

NASHVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION



Literary Award Weekend

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About Nashville Public Library Foundation

Since its creation in 1997, the Nashville Public Library Foundation (NPLF), has raised over \$99.5 million, from individuals and organizations, to advance the impact and reach of Nashville Public Library programs and initiatives that exist beyond the budget of Metro government. Gifts to the Foundation ignite a world of opportunity and access for people of all ages through investment in library resources that build literacy, digital skills, workforce readiness, lifelong learning, and ultimately, create better lives. By raising private funds from generous supporters like yourself, the Nashville Public Library Foundation expands what is possible for the Library and thus for our community.



About The Event

The Nashville Public Literary Award Weekend draws more than 1,000 cultural, political, community, and business leaders from across Nashville and beyond.

Friday Night - First Edition Reception

This exclusive event will provide select invited guests (supporting at \$10,000+) an opportunity to connect with the author in a private setting.

Saturday Morning - Public Lecture

The Public Lecture is a highlight of the weekend. This event allows the general public to hear from and celebrate the honoree at a free community event.

Saturday Night - Literary Award Gala

The weekend will culminate in the Gala in the Grand Reading Room at the Main Library. This event promises delightful cocktails, conversation, and a delicious dinner in an elegant setting.

Prior to the Gala a private VIP reception with an author meet and greet will be hosted for those supporting at \$5,000+.

Established in 2004, the Nashville Public Library Literary Award recognizes distinguished authors for their illustrious contributions to the world of books, literacy, and reading. Each year, we bring an outstanding individual to Nashville for a weekend-long celebration honoring their achievements while simultaneously raising critical funding in support of NPL's essential education and literacy programs and resources.

About the Honoree

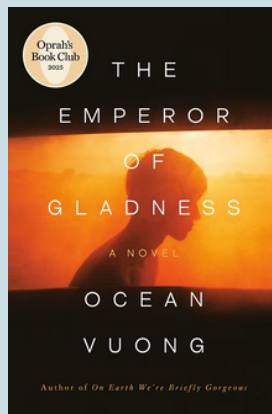
OCEAN VUONG

Ocean Vuong is the author of the critically acclaimed poetry collections *Night Sky with Exit Wounds* and *Time Is a Mother*, as well as the New York Times bestselling novel *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous*. A recipient of the MacArthur "Genius Grant" and the American Book Award, he was born in Saigon, Vietnam, and currently splits his time between western Massachusetts and New York City. *The Emperor of Gladness* is his latest novel.

Writer, professor, and photographer, Ocean Vuong is the author of *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous*, winner of the American Book Award, The Mark Twain Award, and The New England Book Award. The novel debuted for six weeks on The New York Times bestseller list and has since sold more than a million copies in 40 languages.



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Literary Award Honoree Sponsor

\$50,000

LITERARY AWARD WEEKEND BENEFITS

- Table for ten at the Gala with premier seating on Saturday evening
- Ten invitations to the VIP Cocktail Reception prior to Gala
- Six invitations to the First Edition Reception on Friday evening
- Ten invitations to the Public Lecture with premier seating

RECOGNITION

- Distinctive recognition on the Gala invitation, Gala program, the NPLF annual report, and the NPLF website
- Distinctive recognition on the Public Lecture print materials, promotional materials, and the website
- Distinctive recognition on the press materials for the Literary Award Weekend
- Verbal recognition at the First Edition Reception and Gala

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

- One year membership for you to the Carnegie Society
- Ten books donated to the Library honoring the people of your choosing

Public Lecture Sponsor

\$45,000

LITERARY AWARD WEEKEND BENEFITS

- Table for ten at the Gala with premier seating on Saturday evening
- Four invitations to the VIP Cocktail Reception prior to Gala
- Four invitations to the First Edition Reception on Friday evening
- VIP meet-and-greet at the Public Lecture
- Ten invitations to the Public Lecture with premier seating

RECOGNITION

- Distinctive recognition on the Gala invitation, Gala program, the NPLF annual report, and the NPLF website
- Distinctive recognition on the Public Lecture print materials, promotional materials, and the website
- Verbal recognition at the First Edition Reception and Gala

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

- One year membership for you to the Carnegie Society
- Eight books donated to the Library honoring the people of your choosing

Gala Sponsor

\$35,000

LITERARY AWARD WEEKEND BENEFITS

- Table for ten at the Gala with premier seating on Saturday evening
- Four invitations to the VIP Cocktail Reception prior to Gala
- Four invitations to the First Edition Reception on Friday evening
- Eight invitations to the Public Lecture with premier seating

RECOGNITION

- Distinctive recognition on the Gala invitation, Gala program, the NPLF annual report, and the NPLF website
- Verbal recognition at the First Edition Reception and Gala

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

- One year membership for you to the Carnegie Society
- Eight books donated to the Library honoring the people of your choosing

First Edition Reception Sponsor

\$25,000

LITERARY AWARD WEEKEND BENEFITS

- Ten invitations to the First Edition Reception on Friday evening
- Four tickets to the Gala with premier seating on Saturday evening
- Four invitations to the VIP Cocktail Reception prior to Gala
- Ten invitations to the Public Lecture with premier seating

RECOGNITION

- Distinctive recognition on the Gala invitation, Gala program, the NPLF annual report, and the NPLF website
- Verbal recognition at the First Edition Reception and Gala

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

- One year membership for you to the Carnegie Society
- Eight books donated to the Library honoring the people of your choosing

Patronage

When you become a patron for the Nashville Public Library Literary Award Gala Weekend, you are investing in more than just this celebration. Your gift directly funds an organization that has unparalleled impact on our community. There is no single institution that addresses as many different needs in our community as Nashville Public Library and your dedication and support empowers one of Nashville's greatest resources.

Your gift helps sustain the Library for generations to come.

Limited Edition Patron

\$10,000

LITERARY AWARD WEEKEND BENEFITS

- Two invitations to the First Edition Reception on Friday evening
- Two tickets to the Gala on Saturday evening
- Two Invitations to the VIP Cocktail Reception prior to Gala

RECOGNITION

- Distinctive recognition on the Gala invitation, Gala program, the NPLF annual report, and the NPLF website
- Verbal recognition at the Gala

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

- One year membership for you to the Carnegie Society
 - Five books donated to the Library honoring the people of your choosing
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Literati Patron

\$5,000

LITERARY AWARD WEEKEND BENEFITS

- Two tickets to the Gala on Saturday evening
- Two Invitations to the VIP Cocktail Reception prior to Gala

RECOGNITION

- Distinctive recognition on the Gala invitation, Gala program, the NPLF annual report, and the NPLF website

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

- Three books donated to the Library honoring the people of your choosing

To become an esteemed patron, please contact Elizabeth Sherrard, Director of Major Gifts, by email at elizabeth.sherrard@nplf.org or by phone at 615-862-5814.
