

# INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL LIBRARY DAY

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## SHARING EXPERIENCES INVOLVING OTHER SURROUNDING SCHOOL LIBRARIES

We belong to a secondary school, located in Oliveira do Douro in Vila Nova de Gaia, District of Oporto in the North of Portugal.

This year we are celebrating this date with the idea of sharing projects that have involved surrounding school libraries.

In 1999 our school established contacts and started common projects with four elementary/intermediate school libraries from Avintes, Gervide, Olival, Vilar de Andorinho and two other secondary school libraries from Olival and Vila Nova de Gaia.

In that year we had a Christmas Postcard Contest on East Timor. The chosen collection of postcards was reprinted with the financial help of the City Hall and sold in the above school libraries. The money we got, around \$2.440, was sent to East Timor.

In 2000 we started a Poetry Contest. The participants were students from the stated schools and the final jury was composed by teachers and the Director from the Town Library. The City Hall financed the prizes given to the elected "poets" and also the printing of a small anthology named "Poetry at School", which was reprinted and sold in the involved schools. We made around \$1.464 and sent this money to Mozambique for a help in buying school material.

The following year we had the St. Valentine's Postcard Contest.

In 2001 there was another Poetry Contest, this time involving teachers and school employees as participants too. The final jury composition was different too. It was the Town Library Director and two poets named by the President of the "Gaia's Association of Writers". The money each school made from this year's small anthology was given to primary school libraries.

This year the Poetry Contest participation was enlarged to parents from the above schools. Very enriching experiences to be shared with everyone!

To everybody around the world, a HAPPY ISLD!

