

# **Developing various competences while learning about Korea at „Octavian Goga” Cluj County Library**

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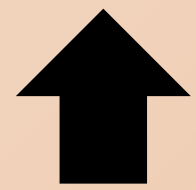
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# **„Octavian Goga” Cluj County Library**

- the inauguration on May 14th, 1921, marked a pivotal moment in Cluj-Napoca’s cultural and educational history, as it saw the opening of the People’s Library within the University Library of Cluj;**
- in 2024, the library held over 590,030 documents and served 32,836 active patrons, supported by 74 librarians who organized 222 cultural programs and events across its headquarters and three branches: the "Traian Brad" Branch,**

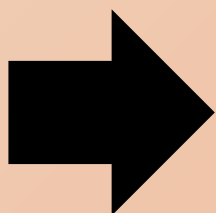


# Korean Shelf at „Traian Brad” Branch of „Octavian Goga” Cluj County Library



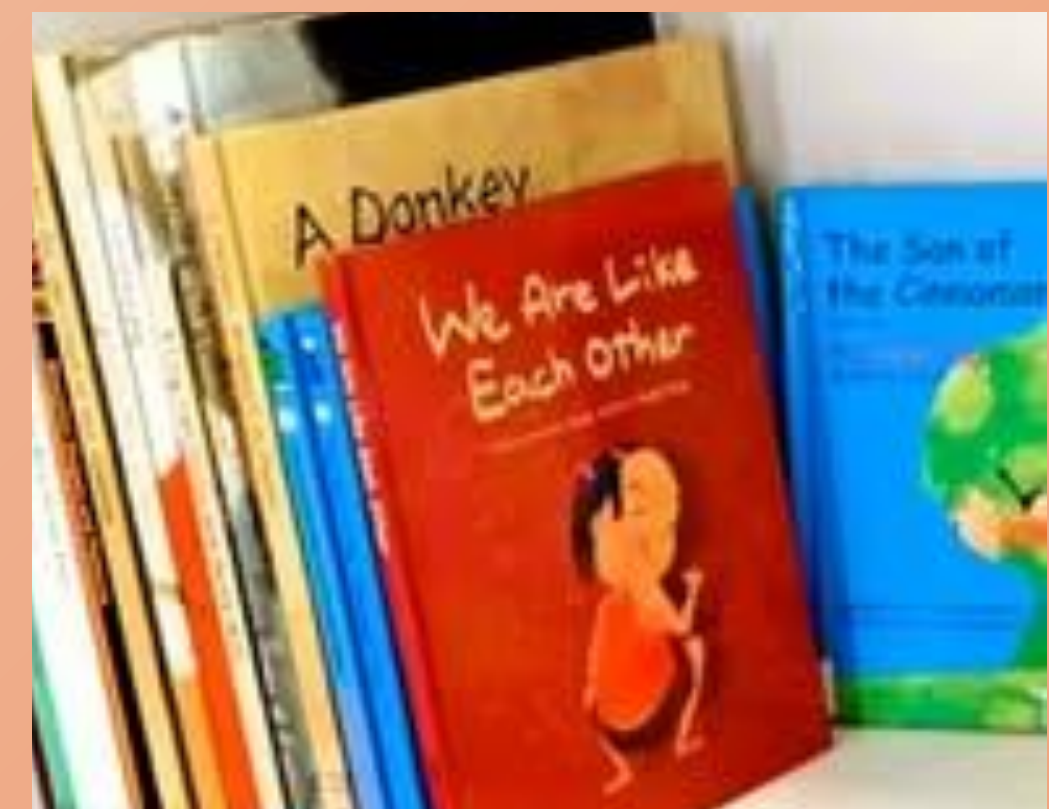
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**May 2024**

