

## List of UNESCO World Book Capital Cities

**2024 - Strasbourg** - Strasbourg will focus on the role of books in meeting the challenges of social tensions and climate change.

**2023 - Accra** - Accra presented a broad programme targeting groups with high levels of illiteracy including women, youth, migrants, street children and persons with disabilities.

**2022 - Guadalajara** - Guadalajara proposed a comprehensive policy plan and prioritized books for social change, combatting violence, and peace-building.

**2021 - Tbilisi** - Tbilisi highlighted technology's role in promoting youth reading, promoting the slogan "Ok. So your next book is...?"

**2020 - Kuala Lumpur** - Kuala Lumpur stood out for its focus on inclusive education, accessible reading, and the development of a knowledge-based society.

**2019 - Sharjah** - Sharjah's innovative, inclusive program aimed to foster UAE's reading culture and literary creation through community-based activities.

**2018 - Athens** - Athens aimed to create a society of knowledge by promoting universal book access alongside the industry in the city, including for migrants and refugees.

**2017 - Conakry** - Conakry acknowledged education and reading as drivers of change, emphasizing wider book distribution.

**2016 - Wroclaw** - Wroclaw proposed a program of high quality and emphasized grass-root community involvement.

**2015 - Incheon** - Incheon's quality program aimed to integrate all stakeholders in the promotion of books and reading, and improve access to books.

**2014 - Port Harcourt** - Port Harcourt's youth-centered program sought to boost Nigeria's culture of books, reading, writing and publishing to improve literacy rates.

**2013 - Bangkok** - Bangkok's commitment through its activities and community-focused program brought all the diverse stakeholders of the book chain together.

**2012 - Yerevan** - Yerevan's diverse, detailed, and realistic grassroots program focused on universal issues and linked all the aspects and actors of the book chain.

**2011 - Buenos Aires** - Buenos Aires' consolidated strategy underpinning the programme and the quality and variety of its file secured its nomination.

**2010 - Ljubljana** - Ljubljana's diverse and complete programme was widely supported by all players involved in the book industry (publishers, bookstores and libraries).

**2009 - Beirut** - Beirut's stimulating program and its focus on cultural diversity, dialogue, and tolerance contributed to its election.

**2008 – Amsterdam** - Amsterdam's diverse and international program focusing on freedom of expression led to its selection.

**2007 – Bogotá** – Bogotá engaged the public and private stakeholders of the book sector in order to creatively promote reading promotion.

**2006 – Turin** – Turin's unique collaboration with Rome as a partner city expanded international book promotion.

**2005 – Montreal** – Montreal's internationally inclusive program comprised a whole series of subject areas with the cooperation and commitment of all the actors in the city's book chain.

**2004 – Antwerp** – Antwerp's broad-ranging program covered promotion, sales, services, youth, book professions, cultural diversity and urban cultural minorities.

**2003 – New Delhi** – New Delhi's publisher-rich environment drove its program, launching a programme to promote publishing linked to all professional associations and political and social actors concerned with books.

**2002 – Alexandria** – Alexandria's presentation of its project to reopen its great library project marked a significant modern endeavor.

**2001 – Madrid** – Madrid pioneered the title, with events such as the book mountain around the Puerta de Alcalá.