



Libraries in the open air: 5.000 books freed in Seville's parks destined to book crossing

LOCATION: Seville

DURATION: 1'45"

SUMMARY: Seville's City Council has freed 5.000 books in the María Luisa and Pirotecnica parks to promote book crossing among people from Seville and tourists creating libraries in the open air full of charm. Specifically, in the María Luisa Park they have restored the shelves created by the architect Aníbal González for the Ibero-American Expo of 1929. The intention of this project is to spread this experience to other eight parks and free 8.000 books that remain useless in the warehouses of the libraries of the city.

VTR:

We are at the María Luisa Park. And in the distance we see a shelf, plenty of books? Well, yes, because they are part of the initiative started by the Seville's City Council that has freed 5.000 books in two parks of the city to recover an old tradition.

JOSÉ LUIS GARCÍA Seville's City Council

"What we are trying here is returning to the María Luisa Park one of its initial origins as Aníbal González designed, as a library in the open air. Enjoying reading in an environment as beautiful as it is the María Luisa park and also promoting reading among young people and elders."

Because these shelves, designed by the architect Aníbal González for the Ibero-American Expo of 1929, have been restored to recover its original use, being a book repository.

READERS

"Now the culture people have is like everything more cool, more chic and we forget a little about books."

"People will come and say, look there are books! I'm going to read!"

And in other park, this time of the twenty-first century, Luis, a waiter, takes this shelf outside. He is the one in charge of taking care of the books that are waiting for new readers.

"It is a way to promote reading as it is for free and they offer the chance to interchange books, to take them home or leaving others."

READERS

"You come to the park for a while and you can entertain reading a book."

They are mainly books by Spanish authors, that remained useless in the warehouses of the libraries of the city. Books to walk, to take them home or to be interchanged... It is book crossing in the parks of Seville that this year will reach nearly a dozen green areas in the city.

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