

Czech
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Czech Literature 2018

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1. Book market in Czech Rep. (2017)

- volume: **8 bilion** CZK (310 mil. EUR)
- **15,3t** titles/year (decrease – 2008: 18t. t/y)
- 36% transations (1. 53,5% ENG, 2. 15% GER, 3. 5,6 SVK & FR, 4. 2% SCAND. L.)
- 4985 titles - adult fiction (33%)
 - 1844 titles books for children & y. adults (11,2%)
- registered publishers: 2151 (20 publishers +100 titles/year)

2. Libraries & public accessibility

- **5337 public libraries (MKČR)**
(+ 88 specialized libr.)
- nationwide service: The National Library (Prague), Moravian Library (Brno)
- reg. readers: 1 376 (2017), 1 538 (2005), 1 432t (1997)
- Events: 66,9t > 2 356t. visitors

Recent trends: Digitalization

- less visitors in library, more visitors on-line
- more e-materials available

Events

- Increase in events organized by the library
- >>> from traditional function (borrowing item) to a cultural center (readings, discussions, exhibitions, talks, workshops etc.)

3. Literature as „living arts“

Media

TV: Ct2, ČtArt (=state channels)

Radio: Czech Radio Vltava, CR Wave, CR Junior (=state channels)

Newspaper & Weekly magazines:
- literary supplements

Literary periodicals (24)

magazines/journals (print): 17

Host, Tvar, A2, revue Prostor, Raketa etc.

on-line: 7

lliteratura.cz, H70.cz etc.

Book fairs:

Book World (Prague) – international, fair & festival, 24 eds. (400 exhibitors, 45t visitors, 400 events, guests from 25+ countries) + new ed. in Pilsen

Autumn Book Fair (Havlickuv Brod) – 29 eds., 160 exhibitors, 17,5t visitors

Tabook (Tábor) – 5 eds., 40 exhibitors, 4t guests, international – festival > independent book fair

3. Literature as „living arts“

Festivals: app. 35

book fairs + Month of Authorial Reading (CZ-SVK-UKR-PL), Prague Writers Fest., Prague Microfestival + local festivals (+ music festivals with lit. supplement)

+ local stages with regular lit. program (Fra, V. Havel Library, Fiducia etc.)

Literature houses: 0

Prizes: 36

- Magnesia Litera, State prize for Literature & Translation, Jiri Orten Prize, Josef Jungman Prize (trans.)

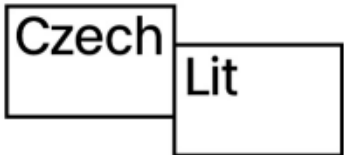
Organisations:

Writers Association

Writers Society

Czech PEN Club

Translators Association



4. Public funding system (MK ČR) – grants, international presentations

Ministry of Culture

– main fin. partner for Czech literature (+ municipal funding – Prague, Brno) // no foundation system or private sponsoring in CZ

Support programme for:
books (434t. EUR)

periodicals (581t. EUR)

events (310t. EUR)

Czech books in translation (714t. EUR)

art.scholarships (58t. Eur)

The Moravian Library (GO)

- national presentations at int. book fairs (Frankfurt, Leipzig, London, Bologna)
- guest of honor: 2019 – Leipzig, 2020 - Warsaw

4. Public funding system (MK ČR) – **Czech Literary Centre / czechlit.cz**

- est. 2017, 4. dep. of the Moravian Library
- goal: systematic support & promotion of Czech literature and book culture abroad
- **Activities:**
 - A) information service for publishers, translators, Czech studies specialists and organizers of literary events + contact network
 - B) mobility program – writers & translators
 - C) Project activities

CzechLit:

6 employees (4 full-time)

Overall budget: 407t. EUR

Activities: 233t. EUR

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Information service

- www.czechlit.cz / CZ-ENG
websites: *books, authors, practical information (rights, contacts), grants and opportunities, news*
- promotional materials (PDF + print): New Czech Books, Czech Books for Children and Young adults + non-periodicals: drama, prose, comic, childrens lit. etc.

- newsletter (subscribe at info@czechlit.cz)
- **Individual counselling** in the field of literature, book culture, book market in the Czech republic
- Contact network in Czech Rep.



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Mobility programs

1) Travel grants for Czech writers

- open call 3x year
- applicants: organizers, writers
- 2018: 98 representations

2) Residencies in Czech Rep.

a) for translators & Czech studies specialists

- up to 25 pers. capacity/year
- Prague & Brno

b) for Czech Writers

- cz-pol-ger. residency
- up to 20 pers./year capacity

3) Residencies for Czech writers abroad:

- 2018: 3 + 5 in Germany
- 2019: 7 (Ger, GB, F)
- searching new opportunities

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Project Activities:

- with partners abroad (festivals, libraries, literature houses etc.)
 - > 2018/2019: Literaturfestival Berlin, Literaturfestival Munic, Globale Bremen, Poesiefestival Berlin, Lakes festival of Comic Arts, Municipal Library Malmö etc.
- int. Susanna Roth Prize – for young translators (15 countries, 122 participants)
- Seminars & workshops for translators, students of Cz.
- Publishers trips to Czech Rep.
- Etc.

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