


The Formentera Council's culture department unveiled its calendar of activities today for the Diada de Sant Jordi (St George's Day, to English-speaking readers). “Open a book, open your wings!” is the tagline of the programme, which comes with a total 15 activities for adults, teens and younger children of all sizes. In the words of department head Susana Labrador, the day is about “having fun and connecting people with culture”. Things kick off at 8.00pm on Friday April 5 with a look at Maria Escalas's book *Sara i els silencis* in Marià Villangómez library.

Activities for children and teens
The youth programme takes off at 6.00pm on Saturday April with *Ella Balla* from Las Moskitas Muertas. The live show combines music, movement and words all while finessing a sense of fresh and fun on-stage ambiance. Based on the childhood of choreographer and ballerina Gillian Lyne, the story traces young Gillian's discovery of her gift (dancing) thanks to her struggles (holding still and keeping quiet). The story offers young and old alike an outstretched hand, inviting us to be true to our real selves. The show happens at jardí de ses Eres.

On Friday April 12, the Casal de Joves hosts the second edition of a marriage of styles: traditional glosa poetry and rap. Veteran glosadors lined up to participate are Vicent de Jeroni and Pep de Can Andreu, plus rappers Victoria Jiménez (alias Kelevra), Juan Camilo Puerta (El Puerta), Christian Elian Encinas (Elian C) and Ricki Rap. The evening gets started at 6.00pm.

Tuesday April 23 youngsters are invited to a Sant Jordi Roses workshop at the Casal de Joves.

**Book talks**
Ibizan editor Ramon Mayol will on hand Monday April 8 to present his latest book, *Ibiza estrellada*
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published by Ibiza Editions. The encounter is scheduled for 8.00pm at Biblioteca Marià Villangómez and will be moderated by David Valls.

More literature is in store on Tuesday April 16 when poet Maria Teresa Ferrer presents *L'esper a de la letargia*

. Masterfully edited by Eivissa publishing house Finis Africae, the collection of poetry by Ferrer comes with illustrations by Maribel Escandell. The event starts at 8.00pm (Tuesday April 16) at Biblioteca Marià Villangómez.

Next day at the same time and same place, the Formentera chapter of Obra Cultural Balear is inviting islanders to come have a look at Vicent des Racó's *100 gloses de Vicent Jeroni i unes més de regateig* .

And lastly, Tuesday April 30, Santi Colomar will host a talk on the port of la Savina called "History of a scam and a miracle (19th to 20th centuries)". The event will get going at 8.00pm in the Marià Villangómez library.

**Concerts**
Music lovers, Saturday April 13 is for you. Giorgio Conte and Joan Isaac, two of the singer-songwriting world's long-standing titans are brought together by the sea that permeates their songs. *Dues cultures, un sol mar* is part of the BARNASANTS cultural initiative.

On Sunday, OCB Formentera presents a performance by Manresa duet Jo Jet and Maria Ribot. The show starts at 8.00pm in Centre "Gabrielet".

**Book stands**
All morning long on Sant Jordi day (Monday April 23), stands will be set up in Constitució square where islanders can swap or buy books and get them signed by Vicent Jeroni des Racó and Maria Teresa Ferrer.

Maria José Cardona will perform music from 11.00am to 1.00pm.

**Literature and bookmark contest**
From 5.30pm on Wednesday April 17, the cinema (Sala de Cultura) will be the scene of awards ceremonies for the 19th year of two contests for local youth: the Antoni Tur "Gabrielet" Bookmark and Robert Lewis Baldon Youth Writing Contest. This year as part of the European Year of Cultural Heritage, contestants will write about life without plastic.

The awards ceremony is emceed by Àngels Martínez.

**Exhibits and screenings**
At 7.00pm on Monday April 15, the Sala de Cultura (Cinema) will host a screening of Eva Parey and Pep Martínez's documentary *Arrels fondes*.

Also included on the Sant Jordi programme is the OCB-sponsored opening of *El Petit Príncep*, by Jordi Riera and Maite Ferrer. The event kicks off at 8.00pm in the Sala d'Exposicions (Ajuntament Vell).

**'Caminada popular'**
On Saturday April 28, Sant Jordi celebrations come to a close with an OCB-sponsored community walk with Andreu Ferrer and Santi Colomar. The start is at 10.00am in Sant Francesc's plaça de la Constitució.

The preceding activities are organised by the CiF culture department, local libraries and the island's youth drop-in centre, el Casal de Joves. Formentera's early-learning and primary schools are also closely involved, as well as other groups like the OCB's Formentera branch, BARNASANTS, Ràdio Illa and the Institut d'Estudis Baleàrics. Their support is greatly appreciated.

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