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## December Newsletter

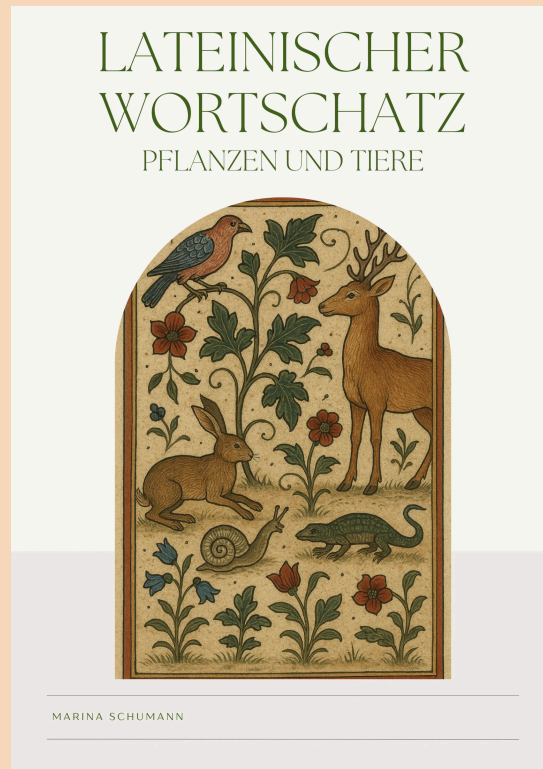
Dear Friends of Lingua Latina,

As we close out 2025, I'm delighted to share what's been happening at Homo Legens and what we have in store for the new year.

Early this month, we unveiled a completely revamped website. The new design brings our pages into harmony with contemporary web aesthetics while making navigation significantly more intuitive. Our core mission remains unchanged — providing open-access guided Latin readings in both English and Croatian (simply select HR in the main menu for Croatian content) — but the site now flows more

naturally, with direct links to our newly redesigned store making it easier than ever to explore our materials.

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Mid-December brought the release of our second booklet in the Latin Vocabulary Series for German learners: *Pflanzen und Tiere*. This follows November's publication of the English version (*Plants & Animals*) and complements the inaugural *Home & Family (Haus und Familie)* workbook. We're building a comprehensive vocabulary library for advanced beginners to intermediate learners, one thematic booklet at a time. Also in November, we added a PowerPoint presentation to the Activities section of our main menu – an open-access resource designed to inspire classroom teachers on creative ways to integrate our booklets into their lessons, though these materials work equally well for dedicated self-learners working independently. In December, we added another PowerPoint

presentation to the Activities section, this time with classroom activities for the *Plants & Animals* workbook (both in English).

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January promises to be particularly exciting, with two major projects reaching completion. The first is *Livia in Zagradiā*, a comprehensive handbook for Latin learners at the A2-B2 level. Spanning approximately 250 pages in easy-to-print A4 format, this self-study resource follows Livia, a philology student navigating modern life in Zagreb. Through ten engaging texts, learners encounter contemporary spoken Latin paired with extensive grammar and syntax notes, cultural insights into Croatian student life, and abundant exercises complete with an answer key. It's designed for those who want not just to read Latin, but to speak it in modern contexts.

Our second January release represents years of working with students: a physical handbook for university-level Latin instruction

in the humanities, designed for A1-B1 learners. Structured around the Croatian academic calendar, the book contains 30 units — one for each week of the academic year — though the material is ideally suited for a two-year course of study. After five didactic introductory units, students encounter original historical texts arranged roughly chronologically, with particular attention to the historical Croatian lands while maintaining broader geographic scope. The University Centre for Protestant Theology "Matthias Flacius Illyricus" in Zagreb will publish this volume in physical form. An English-language version with different text selections is planned for the future.

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Finally, beginning January 1st, we're expanding our services to offer print-on-demand from our store. These A4 spiral-bound editions will be available with international shipping, making our materials accessible to Latin enthusiasts worldwide in a convenient, classroom-friendly format

Thank you for being part of our community.

Here's to a year of growth in Latin learning and teaching.

Warm regards

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