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Big book market on Sunday at the Gasthausplatz

Event in Bocholt for 30 years // Review of eventful history

The Bocholt book market is celebrating a milestone birthday on Sunday: the event has been taking place since 1993 - 30 years now. On Sunday, visitors can browse and buy between 11 am and 6 pm - and have a good time.

Exactly 30 years ago, the 1st Bocholt Book Market took place in Bocholt, inspired by the opening of the Bredevoort Book City, says organiser Rainer Heeke. "Back then, the book world was still in order. Today, the book is no longer the basic metaphor of our age; it had to give way to the screen," says Heeke.

But the book is being "rediscovered as a reliable medium in times of fakenews and digital overstimulation", Heeke is convinced. In the past 30 years, the book market has become a meeting place for readers, book collectors and "book pilgrims".

The book market has not always taken place at the Gasthausplatz: Initially in the courtyard of the Woord manor house, the market later took place at the Kunsthaus and finally at Gasthausplatz. It will also take place here next Sunday, 3 September, between 11 am and 6 pm.

Traders from Germany and the Netherlands

More than 30 market participants from Germany and the Netherlands will offer their books there. Bookbinder Guido Pracca from Bredevoort will also be there. On the occasion of the 800th anniversary of the city of Bocholt last year, the "City History of the 20th Century" will be offered at the book market by the production studio Michael Deutz.

The event will be musically accompanied by the duo Alexandre Oudovitchenko and Anna Brigina (from 1 p.m.), by graduates of the St. Petersburg Conservatory and by the recorder ensemble of the Bocholt Music School under the direction of Theres Kommerscher (at 3 p.m.).





Looking forward to the book market (from left): bookseller Rainer Heeke, Managing Director Michael Deutz and Oliver Brenn from the Department of Culture and Education. © Stadt Bocholt

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