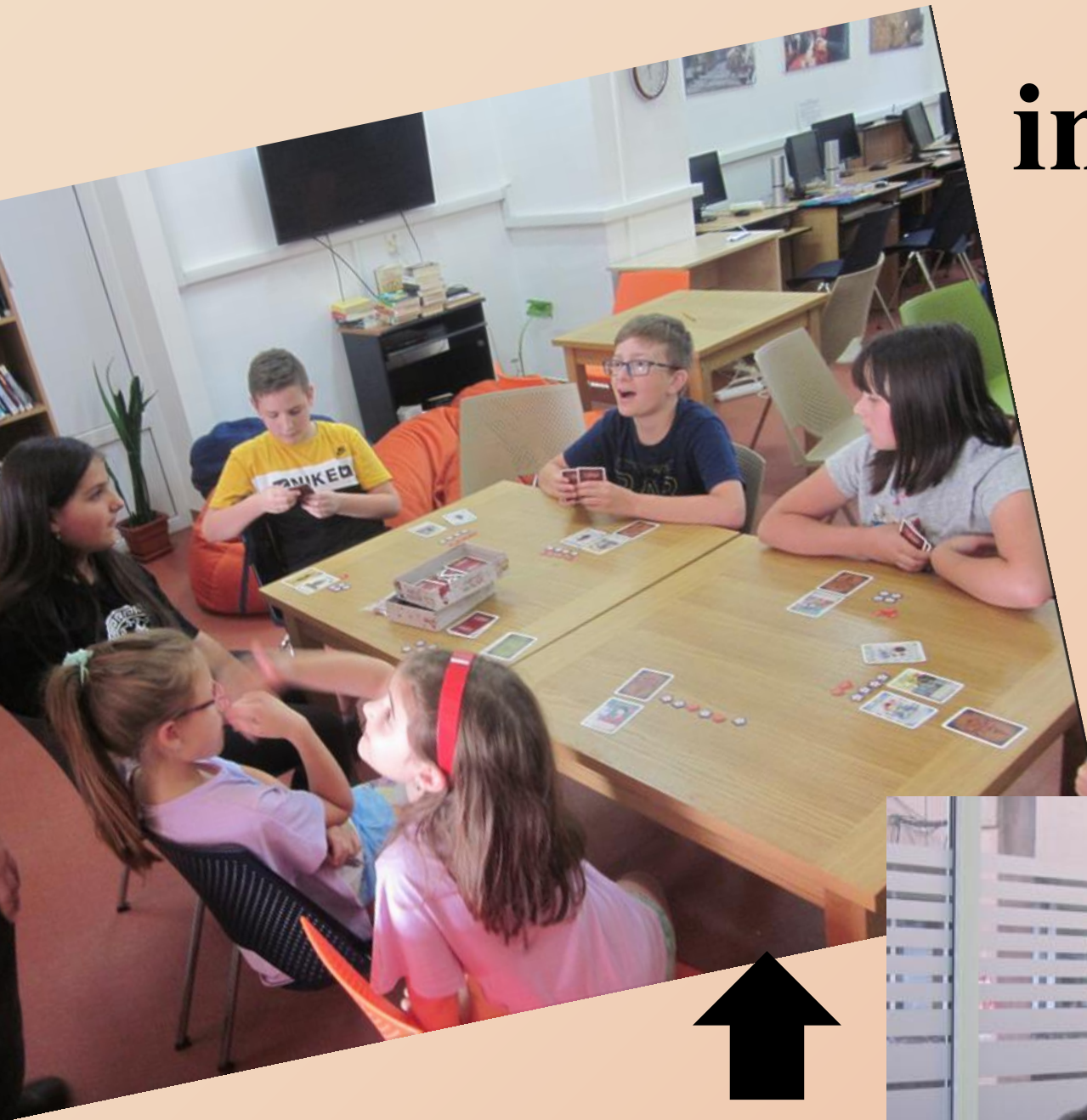


- the Korean Shelf started in 2019 with 100 documents and has since expanded to 350 documents.

# The Korean Shelf today



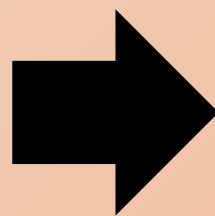
# Development of cultural programs on Asia in Cluj County Library



Asian Wisdom - July  
2019



Discover Korea - February 2020



Discover Korea - 2021

# Why develop competences while learning about Korea?

## From the Erasmus+ project to the redeveloping of the library

- enhancing librarians' skills through Erasmus+ mobility grant;
- the librarian responsible with Asian section gained skills through Erasmus+ and enhanced "Discover Korea" activities;
- Korean Shelf and activities support the library's evolving role as a third space;
- the Korean space at Traian Brad Branch offers a modern space for learning leisure and skill-



