

## Garbage collectors start library with abandoned books

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Garbage collectors in the Turkish capital Ankara are recycling the books they find in the trash. They have created a mobile library. The library is full of books that people have thrown away. There are now over 9,000 books on the library's shelves.

The books are divided into over 20 categories, including politics, philosophy, drama, thrillers, romance, history, literature, healthy living and economics. The library is inside a truck that tours schools in the suburbs of Ankara. The garbage collectors hope to create a greater passion for reading books in children, especially in the age of mobile phones and tablets. Many schools do not have a reading room or their own library.

The library has got a lot of attention in Turkey. There is now a campaign for it to grow. People from all over Turkey are sending their unwanted or old books to the garbage collectors. The director of the library said: "The interest is growing. Each day we have guests coming here to borrow books or have a quiet time to read." A worker at the mobile library said: "We have books here for children aged from six to ten, but also books for older children, like world classics and fiction novels. We hope that it will amuse them and arouse a passion for books." Turkey currently has just one public library for every 70,000 people, compared to one for every 6,200 people in the European Union.

Sources: [xinhuanet.com](http://xinhuanet.com) / [smithsonianmag.com](http://smithsonianmag.com) / [cnn.com](http://cnn.com)

## Writing

We don't need libraries because we have digital devices. Discuss.

## Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

garbage / capital / library / books / categories / romance / schools / suburbs / tablets / attention / campaign / interest / guests / read / children / fiction / novels / passion

## True / False

- a) The article says there is a new mobile library in Istanbul, Turkey. T / F
- b) The library is full of books that people have thrown away. T / F
- c) The library has over 20 different categories of books. T / F
- d) Many schools do not have a library of their own. T / F
- e) The library has attracted little attention in Turkey. T / F
- f) The article says people all over the world are sending the library books. T / F
- g) The library does not have books for young children. T / F
- h) There is one library for every 70,000 people in Turkey. T / F

## Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| <b>1. garbage</b>    | a. kinds       |
| <b>2. created</b>    | b. time        |
| <b>3. categories</b> | c. presently   |
| <b>4. tours</b>      | d. rubbish     |
| <b>5. age</b>        | e. rising      |
| <b>6. attention</b>  | f. goes around |
| <b>7. growing</b>    | g. books       |
| <b>8. quiet</b>      | h. made        |
| <b>9. novels</b>     | i. silent      |
| <b>10. currently</b> | j. awareness   |

## Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) How important are libraries?
- c) What is the best book you own?
- d) What was the last book you read like?
- e) How do you feel when you are in a library?
- f) Do we need libraries today?
- g) What will libraries be like in the future?
- h) What questions would you like to ask the garbage collectors?

## Phrase Match

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| 1. recycling the books they        | a. attention in Turkey |
| 2. The books are divided into over | b. library             |
| 3. a truck that tours schools in   | c. for reading         |
| 4. create a greater passion        | d. find in the trash   |
| 5. Many schools do not have a      | e. books               |
| 6. The library has got a lot of    | f. the suburbs         |
| 7. The interest is                 | g. fiction novels      |
| 8. borrow                          | h. reading room        |
| 9. world classics and              | i. growing             |
| 10. public                         | j. 20 categories       |

## Discussion – Student B

- What do you think of libraries?
- How important are books to you?
- What do you think of throwing books away?
- What do you think of the garbage collectors?
- Should garbage collectors recycle more things?
- What is your favourite genre of books?
- How can we create a greater passion for reading in children?
- Is it better to read a paper book or a digital book?

## Spelling

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### Answers – Synonym Match

1. d	2. h	3. a	4. f	5. b
6. j	7. e	8. i	9. g	10. c

## Role Play

### Role A – Politics

You think politics is the best book genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): romance, classics or autobiographies.

### Role B – Romance

You think romance is the best book genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): politics, classics or autobiographies.

### Role C – Classics

You think classics are the best book genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): romance, politics or autobiographies.

### Role D – Autobiography

You think autobiographies are the best book genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): romance, classics or politics.

## Speaking – Book Genres

Rank these with your partner. Put the best book genres at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • History        | • Politics   |
| • Healthy living | • Philosophy |
| • Classics       | • Drama      |
| • Autobiography  | • Romance    |

### Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.