

May 17th

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Day of Galician Literature

“The day of the Galician letters” is a celebration set up by the Royal Galician Academy to honour those people who stand out by their literary work in Galician or by their defence of this language.

Every year, it is dedicated to a different character, chosen by the Royal Galician Academy; at least ten years must have passed since their death to be among the candidates to be elected. Since this celebration was set up, there has been only a group dedication to the medieval poets Martín Codaz, Xohán de Cangas and



Mendiño for their famous love poems (“cantigas”).

The date for the celebration of this event is May 17th and this is due to the fact that a day like this, in 1963 it was published in La Habana the first copy of the work “Cantares galegos” (Galician songs) by Rosalía de Castro, which supposed the beginning of “O Rexurdimento”, the cultural Galician renaissance.

The date is bank holiday in the Autonomic Community of Galicia.