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The Institute tries to inform, encourage, convince translators of Polish literature to **translate Polish books**, foreign publishers to **publish** these translations, and the organisers of all sorts of literary events all over the world to **invite Polish authors** to take part in them. And when they are prepared to do so, the Institute helps them to make it happen. Thanks to the financial support which they provide, almost 3000 translations of Polish books have been published abroad.

The Institute also has the **Library Infrastructure programme**, whose strategic goal is to transform community libraries in places of up to 50,000 inhabitants into modern centres of access to knowledge and culture, is implemented within the National Programme for the Development of Reading and is the response to the need for a radical improvement in the state of public libraries in Poland.

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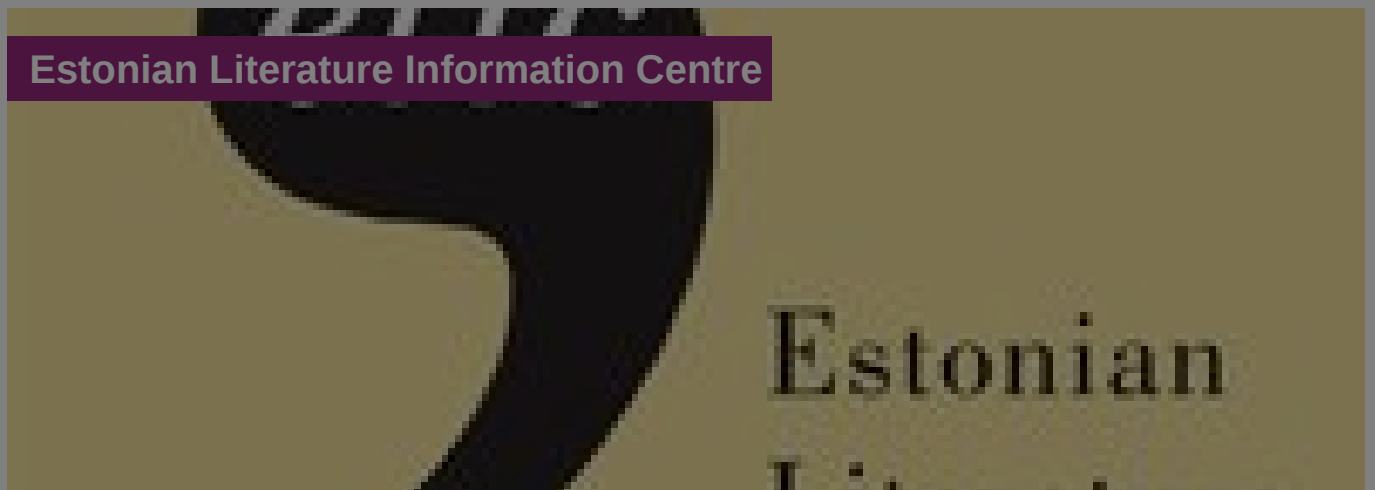
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