

DAI-Highlights in April

✘ From Fact to Fiction, of Female Force and
for Earth Explorers! ✘

Liebe Freundinnen und Freunde des DAI,

die Tage werden länger, das Wetter wärmer – und das DAI meldet sich zurück mit einem neuen Monatsprogramm vollgepackt mit spannenden Veranstaltungen! Im April können Sie sich freuen auf **vielfältige Events**, von Aktionen anlässlich des **Tags der Erde** bis hin zu spannenden Einblicken in das **Schaffen einer renommierten Autorin**. ☐☐

Hier sind die Highlights des Monats:

Am **10. April** starten wir mit dem **English Book Talk** zu Maaza Mengistes "The Shadow King", gefolgt von einer besonderen **English Story Time zum Earth Day** am **14. April**. Passend dazu lädt Ben van Haeff am **21. April** zum kreativen **Outdoor-Workshop** ein. Den krönenden Abschluss bildet der Besuch von **Maaza Mengiste** am **27. April**, die uns exklusive Einblicke in ihre Werke und ihren Rechercheprozess gewährt.

Unsere regelmäßigen Formate – **Book Discussion Group**, **Literaturanalyse** und **English Language Discussion Group** – stehen selbstverständlich wie gewohnt für alle Interessierten offen.

Für weitere Informationen scrollen Sie einfach weiter oder besuchen Sie unsere [Website](#) bzw. unsere Social-Media-Kanäle.

Wir freuen uns auf einen spannenden Monat voller interessanter Events mit Ihnen!

Herzliche Grüße
Ihr DAI-Team

Dear Friends of the DAI,

The days are getting longer, the weather warmer - and the DAI is back with a new monthly program packed with exciting events! In April, you can look forward to a **variety of events**, ranging from activities celebrating **Earth Day** to fascinating insights into the **work of a renowned author**. ☐☐

Here are the highlights of the month:

On **April 10**, we'll kick things off with an **English Book Talk** on Maaza Mengiste's "The Shadow King", followed by a special **English Story Time for Earth Day** on **April 14**. To go along with this, Ben van Haeff is hosting a **creative outdoor workshop** on **April 21**. The grand finale will be a visit from **Maaza Mengiste** on **April 27**, who will give us exclusive insights into her works and her research process.

Our regular programs - **Book Discussion Group**, **Literaturanalyse**, and **English Language Discussion Group** - are, of course, open as usual to anyone interested.

For more information, simply scroll down or visit our [website](#) or social media channels.

We look forward to an exciting month full of interesting events with you!

Warm regards,
Your DAI Team

All Events in April



English Book Talks - "The Shadow King" by Maaza Mengiste April 10, 7:00–8:30 pm, DAI Nürnberg

We are honored to invite you to a special Book Talk as we explore **Maaza Mengiste's** monumental novel, "**The Shadow King**", in preparation for her talk at the DAI on April 27.

Shortlisted for the Booker Prize, this powerful story uncovers the forgotten history of Ethiopian women who took up arms against Italian fascism. In partnership with the **Initiative Schwarzer Menschen in Deutschland - Nürnberg e.V.**, we'll dive into this breathtaking exploration of resistance, female agency, and the power of memory—themes that resonate deeply with the ISD's mission of centering Black history and voices.

Let's come together to honor the "Shadow Kings" of history before we welcome the author to the DAI. We look forward to seeing you there!

Registration required. Save your seats via programm@dai-nuernberg.de.

Mark Your Calendars!

Don't miss out on our upcoming Book Talks. Be sure to save the dates for these must-read titles:

May 15: "Katabasis" by R.F. Kuang

June 12: "The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store" by James McBride

July 24: "There There" by Tommy Orange

October (Date TBD): "Olga Dies Dreaming" by Xochitl Gonzalez

ENGLISH STORY TIME

Celebrate Earth Day
with us by honoring the
Earth through story
and a craft



Story Time - It's Earth Day! by Mercer Mayer

April 14, 3:30–4:30 pm, DAI Nürnberg

Join us for Story Time as we read **Mercer Mayer's "It's Earth Day!"** and learn how even the small critters can make a big difference in protecting our environment!

After the story, we'll use paper and colorful materials to **craft vibrant flowers** - a perfect reminder that even simple materials can be repurposed into something special for our world.

Come listen, craft, and celebrate the beautiful planet we call home! ☐

Free entry! To reserve your spot and ensure that we have enough crafting materials for each child, please register by **April 7** via bibliothek@dai-nuernberg.de.

We hope to see you and your little ones there!

A
**Sharing Nature
Adventure**
with

— BENJAMIN VAN HAEFF —

Singer-Songwriter · Educator · Life Lover



Earth Day - Sharing Nature Adventure

April 21, 3:30-5:30 pm, Schmausenbuck am Tiergarten

Join musician and educator **Ben van Haeff** for an interactive “**Sharing Nature**” adventure inspired by the teachings of Joseph Cornell. Through simple, playful games, creative activities, and music, children and their parents will be gently guided to connect with the beauty and wonder of the natural world.