# **Discover Korea and the development of competences**

- Hangeul and basic Korean language acquisition;**
- critical thinking through Korean graphic novels;**
- STEAM learning via Korean-inspired Tinkercad design;**
- cultural insights and competitiveness through Korean games;**
- interactive knowledge assessment with custom computer games on Gamilab platform;**
- cultural and musical awareness through do-it-yourself activities (mask painting, cardboard drum assembly).**

# The acquisition of a linguistic competence during the Korean

## activities



# ↑ Learning Hangeul ↗

# Encourage critical thinking while learning about the Korean history



Learning about the Korean occupation by  
the Japanese and the Korean War  
through graphic novels

# Discovering Korea through STEAM education



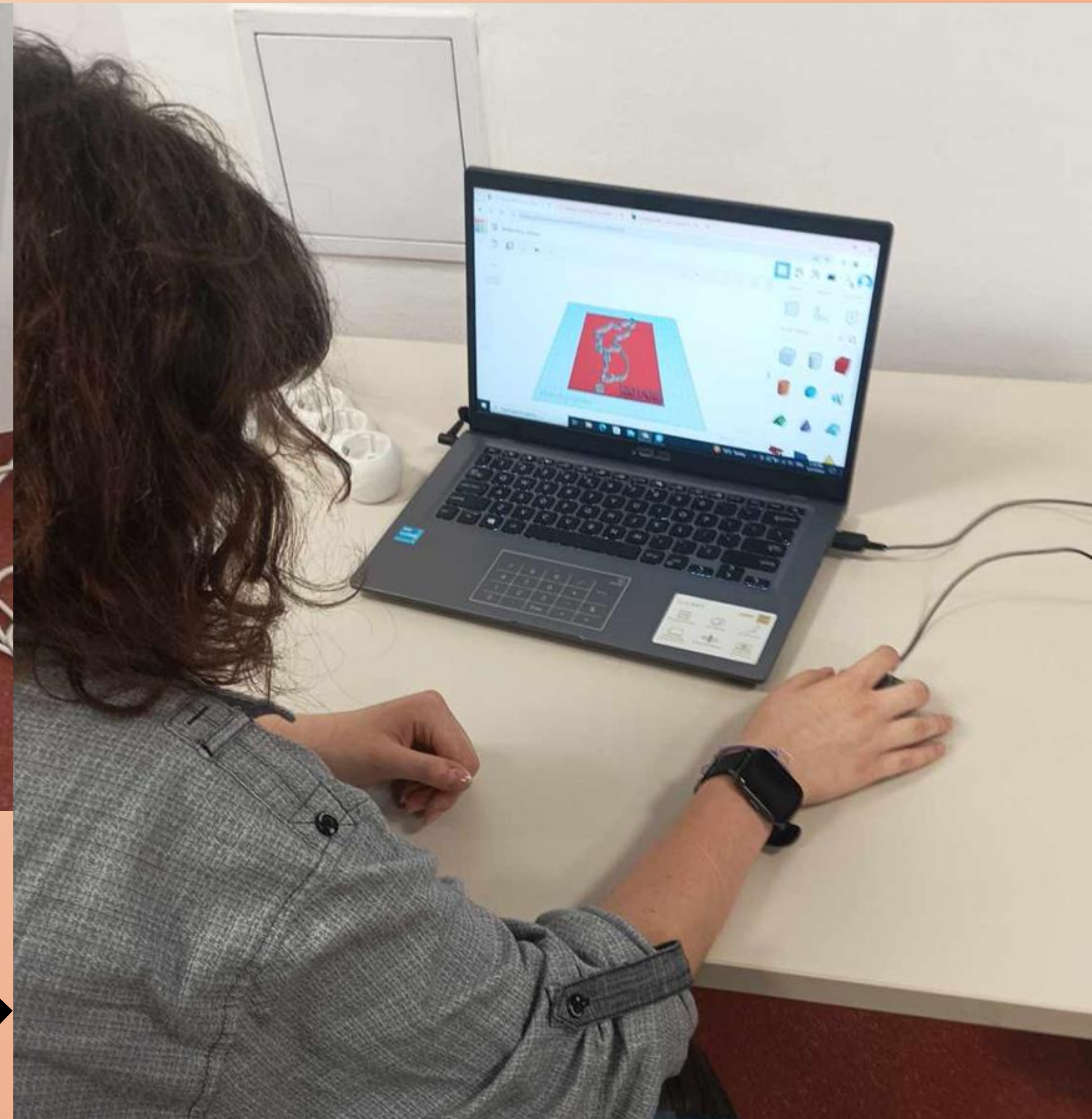
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Using the 3D printer for designing  
Korean drums (Janggu) →

