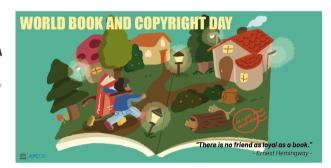
## 23 April

# WORLD BOOK AND COPYRIGHT DAY

"There is no friend as loyal as a book." - Ernest Hemingway -

## Why do we mark this day?



World Book Day was first celebrated on April 23, 1995. This celebration is also known as World Book and Copyright Day, or International Day of the Book and it promotes reading, publishing, and copyright.

From April 1 to 23, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) shares quotes, poems, and messages to symbolize the power of books and encourages reading as much as possible. By creating a sense of community through shared readings and shared knowledge, readers around the world can connect and understand each other better.

#### Questions for Discussion

• Why reading is more important now than ever?

 Have you ever felt happy when you read? If so, what made you happy?

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#### **ECHO Refugee Library**

ECHO is an organization dedicated to fostering community and education initiatives in refugee camps and ECHO library, a multilingual mobile library, is its flagship project. Founded in 2016 in Greece at the height of the refugee crisis, the mobile library provides books in multiple languages for all, including refugees, migrants, and displaced people. ECHO states that the organization's aim in setting up these libraries is to nurture a space of learning and creativity, a place to cultivate the mind. It is a place where goals and ambition can be worked towards, regardless of the grim reality of the present.