Naples fights mafia - with first bookshop in 50 years

In the heartlands of Naples a revolution is allowing localised drug lords to take the fight to the mafia and their weapon of choice is the humble book. Tabled away between sewing machines and phallic traders of knick-knacks, the first bookshop in nearly 50 years. The concrete sprawl of Scampia, a bastion of the ruthless Camorra organised crime group, was immortalised in the 2016 bestselling book “Gomorra” by Roberto Saviano and in a popular spin-off film and television series. Now one of the poorest areas in southern Italy is attempting to cast off the stereotypes of Kalashnikov-wielding hoods and get its young off the streets by flooding the turf with theatre, cinema and literature associations. The tower blocks, riddled with asbestos and divided by rubbish-strewn no-man’s-lands, were thrown up in the 1970s. “There has never been a bookshop here. We had to travel 10 kilometres to buy a book,” Rosario Esperia La Rossa, whose shop “Scognizzateria” opened a week ago, told AFP.

Il Lions e il Leo Club “Pomigliano d’Arco” accompagneranno in bus gli studenti dell’Istituto Tecnico “E. Barsanti” alla scoperta di un modello di inclusione sociale unico nel suo genere…perché a Scampia si “spaccia” anche CULTURA!

Incontro: L’esperienza di Rosario La Rossa e Maddalena Stornaiuolo raccontata agli studenti di giornalismo

Fare libri a Scampia, quella scommessa vinta