# Discovering Korea through STEAM education

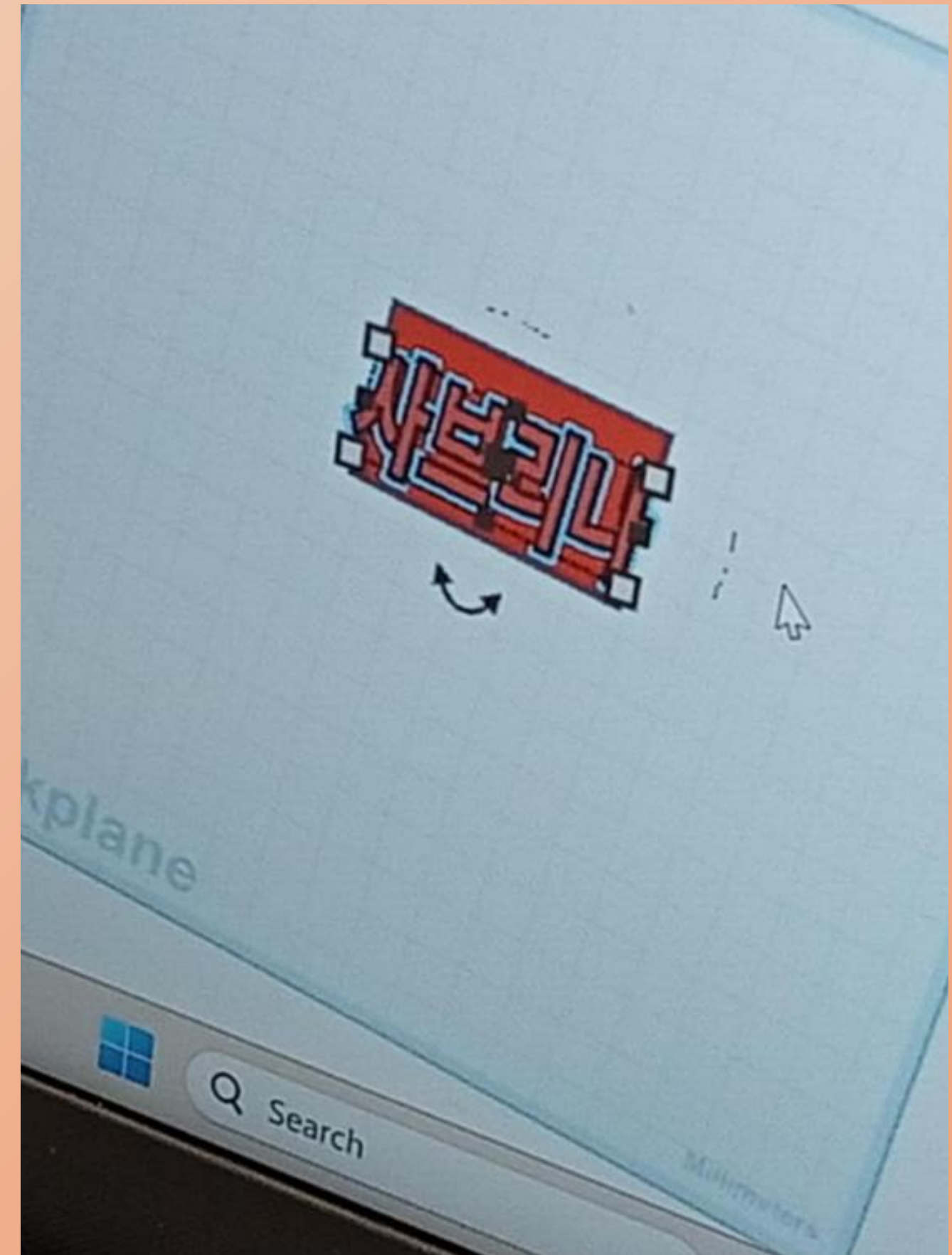


↑ Using the 3D printer for designing spinning tops at the Discover Korea club

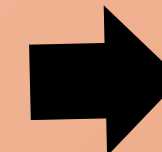
Using the 3D printer to design the Korean peninsula map →