This workshop encourages curiosity, mindfulness, and a sense of belonging in nature — perfect for young explorers and their families. ☐

Please note: This program is free of charge and participation is first come-first served with registration. This workshop has **limited spots** and is aimed at **children 5-8**. If there are any leftover spots available, siblings and younger children are welcome to join.

To reserve your spot, please email: programm@dai-nuernberg.de.

We look forward to seeing you and your little ones there!

About Ben:

Originally from Australia, native English speaker Ben van Haeff is a certified “Sharing Nature” trainer and has been working as a freelance English teacher and musician since 2004. Find more information about him and Creative Kidz: www.life-lover.com.



Maaza Mengiste - From the Archives and Fragments of History

April 27, 6:00-7:30 pm, DAI Nürnberg

Join us for an inspiring discussion with **Maaza Mengiste**, as she shares the journey behind her acclaimed novels, "**Beneath the Lion's Gaze**" and "**The Shadow King**", alongside her current work in progress, "**A Brief Portrait of Small Deaths**".

Spanning decades and continents, Mengiste's work offers a unique perspective on how history is reclaimed. She will provide fascinating insights into her research and writing process, revealing how her storytelling is guided by **photography, oral histories, and archival discoveries**.

Don't miss this chance to hear how she weaves these threads into powerful historical narratives!

This event is free of charge but registration is requested. To be part of this insightful evening, please send an email to programm@dai-nuernberg.de!

Recurring Events

Book Events



Book Discussion Group

**April 21, 7:30–9:00 pm, DAI
Nürnberg**

In this session, we will be reading "**The Book Club for Troublesome Women**" by Marie Bostwick.

Join us for a shared reading and open conversation, where reflections and new perspectives are always welcome.

No registration needed! 5€ | erm. 3€ | FV 2€

Literaturanalyse

**24. April, 19:00-20:30 Uhr, DAI
Nürnberg**

Wir besprechen "**América**" von T.C. Boyle.

Kommen Sie vorbei und machen Sie mit bei einer spannenden Runde – neue Leute sind immer willkommen!

Keine Anmeldung erforderlich. 5€ | erm. 3€ | FV 2€

Language Courses

Our language courses are starting up again!

Scroll down to see how you can freshen up your English skills with us.

Online Conversation Course

Next session: April 16, 9:00–10:30 am, DAI Nürnberg

Wish to work on your English from home? Join our Online Conversation Course to master conversational skills and expand your vocabulary with interesting texts and short videos.

Registration needed! 130€ | FV 120€

English For Teens

Next session: April 16, 2–3 pm (beginners), 3–4 pm (advanced), DAI Nürnberg

Give your teen the opportunity to practice English in a fun and interactive setting! Hosted by native speaker **Corrine Tucker**, this weekly course builds confidence through games, listening activities, and conversations with peers—helping teens actively use the English they've learned in the classroom.

Registration needed! 200€ | FV 190€

Morning Conversation Group

Next session: April 20, 9:30–11:00 am, DAI Nürnberg

Looking to boost your conversational skills and enlarge your vocabulary while diving deeper into American culture? Sign up for a series of focused text-based discussions in small groups!

Registration needed! 130€ | FV 120€

English Language Discussion Group

Next session: April 23, 7:15–8:45 pm, DAI Nürnberg

Looking to boost your English-speaking skills in a fun and informal setting?

Join our English Language Discussion Group - perfect for anyone eager to talk about anything and everything in English. Our lively discussions are designed to improve your fluency and confidence.

No registration needed! 3,50€ | FV free

Getting Started Again: Conversation with Confidence (A2/B1)

Next session: April 29, 6:30–8:00 PM, DAI Nürnberg

Brush up on your language skills and practice your English within a small group of participants engaging in interesting conversations and activities!

May Preview

The Pretenders present: Twists and Turns - An Evening of One Act Plays

May 8 and May 9, 7:30 PM, DAI Nürnberg

✘ Save the Date: Our Annual Book Sale is Coming Early! ✘

May 16, 9am-4pm, DAI Nürnberg

Get your bookshelves ready! Our popular Book Sale is returning **earlier than usual** this year for a **one-day-only** flash event.

Don't miss your chance to snag incredible **English-language reads** at unbeatable prices. Mark your calendars now - you won't want to blink and miss it!

The DAI at the Habi(bi)tat - Ein interkulturelles Südstadt-Mini-Festival

May 30, südpunkt Nürnberg

Join us!

Internship Opportunities at the DAI!

Ready to go behind the scenes of **international culture** and **transatlantic exchange**? Become part of our dynamic team and gain high-impact experience in a unique, multicultural environment!

Whether you're passionate about **social media and digital storytelling**, interested in **event management and organization**, or want to dive into the **world of books in our English-language library**, we have the perfect spot for you. With us, you won't just be watching from the sidelines—you'll have the opportunity to play an active role in shaping our future within an open, supportive team.

Interested? More information can be found on our [website](#).

See you soon!

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