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PRESS RELEASE

Fondation Hachette pour la lecture announces the 11 grant-winning non-profits from its 2025 call for projects

In 2025, Fondation Hachette pour la lecture is furthering its efforts with innovative project leaders to promote access to books, culture and education for all audiences. This year, the foundation is providing eight new non-profits with grants ranging from €10,000 to €50,000.

In addition, to boost the impact of projects currently backed, Fondation Hachette is lending more support to three non-profits (marked below with an asterisk) selected in 2024, for the development and expansion of their actions in aid of audiences in precarious situations.

This year's call for projects garnered significant interest, setting a new record for applications received since its was first launched, in 2022. The foundation team shortlisted a selection of projects, which were then reviewed by an in-house committee of Group employees. This staff committee also interviewed certain project leaders before submitting its recommendation to the Fondation Hachette pour la lecture executive committee.

The 11 non-profits selected in 2025 work directly with audiences every day on projects fully aligned with the foundation's fundamental missions: preventing illiteracy, combating school dropout, and building community through reading. Through the projects it supports, Fondation Hachette strives to defend its deeply held belief that reading and writing are fundamental rights. The foundation is committed to making both activities accessible to all, with a special focus on young people and those lacking the opportunity to read, especially in areas with limited educational and cultural resources.

The 11 organizations supported in 2025:

- L'Afev Association de la Fondation Etudiante pour la Ville,* a non-profit active in five regions which enlists university student mentors who are trained and received individual guides to help 640 five- and six-year-olds who may be struggling with speaking and writing.
- ATIA,* to create 40 nursery classroom libraries in Madagascar to help prepare the children to
 move up to primary school, while reinforcing the support from teachers in classrooms that
 already have libraries.
- Droit à l'école,* whose "l'École des Sans École" ("School for the Unschooled") in Paris provides French classes for 130 unaccompanied exiled minors, aged 15 to 17, until they can be enrolled in a public high school, as well as tutoring for 150 youth already in school, and activities related to reading.
- **Enfants du désert**, to create libraries in five primary schools in the Moroccan desert, in order to improve the learning conditions and French proficiency of 1,500 pupils.
- Graine d'Orateur Seine-Saint-Denis, to hold around 30 series of workshops on oral expression

- for 900 young people from modest backgrounds, in three regions, with a view to implementing the project nationally.
- LA CLE, which fights illiteracy by providing workshops on fundamental knowledge for 50 families, French classes for non-native speakers to promote social and workplace integration, and appropriate books (easy reads, novels, etc.).
- Lecture Jeunesse, to roll out "Numook," an innovative, collaborative ebook creation project, in 20 rural areas, enabling 500 young people who are not readers to improve their reading, writing and digital creation skills.
- **Les Blouses Roses**, to provide 400 large-print books for seniors in retirement homes, as well as hospitalized children and adults with visual impairments, offering an escape through reading.
- **Lire et faire lire**, which promotes the joy of books through readings by seniors for small groups of children, with a focus on rural and underprivileged areas.
- **Lire pour en Sortir**, which inspires a renewed interest in learning and provides respite from isolation for 350 incarcerated women, through a weekly, personal reading program.
- **Ma Chance Moi Aussi**, to guide 500 children from underprivileged neighborhoods toward reading, through daily educational workshops and libraries at the non-profit's 13 locations.

The next call for projects will be launched in early 2026 on the foundation website: www.fondationhachette.com



Fondation Hachette pour la lecture was launched in late 2021 under the aegis of the Fondation de France and works to promote reading, writing and the French language more generally to all audiences, including children, young people in the broadest sense of the term, and others who are not engaged in or kept from reading. https://www.fondationhachette.com/



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