

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

A Training Workshop for Writers and Illustrators of Children's Books in Arabic was held at Ayia Napa Cyprus from July 21 to August 7, 1987 in cooperation with the Middle East Council of Churches. Similar Workshops were held in the Summers of 1985 and 1986.

It is our belief that children's literature is an important agent of social and moral change. Through books children are exposed to models of behavior that are set for them by adults. They incorporate values of peace, and non-violence as these values are revealed through the characters and events of the stories they encounter through reading or hearing or seeing. This kind of literature is especially needed in Lebanon for our children who are living in an environment where war and violence are a way of life.



Kabkoub El Souf

Written and Illustrated by Hala Khoury

Children's Literature Publications

The following sample illustrations are from the books resulting from the 1985-86 Workshops. These were part of the Institute's project on Children's Literature in Arabic funded by the Kuwait Society for the Advancement of Arab Children.

The books are presently in the press and will be ready in December 1987.



Abu HadabahFi El Ghabah

Written and Illustrated by Rima Khalifeh



Arnab Arnoub
Written and Illustrated by Amal Alameddine



Antara El Saghir
Written and Illustrated by Nada Khoury



Rim Wel Himar
Written by Salam Koussa, Illustrated by Rima Khalifeh

Al-Raida

Miss Aida Arasoghli who was editor of Al-Raida for the past two years has left for the United States to continue her studies at Georgetown University. We are sorry to lose Miss Arasoghli and wish her success in her endeavors. Miss Maha Samara, a well known Lebanese journalist, will be the guest editor for our next issue entitled «Women in Economic Development».