

A photograph of a quiet study area in a library. On the left, tall wooden bookshelves are filled with books, many of which have 'The Year's Work in English Studies' spines. A wooden desk with a curved chair is in the foreground. An open book lies on the desk. In the background, a staircase with a dark metal railing leads up. A sign on the wall lists various societies and associations.

**"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

A photograph of the interior of The London Library. The room features high ceilings, large windows, and extensive bookshelves filled with books. In the foreground, a wooden reading table with two adjustable lamps is visible. The floor is made of dark stone tiles.

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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

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Named after the inaugural members of 1841, the Founders' Circle is a group of literary enthusiasts right at the heart of the Library. Their commitment and support provides a vital foundation that underpins the Library's activities, helping to ensure it can continue to open its doors, expand and preserve its unique collection, and inspire new generations of readers and writers.

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

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William Makepeace Thackeray

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- Bookplates recording your support enclosed within 10 new books added to the collection during the year

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