# Discovering Korea through STEAM education



↑ Using the Tinkercad program to design key chains  
with the participants names in Korean



# Stimulating the discovery of Korean culture through game



Playing Gonu



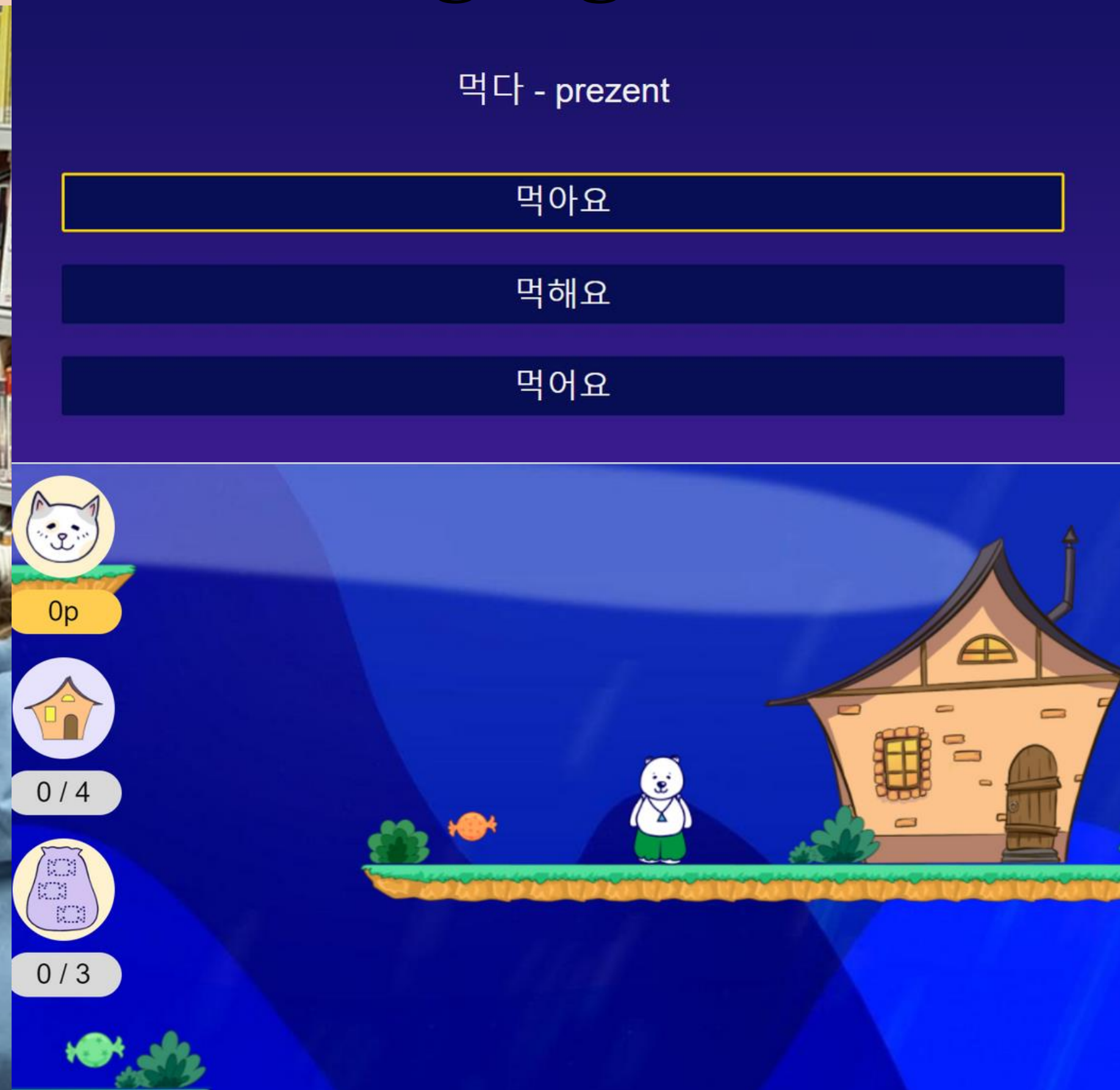
Playing Yutnori



Playing Tuho



# Gamification and Korean language

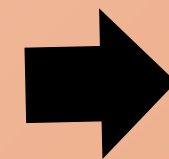


Using Gamilab to create games for those learning basic Korean notions

# Developing cultural awareness while learning about Korea



Painting and learning about Korea



# Developing cultural awareness while learning about Korea



Learning about Korean traditional masks  
and celebrating the World Theater Day in

2024  
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↑  
Learning about Korean traditional  
masks and celebrating the World  
Theater Day in 2025

# Developing cultural awareness while learning about Korea



Learning about Korean traditional mask and creating a key-chain with a Korean mask

