

184th Annual General Meeting of The London Library

Tuesday 25 November 2025, 6.00 pm in the Reading Room
at The London Library

We expect to be able to offer attendance online as well as in person. All details will be made available on our website at www.londonlibrary.co.uk/AGM2025 and final arrangements will be announced nearer the time on our website and via the Library's e-newsletter.

AGENDA

1. Chair's Welcome and Approval of the Minutes of the 183rd Annual General Meeting held on 26 November 2024
2. Director's Roundup of the Year
3. Collection Update
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Building Project
6. Adoption of the 2024-2025 Annual Report and Accounts
7. Appointment of Auditors
8. Retirement and election of Trustees
9. Confirmation of the Trustees' proposals for membership fees, subscriptions and charges

Notes to the Agenda

Agenda item 1. Minutes of the 183rd AGM and Agenda item 6. The Adoption of the 2024-2025 Annual Report and Accounts: These are available to view on the Library's website at: www.londonlibrary.co.uk/about-us/agm-annual-reports. Hard copies of the Annual Report may be requested at: director@londonlibrary.co.uk

Agenda item 3. Collection Update

The Director of Collections & Library Services will give an update on developments relating to rare books, archives and the Library Fund appeals.

Agenda item 5. Building Project

Dr Stephanie Hall, Chair of the Library's Buildings and Facilities Committee, will give an update on the Building Project. For information in advance of the meeting, members are recommended to visit the Library's website, including the FAQ section: www.londonlibrary.co.uk/about-us/the-capital-campaign-building-connections

Agenda item 7. Appointment of Auditors: The Trustees propose the appointment of MHA as the Library's Auditors for the financial year 2025-2026.

Agenda item 8.

Retirement and Election of Trustees:

The following Trustees retired during the year:
Rosalynn Try-Hane. There are no members being put forward for election this year.

Agenda item 9.

Proposed membership fees from 1 January 2026

The Trustees propose an increase to ordinary membership paid by annual Direct Debit of 2.6% to £590 per annum, saving members £65 on the cost of membership by other methods. Full membership by other payment methods will increase by 3.1%, to £655 (£54.58 monthly).

These increases have been carefully considered in light of the prevailing rate of inflation and the cost pressures we know members are currently facing.

The changes to fees for all membership types are given below. All individual membership types receive a discounted rate when paid by annual Direct Debit.

With regard to Life Membership, we propose to increase the bands by c2.6% and have expanded the first band from 18-24 to 16-24 to align with the age that membership can be taken up at the Library.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

Full membership	Annual	Monthly
<i>Payment by annual Direct Debit</i>	£590	
<i>Other means of payment</i>	£655	£54.58
Remote access membership		
<i>Payment by annual Direct Debit</i>	£265	
<i>Other means of payment</i>	£315	£26.25
Associate membership		
<i>Payment by annual Direct Debit</i>	£375	
<i>Other means of payment</i>	£425	£35.41
Spouse/partner membership		
spouse/partner of Full annual/Life Member		
<i>Payment by annual Direct Debit</i>	£295	
<i>Other means of payment</i>	£327.50	£27.29
Young persons' membership		
for all members aged 16-29		
<i>Payment by annual Direct Debit</i>	£295	
<i>Other means of payment</i>	£327.50	£27.29
Temporary overseas membership		
for overseas visitors, 4 months' duration		
	£327.50	
Extra borrowing allowances		
<i>Additional 5 volumes</i>	£57	

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Public libraries (per volume)	£57
Educational/charitable institutions (10 or more staff/members)	£1,070
Additional 5 volumes	£165
Other institutions (10 or more staff/members)	£1,965
Additional 5 volumes	£276
Smaller institutions (Less than 10 staff/members)	£780
Additional 5 volumes	£112

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Age	Fee (£)	Age	Fee (£)
80 and over	£1,650	50 to 54	£16,800
78 to 79	£3,200	45 to 49	£18,900
75 to 77	£4,700	40 to 44	£20,600
70 to 74	£7,000	35 to 39	£22,700
65 to 69	£9,150	30 to 34	£24,700
60 to 64	£12,600	25 to 29	£26,400
55 to 59	£14,600	16 to 24	£27,500