

What Is Literary Art?

The literary art–focused after-school club follows the City of Vantaa’s after-school program guidelines as well as the section *Common Studies A) Melukylä* of the Basic Education in the Arts curriculum for literary art (general syllabus).

During the 2026–2027 school year, the theme of Vantaa Literary Art School’s after-school clubs is The Encounter of Light and Darkness in Literature. We will move, play, and explore different environments while becoming familiar with literature related to the theme. Activities are guided by an action plan and reading list built around children’s literature. Each child will also receive their own Literary Art Adventurer’s Passport.

During the weekly literary art sessions, we read books related to the theme, tell and invent stories, and complete tasks that stimulate imagination. Literary art includes playing with words, rhymes and poetry, reading and writing, drawing, expressive games, and performances. Teaching emphasizes meaningful experiences, unhurried time together, and consideration of the students’ own interests and ideas arising from the theme.

Literary art is fun, exciting, relaxing, and creative. It develops thinking skills and empathy while broadening a child’s means of expression. Literary art is also beneficial for school studies. It promotes language awareness, vocabulary development, and reading and writing skills, helps children find their own personal voice, and strengthens their sense of identity.

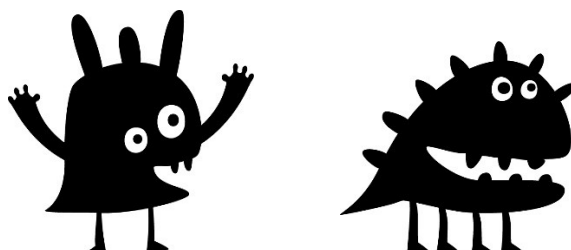
Regular participation in the after-school club provides 60 hours of basic studies in literary art, for which the child will receive a certificate at the end of the school year.

Vantaa Literary Art School

Vantaa Literary Art School was founded in 1994 and has provided Basic Education in the Arts in literary art since 1995. The school is maintained by the Literary Art School Association.

The after-school club activities follow the curriculum for Basic Education in the Arts in literary art (general syllabus), which is based on the national curriculum guidelines issued by the Finnish National Agency for Education. At Vantaa Literary Art School, students can complete the advanced syllabus in literary art, consisting of 1,300 hours of study.

The school offers literary art education for enthusiasts of all ages. Teaching locations are situated throughout Vantaa in schools, arts centres, and cultural venues. We also teach literary art in Espoo. In addition, we organize literary and multidisciplinary arts events, projects, and training programmes in cooperation with, among others, municipal cultural services, libraries, and other arts education institutions. Vantaa Literary Art School was awarded the City of Vantaa’s Cultural Prize in 2014. For more information, visit: www.sanataidekoulu.fi.



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