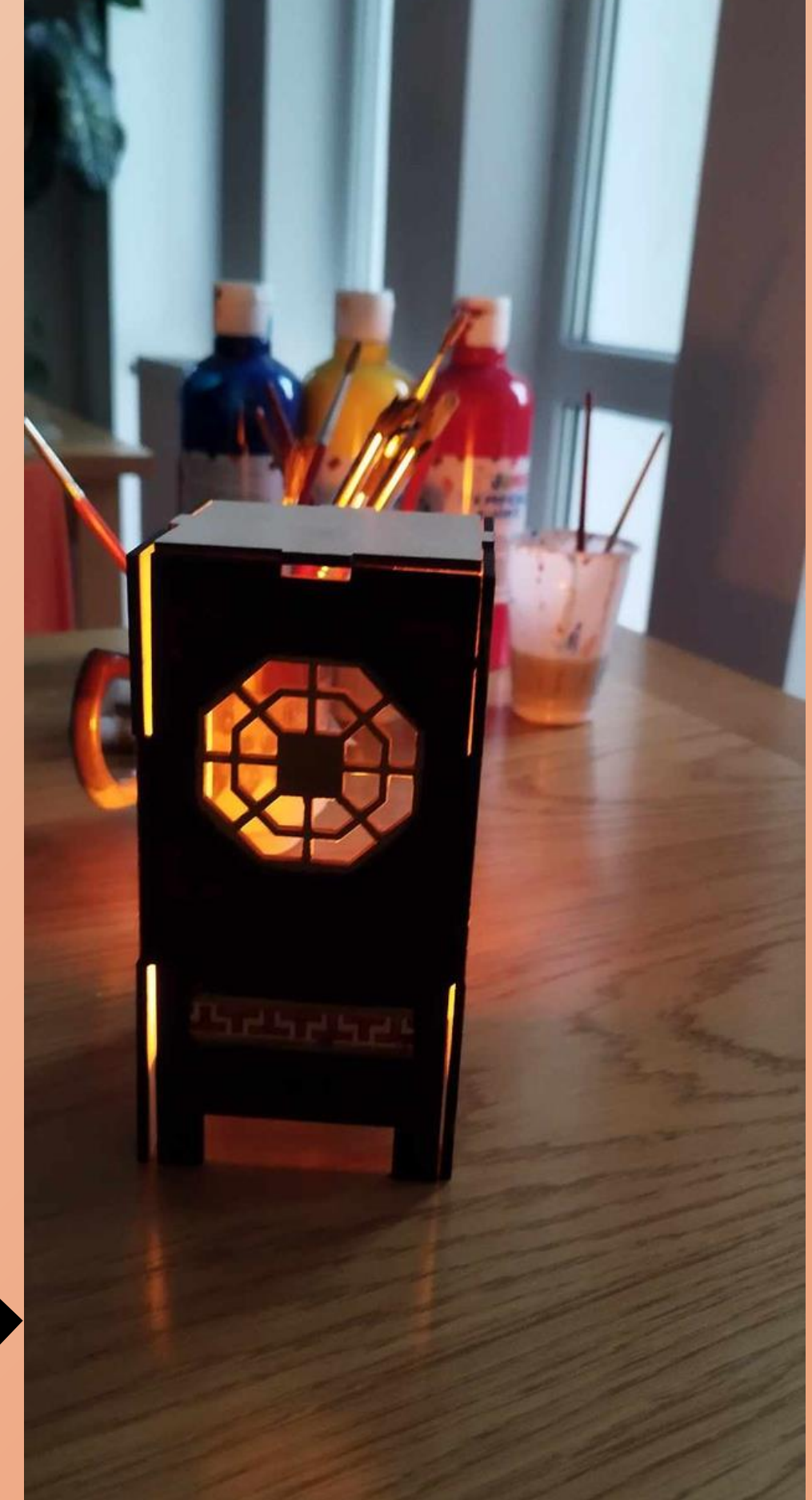


Creating a small Korean traditional hat

Learning about Korean history and creating a wood turtle ship

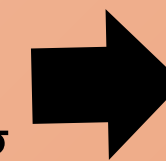


# Developing cultural awareness while learning about Korea



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**Learning about old Korean books and  
creating a journal similar to the old Korean  
books**

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**Learning about  
Chuseok and creating  
a wood lantern**



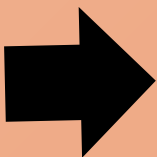
