



**“You had better live and act your best  
and think your best today; for today is  
the sure preparation for tomorrow and  
all the other tomorrows that follow.”**

Harriet Martineau



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LONDON  
LIBRARY



# FOUNDERS' CIRCLE

**“Whatever I have tried to do in life, I have tried  
with all my heart to do it well; whatever I have  
devoted myself to, I have devoted myself  
completely in great aims and in small.”**

Charles Dickens

# JOIN THE FOUNDERS' CIRCLE

The London Library has always been defined both spiritually and financially by its independence. Indeed, the Library has managed to remain self-financing throughout its history, thanks to the recognition by generous men and women of the important role the Library plays in our nation's literary culture.

The Founders' Circle is a group dedicated to supporting the running of the Library year by year, ensuring that it has the means to continue at the service of all who have need of its intellectual capital. Named in honour of the first 500 members who set the Library on its feet in 1841, the Founders' Circle come together at a variety of interesting and exclusive events throughout the year.

There are three levels of annual membership of the Founders' Circle, named after three of the Founders: Charles Dickens, William Makepeace Thackeray and Harriet Martineau.

**MARTINEAU** £1,500  
**THACKERAY** £5,000  
**DICKENS** £10,000

The specific benefits you enjoy will depend on your particular interests and on the level you choose.

**“The world is a looking glass and gives back to every man the reflection of his own face.”**  
William Makepeace Thackeray



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## **MARTINEAU** £1,500

- Guided exploration of the Library and its collections “behind the scenes”
- Private events with well-known authors
- Visits to other libraries and collections of interest
- Invitation for two to the Library's Annual Literary Dinner
- Invitation for two to the Library's Christmas Party
- Invitation to an annual Chairman's Lunch

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## **THACKERAY** £5,000

### **All Martineau benefits plus:**

- Bookplates permanently recording your financial support in 5 new books added to the collections during the year
- Four additional invitations to the Library's parties for your friends and family
- Invitation for two to an annual Chairman's Dinner

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## **DICKENS** £10,000

### **All Thackeray benefits plus:**

- Bookplates permanently recording your financial support in 10 new books added to the collections during the year
- Opportunity to meet with key members of The London Library team to discuss your involvement in your own special areas of interest
- 10% discount on the hire of the Library for a private reception or dinner
- Invitations to exclusive Dickens events including an annual Dickens Lunch

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