

La Vermutería at Tipos Infames bookstore in Malasaña

The vermouth pop-up bar, [La Vermuteria](#), is back at [Tipos Infames](#) bookstore in Malasaña this Saturday. Skim through the pages of a new book while you treat yourself to a refreshing vermouth before lunch!

LIBROS MUTANTES: Madrid Art Book Fair

La Casa Encendida is hosting a book fair this weekend with presentations, workshops, discussions, musical performances, and more. This celebration of art and literature serves as a meetup for various independent editorial projects and is open to the public (and family friendly).

April Fool's Mate: The March Chess Event

Although this month's chess event is not technically happening within the month of March, it is sure to be full of laughter, drinks, and of course endless games of chess! Bring your friends to [Desperate Literature on April Fool's Day](#) for a

night full of good times... just make sure not to fall for any April Fool's Day trickery!

La Noche de los Teatros

[La Noche de los Teatros](#) is upon us once again and is commemorating both the fourth centenary of Shakespeare and Cervantes as well as celebrating the 150th birthday of Ramón María del Valle-Inclán. On April 1st, at various different theaters and venues all throughout Madrid, you will be able to enjoy performances and listen to music and dramatic readings. What better way to honor these late, great writers than having the public come together to share their appreciation for the performing arts.

Sonia Bueno: The Monthly Poetry Event

This month Desperate Literature is proud to present contemporary Spanish poet [Sonia Bueno](#)! Sonia Bueno studied right here in Madrid at the Universidad Complutense and still lives and writes in Madrid. She has published two collections: *Retales* (2011, winner of the 1st International Poetry Prize from the Fundación Centro de Poesía José Hierro), and *Aral* (2016). Gather your friends and come spend a night listening to Sonia Bueno reading some of her poetry in the quaint and cozy location of Desperate Literature.

Harry Potter Book Night

Calling all wizards, witches and muggles alike... On Thursday February 4th at 8pm, Desperate Literature will be hosting a [Harry Potter Book Night](#)! Join in on the quizzes to win prizes such as Dobby's last place socks or Hagrid's rock cakes.

Poetry Reading at Desperate Literature (with vodka!)

Head over to [Desperate Literature](#) on Friday night at 8pm for an evening of poetry with James and Marian Womack, reading from James's newest translations of the great Vladimir Mayakovsky. Thanks go out to [Carcenet Press](#) for giving Desperate Literature the rights to print a limited edition pamphlet of the poems to accompany the evening.

Not only will there be poetry, but we'll also be swilling Vodka like there's no tomorrow!

Christmas Party at Desperate

Literature – “the more eggnog, the better”

Join the guys at [Desperate Literature](#) for carols and eggnog to see the year out with a bit of tipsy class. Songs will be led by Elena Christina Novak, and remember, the singing gets better the more eggnog you drink – it’s magic like that.

If you fancy practicing a little, the following classics will be represented: Jingle Bells; Deck the Halls; God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen; O Holy Night; Joy to the World; Silent Night; We Wish You a Merry Christmas.

Here’s the [FB event page](#)

James Joyce fans – Celebrate Bloomsday and “Ulysses” at Desperate Literature

Join the guys at [Desperate Literature](#) (our favorite bookshop in Madrid) for **Bloomsday** – the day when Joyce fans gather to celebrate “Ulysses.” At Desperate Literature, they’ll be reading from the book, singing songs and drinking to the health of dear James himself. For old hands and Bloomsday newbies alike, there’ll be enough liquid courage to tempt even the faint of heart, and if we’re feeling very bold, we can join itinerant Irishman, Davy Lyons, in some Joyce-era folk tunes.

They’ll also be having a small presentation of artwork from

Joyce illustrator, Stephen Crowe, and when Aeolus has finally left our lungs, Davy will round the evening with a concert.

How could you miss this?