

Children's books focus on Mediterranean

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A series of educational children's books published here about Mediterranean cultures hit the market earlier this month in an effort to introduce children to the various traditions, religions, languages and cultures of the region.

Published by Tamyras S.A.L, the series is composed of 12 books, six of which address environmental issues and the rest tackle life within a Mediterranean community.

According to Tania Mhanna, author and publisher of the series, the books have a clear educational objective: "to teach

the neighboring states' various ways of living, the common factors and contrasts among the Mediterranean people, as well as the particularity of each people in the region."

The books are illustrated with hand painted pictures.

"The illustration is pleasant and very suitable for children's tastes," said Nada Anid, the graphic designer for the project.

Aimed at children between eight and 14 years old, the content focuses on two major themes: the environment and living together.

"In the future, other subjects could be added, such as the history of each of the concerned countries and a mini-guide for

of the neighboring countries," Mhanna said.

The project "could result in numerous activities based on the theme of getting to know one another to live together in a better way," she added.

Mhanna said the development process required research on flora and fauna and housing conditions in each country to "raise the curiosity of the child who will recognize his environment and eventually develop a certain interest in other children living a few kilometers away..."

The books are presented in both French and Arabic.

"The simplicity of the language will encourage the children to continue research."