

# FNL

Friends of the National Libraries

## FNL Visits Programme Autumn 2018

FNL members are invited to join one or more of our Autumn 2018 visits. There is no charge for these visits and FNL members are welcome to bring a guest to the Dickens and Charterhouse visits, but the Royal Library visit is restricted to FNL members only.

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### FNL Visits Autumn 2018: Booking form

You can book a ticket by emailing: [admin@fnlmail.org.uk](mailto:admin@fnlmail.org.uk) or by completing the form below and posting it to:  
FNL, PO Box 4291, Reading RG8 9JA

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to book places as follows: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of places \_\_\_\_\_

Dickens Museum: Wednesday October 31st, 11am to 12.30pm \_\_\_\_\_

The Royal Library\*: Wednesday November 14th, 2pm to 3.30pm \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: guests must arrive by 1.30pm because of security requirements* \_\_\_\_\_

The Charterhouse: Tuesday December 4th, 3pm to 4.30pm, \_\_\_\_\_

Tour 1: 3pm-4.30pm or Tour 2: 3pm-5.30pm (*specify tour*) \_\_\_\_\_

If you are booking two tickets for a visit please provide the name of your guest(s) below:  
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\* FNL members only for the Royal Library visit.

Security information will need to be provided three weeks in advance of this visit, details will be given when you book.

### Dickens Museum

Wednesday October 31st, 11am to 12.30pm

48 Doughty Street, London WC1N 2LX

This is the last remaining London family home of the Victorian writer and campaigner Charles Dickens (1812-70) and it is where he wrote *The Pickwick Papers*, *Oliver Twist* and *Nicholas Nickleby*. The Museum holds the most comprehensive collection of Dickens-related material. In 2016 the FNL supported the Museum in acquiring *The Pickwick Minute Book 1837-1843* – a unique record of the first known Pickwick Club. Our visit includes an introduction by the curator along with a collections insight and a self-guided tour of the house and special exhibition, *Charles Dickens: Man of Science*.

*Limited to 20 places*

### The Royal Library

Wednesday November 14th, 2pm to 3.30pm

*Note: guests must arrive by 1.30pm because of security requirements*

Windsor Castle, Windsor SL4 1NJ

The current Royal Library was established by William IV (r.1830-37) who, on his accession, had access to the private libraries of George III and George IV at Carlton House. He merged these libraries at Windsor Castle and, along with succeeding monarchs, further added to the collection which was re-organised in 1860. The library collection contains 200,000+ items, which includes manuscripts and over 250 incunabula. The tour will cover the three Library rooms at Windsor Castle.

*Limited to 24 places (FNL members only)*

### The Charterhouse

Tuesday December 4th, 3pm to 4.30pm

Tour 1: 3pm-4.30pm and Tour 2: 3pm-5.30pm

Charterhouse Square, Clerkenwell, London, EC1M 6AN

The Charterhouse is a hidden gem in the heart of London. A Carthusian monastery, founded on the site of a burial ground for Black Death victims, flourished for 160 years until the Dissolution. A Tudor mansion was built from the monastic ruin and used by Elizabeth I and James I. In 1611 the wealthiest commoner in the country, Thomas Sutton, founded a school and almshouse here. The Charterhouse opened to the public for the first time in 2017. There will be a tour with one of the Brothers plus a behind the scenes look at our special collections.

*Due to limited capacity there will be two tours at the times indicated above, please indicate your preference when booking. Limited to 10 places per tour.*