Literature Group programme 2026-27

date	theme	book	lead	poetry	lead
Sept 16th	*100 best novels*	The Brothers Karamazov [1880] Fyodor Dostoyevsky		Russian poetry	
Oct 21st	*100 best novels*	Wide Sargasso Sea [1966] Jean Rhys		Jamaican poets, 1800s, poets with Jamaican heritage – Benjamin Zephaniah	
Nov 18th	*100 best novels*	Orlando [1928] Virginia Woolf		Poems by Virginia Woolf, Vita Sackville West – Leopards at Knole, And So It Ends, poems about Bloomsbury group?	
Dec 16th	*Play*	Our Town [1938] Thornton Wilder			
Jan 20th	*Non-fiction Travel*	All The wide Border [2023] Mike Parker		Welsh / English border, The Welsh Marches – AE Housman, Welsh poets	
Feb 17th	*Novel with GB travel theme*	Resistance [2007] Owen Sheers		WW2 alternative history, Welsh borders, WW2 poems about the Home Front	
Mar 17th	*100 best novels*	Transit of Venus [1980] Shirley Hazzard		Post WW2 England, Australian poets	
Apr 21st	*100 best novels/ GB Travel theme*	The Rings of Saturn: An English Pilgrimage [1995] W G Sebold		Suffolk poets- George Crabbe, Elizabeth Sennitt-Clough, Kevin Algar, poems about Suffolk - landscape	
May 19th	*100 best novels*	Housekeeping [1980] Marilynne Robinson		1950s Idaho, family bonds – Mothers and daughters / sisters	
June 16th	*100 best novels*	Song of Solomon [1977] Toni Morrison		Mid-20th century, Racism, flight as escape [magical realism]	
July 21st	*Non-fiction – travel*	The Hidden Ways: Scotland's Forgotten Roads[2018] Alistair Moffat		Scotland, types of road [Roman roads, footpaths, forgotten roads], Scottish history and landscape	
Aug 18th	*Novel with GB travel theme*	History of the Rain [2014] Naill Williams		Irish poets, poems about Irish history and landscape	