

## Multilingual Month / Satakielikuukausi celebrates language diversity 21.2.-21.3.

Multilingual Month / Satakielikuukausi celebrates annually mother tongues, multilingualism and language diversity. It invites organizations and individuals to explore and celebrate mother tongues and languages. Multilingual Month takes place between 21.2. International Mother Language Day (Unesco) and 21.3. International Day against Racism (UN) and the World Poetry Day (UN) and it spreads to cultural centers, libraries, schools and homes. The Multilingual Month challenges everyone to reflect on the importance of mother tongue and languages through art, meetings and joint action. The month is celebrated in Finland under the term Satakielikuukausi and elsewhere in the Nordic region under the name Multilingual Month.

2019 is the UN's International Year of Indigenous Languages. The purpose of the year is to make the situation of the indigenous languages of the world more visible. Indigenous languages and children are also the theme of this year's multilingual month. Multilingual Month wants to challenge schools, libraries and other actors in the culture and art field to participate in the UN's International Year of Indigenous Languages by highlighting the situation of the Sámi languages, by arranging events around the theme, by spreading information in the Sámi languages and by increasing content and program in Sámi in their activities!

In the Multilingual Month blog, texts are published twice a week, including texts on the Sami languages and other indigenous languages, on children's literature in Roman language and on Somali and Kurdish-language literature in the Nordic countries. The Multilingual Month / Satakielikuukausi program also includes poetry club nights, fairytale nights, workshops, exhibitions and other events. The program approaches multilingualism from different perspectives, creates opportunities for meetings across language boundaries and discusses how identities are formed through languages. Events in connection with Multilingual Month are arranged around Finland and in the other Nordic countries.

Multilingual Month / Satakielikuukausi is coordinated in Helsinki by the Multilingual Library, Cultural Center Caisa, Culture for All and the Education Division.

Read more about the Satakielikuukausi programme on the Satakielikuukausi webpages: [www.satakielikuukausi.org](http://www.satakielikuukausi.org)

And the blog on Multilingual Month webpages: [www.multilingualmonth.org](http://www.multilingualmonth.org)

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