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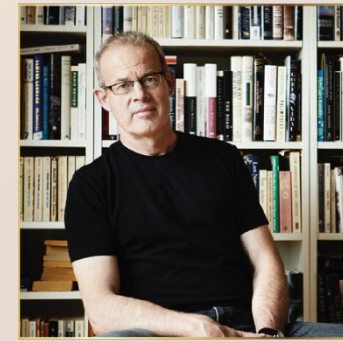
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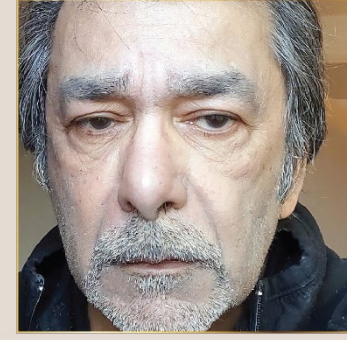
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Cocktail Piano - ABC (Instrumental)

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The best-dressed guests at the Biblio Bash 2026 party

Esteemed attendees included Linwood Barclay, Brandi Leifso and Margaret Atwood's daughter, Jess Gibson

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As its glitzy fundraiser, Biblio Bash, welcomes literary superstars for an 8 year's edition raised over \$1 million



Toronto Public Library (TPL) Foundation's Biblio Bash held its 2026 edition at the Toronto Reference Library on April 23, 2026, once again transforming the iconic atrium into an evening where storytelling and philanthropy converged. The annual black-tie fundraiser welcomed more than 1,000 guests, including some of the city's leading philanthropists, city builders, and literary voices, raising over \$1 million in support of youth-focused programming across the city.

Hosted by chairs Moez and Marissa Kassam and presented by Fitzrovia, the evening reflected the enduring impact of collective giving and the public libraries as essential community anchors. Funds raised directly support TPL's Youth Programs, including After School Clubs, reading, and other initiatives delivered across Toronto Public Library's network of more than 100 branches.

These programs reached more than 15,000 children and teens, providing academic support, nutritious snacks, and safe, welcoming after-school hours, supporting both educational needs and a sense of belonging for young people in the community.