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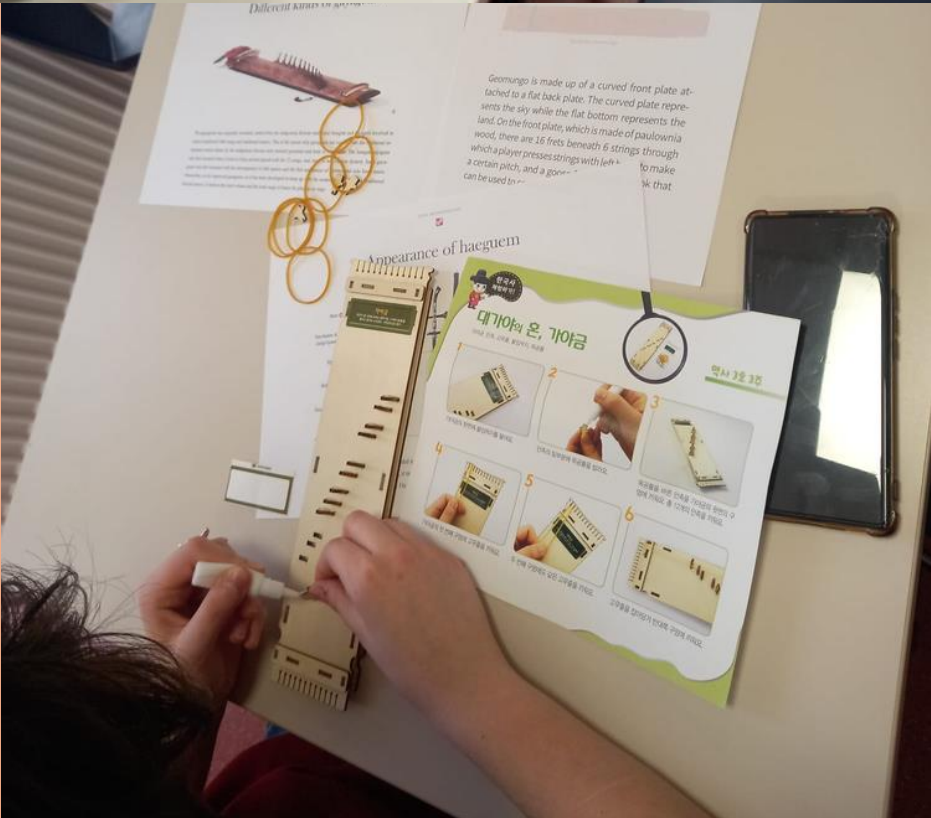
Learning about Korean music and creating a paper Janggu (Korean drum)



Learning about Janggu rythms



Learning about Korean music and creating a





**As a final thought**

**In the future, while discovering the Korean language and culture the patrons from „Traian Brad” Branch, fans of Korean culture, will learn more about Korean music**



**Thank you**  
**감사합니다**

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