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Boeing supports new children's library in Italy



Children attend a story-telling activity in the new library that Boeing helped build in Foligno, Italy.

A partnership between Boeing and supplier Umbra Cuscinetti is filling a dire need for children in Foligno, Italy, through replacement of a library that was seriously damaged by a 1997 earthquake. The new library, made possible through the Boeing- and Umbra Cuscinetti-supported Fantasy Wings program launched last year, celebrated its grand opening on July 8.

"It's a pleasure to know that Foligno's children and their families once again have a functioning library and place to gather and learn," said Boeing Italy President Rinaldo Petrignani.

The library is located inside Palazzo Deli, a 15th-century palace in Foligno's central business district. The renovation reinforced the building's structure and added other amenities, including desks and chairs. Most importantly, officials said, the library provides a place for children and parents to enjoy books and other educational activities, such as workshops and special readings with children's authors.

The products manufactured at Umbra Cuscinetti have helped keep Boeing's commercial airplanes flying safely for years. Located in the heart of Italy in the Umbria region, the company produces precision ballscrews and has been a Boeing supplier since 1987. Umbra Cuscinetti was named a Boeing Supplier of the Year in 1997.

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