



This coming Friday and Saturday, two authors whose most recent publications won't likely be shelved anywhere near each other when they hit bookstores will present their work before Formentera audiences.

The first of these two events will take place Friday 7 November, 8:30pm, at Sant Francesc's Marià Villangómez Library, putting the spotlight on Nora Albert and Laia Moreto Alvarado's most recent offering, a book entitled 'Punta Galera'. Next day at the same hour, though this time at the Casa del Poble in La Mola, Pere Galiana will appear before members of the community to present his own work, 'Formentera, la vida en el passat' ('Formentera, life in the past'). Both presentations have been coordinated by Obra Cultural de Formentera and have received funding from the Formentera Council.

Albert and Moreto's book is a merging of poetry and photography bound together in the centre by one common theme: the bay of Punta Galera in Eivissa. Making it instantly attractive for readers in Formentera, the book is awash in a distinctly seafaring – and island-bred – brand of language. The talk will be hosted by Agnès Vidal and Maria Teresa Ferrer and will include a number of poetry readings taken directly from the book.

Second in line, and based on a true story, 'Formentera, la vida en el passat' is a narrative account of a Formentera family in the not-so-bygone past. Rather than an end in and of itself, the family's story serves as a common thread to guide what is essentially a story about the transformations taking place in mid-XXth century Formentera.

Participants at the second event (to be moderated by Isidor Torres and Maria Teresa Ferrer) will be able to dialogue on a range of topics relevant to local Formentera society, past and present. Some of the topics on the table are the historical evolution of goods purveyance in La Mola, changing generational mores on the island, the Spanish Civil War, the hydroplane base at Estany Pudent and the prisoner-of-war camp in La Savina, recently-declared a cultural interest site by the Formentera Council.