

SUMMARY

In our essay, we are presenting a distinguished person, who has played an active part not only in her birthplace (Balog nad Ipľom), but is also well-known along Ipel', the river coasting the Hungarian border. The above-mentioned is a woman of the name of Aranka Sarolta Lőrincz, the retired kindergarten teacher, whose work and activities have contributed to the high reputation of the village's history. Her collections have immortalised our habits and dialects (palóc) and her folklore group revitalises the values of our past. Her books infuse life into the old traditions and the region's history, so they convey meaning to the younger generations and people from other countries.

Aranka prefers to orally narrate history; through her experiences and observations, she portrays the major historic turning points. She also depicts our ancestors' lives and ideas in such a sensational way as to mesmerise the young generations.

Aranka Sarolta Lőrincz is ever-ready to make social contributions such as telling stories about the old times; giving a lecture; presiding over book launches in schools and libraries; telling folk-tales in kindergarten; writing and looking after the village's chronicle and providing professional guided tour in the Palóc museum.

Last, but not least, her folklore group sings at different village festivals as well.