travelling with a suitcase full of books, but also combines exactly that: the old station building with a modern extension full of windows and light. And I still remember the Aasee lake, where I used to go for walks when the weather was nice while I learnt Danish vocabulary with my app."

**Alders:** "You are currently on a reading tour again. Are there any books that you particularly enjoy reading then?"

**Pantermüller:** "I actually read more when I'm travelling than when I'm at home. When I get back to the hotel after several readings, I like to lie down on the bed and reach for a book. It's best when it's a good book. By that I mean: I don't prefer any particular genre, a favourite book can just as easily be a thriller as a love story or a life story, as long as I find it enriching."

**Alders:** "Do you have a special tip?"

**Pantermüller:** "I like the books by Icelandic author Hallgrímur Helgason, for example. Dörte Hansen's "Lunch Hour" also left me feeling inspired. When I come home after a long reading trip, there are usually unanswered emails, the washing machine and other tasks waiting for me that keep me from reading."

## Children's book author in Bocholt on Wednesday

Alice Pantermüller will be a guest in Bocholt next **Wednesday, 6 March**. Her live reading for children and young people aged 9 and over starts at 4 p.m. Tickets cost 5 euros and are available from the city library.

Pantermüller is known for her book series "Mein Lotta-Leben", of which there are now 19 books, two film adaptations and numerous audio books. The novels about the detective "Florentine Blix" are also very popular with children and young people.