

PRESS RELEASE



Celebrating the Legacy of Michael Ende's Fantasy Literature at the Goethe-Institut Jakarta

JAKARTA – To commemorate the 30th anniversary of Michael Ende's death, the Goethe-Institut Jakarta is presenting an exhibition showcasing the life and work of Michael Ende, one of the first German-language authors to explore the fantasy genre. Curated by the International Youth Library in Munich the exhibition will be open to visitors at the Goethe-Institut Jakarta Library from 28 August to 28 September 2025.

30 years ago, on 28 August 1995, Michael Ende (1929–1995) passed away. He is renowned as the author of timeless classics of children's and young adult literature such as *Jim Button*, *Momo*, and *The Neverending Story*. Translated into over 40 languages worldwide, his works are still cherished by readers today, just as they were when they were first written in the 1960s and 1970s.

His stories appeal to readers of all ages. The author was awarded the German Children's Literature Prize twice. His works have also been adapted for film, television, theatre and opera.

"As well as providing a nostalgic experience for visitors who grew up reading Michael Ende's works, this exhibition can also introduce those who are not yet familiar with his work to his writing, whether they are children or adults. It can also encourage readers in Indonesia to explore the works of German authors more deeply," said Eliphas Nyamogo, Regional Head of Information Services of Goethe-Institut Southeast Asia, Australia, and New Zealand.

The exhibition features rich illustrations that trace key moments in Michael Ende's life and career. It provides a vivid insight into his development as a writer and his most notable works. It can be visited during the library's opening hours: Monday to Friday from 11 AM to 9 PM (WIB), Saturday from 11 AM to 7 PM, and Sunday from 11 AM to 3 PM.

In addition to the exhibition, a range of other events will take place at the library and GoetheHaus:

Saturday 06.09.2025 | Library

-2 PM: Picture book *Momo* reading for children aged 5–10 (in Indonesian)

-3 PM: Screening of *Momo* (in German with Indonesian subtitles), suitable for ages 10 and up

Sunday 07.09.2025 | Library

-2 PM: Picture book *Momo* reading for children aged 5–10 (in Indonesian)

-3 PM: Screening of *Momo* (in German with Indonesian subtitles), suitable for ages 10 and up

Saturday 20.09.2025 | Library and GoetheHaus

-11 AM: Screening of *The NeverEnding Story* (in English, without subtitles), suitable for ages 10 and up (Auditorium)

-1 PM: Picture book *Jim Knopf und der Lokomotivführer machen einen Ausflug* reading for children aged 5–10 (in Indonesian) (Library)

-2 PM: Book Launch and Discussion: *The Neverending Story* (in Indonesian) (Foyer)

-5 PM: Screening of *The NeverEnding Story* (in English, without subtitles), suitable for ages 10 and up (Auditorium)

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**Saturday 27.09.2025 | Library**

2 PM: Picture book *Jim Knopf und die Spuren im Dschungel*/reading for children aged 5–10 (in Indonesian)

3 PM: Screening of *Jim Button and Luke the Engine Driver* (in English with English subtitles), suitable for ages 6 and up

Sunday 28.09.2025 | Library

2 PM: Picture book *Jim Knopf und die Spuren im Dschungel*/reading for children aged 5–10 (in Indonesian)

3 PM: Screening of *Jim Button and the Wild 13* (in English with English subtitles), suitable for ages 6 and up

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