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Design fair OBJECT announces participants

More than 150 designers show latest creations in the empty Central Library

OBJECT Rotterdam will open its doors from February 6 to 8, 2026, transforming the empty Central Library on the Hoogstraat into a real design destination for one long weekend. Dozens of designers will showcase their work in this iconic building before its major renovation begins. Visitors to OBJECT can explore a wide range of unique art and interior pieces distributed throughout the building's various floors. And the library books? They're temporarily housed in the Librijesteeg, very close to the fair venue.



Left: campaign image by Studio Laucke Siebein, right: chair by Teun Zwets

Talent pool

OBJECT has established itself as THE place for discovering new trends and emerging talents. This edition features over twenty-five recent design graduates, including Koen van Tuijl, Studio Phozoho and Jelmer Nijp from Eindhoven, Luuk van de Grift and Rachel Mell from Rotterdam, Sonya Levchynska from The Hague and Job van der Bent from Arnhem. International participants include Jules Péan from Luxembourg, Noëma from Barcelona, Lucie Briand from Brussels, and Miranda Axelsson travelling from Borlänge, Sweden. The fair also features galleries and home interior stores like Rademakers Gallery, Gallery Untitled, Rotterdam design boutique Plaisier Avantgarde, and Just Haastnoot's interior store and studio from Wassenaar. Established labels participating this year include IKONIC, APTUM and The Boy Scouts.

Platform

Every day, the fair hosts activities that are freely accessible to the public. These include talks and interviews with Rotterdam-based writers such as Ernest van der Kwast and Hugo Borst. In addition, various children's book authors read from their own work. On the open stage, visitors can witness the creative process of designers and artists firsthand. Each day, artists work on a unique "remake" of the iconic Zumtobel lamps that have adorned the building for many years. After more than forty years, the empty Central Library is being renovated, giving the landmark building a major makeover. In the spring, the Municipality of Rotterdam will organize an auction of special objects from the library, including these one-of-a-kind lamps. Among those reimagining the well-known lamps are visual artist Iwan Smit and illustrator Maite Prince. Visitors to the fair can watch the process live on the OBJECT stage, with proceeds going to a charitable cause.



Left: furniture by Hidde Tuinte, right: interactive lamps by Georgious

Participants

Abdoeline Soleman | NL=US, Aesthetic Studios | Martijntje Cornelia, Aidan Neuféglise, Any Way the Wind Blows, APTUM, Atelier Willem Zwiers, Bob Frederik, Bobbine Berden Design | Liselot Hoekstra, bok. art and design, Boring Collection, byLYN ceramics, Chris Rijk | Chris Koen | Sofie Aaldering | Rademakers Gallery, comma etc, Conform Cox, De HER, Diederik Schneemann, *DIED*, DIRK VAESSEN, dokaLab, Emma Werkhoven, etcetera, Eunsol Kim, Evy Jolijn Deelen | Hans Muller | Hilde Onis, Farzin Kavaji, Floor Houben, Foulon & Van Verrewegen, Francisca Snel, Frederik Rombach | RERO Glass, Gallery Untitled, Georgie Frankel, georgious, Griffioen Outdoor Furniture, Hans Arets (JW Arets), Hidde Tuinte | Studio Aikina, House of Thol, ignore, IKONIC, io wu, Iris Lucia Design, Iris Toonen | Studio Vocum, Iwan Smit, Jan Willem van Elten, Jasper Udink ten Cate | Creative Chef Studio, Jelmer Nijp, Jim Bob Ruijgrok, Jules Péan, Just Haastnoot, JVD2 Studio, Kesem Yahav | Kesemy Design Studio, Knitwear Lab by Thijs Verhaar, Koen van Tuijl, Knuffelwand, Koldewij Design, Laura van de Wijdeven, Lendrik Duns, LENSVELT Inc., Lilas Patard, Lingua Planta, Luor Atelier, Luuk van de Grift, Maarten Kolk, Maite Prince, Maja Pop Trajkova, MAK studio | Makus, Malin Dittmann, Margriet Foolen | Studio Divers, Marie Caye, Marike Andeweg, Mattie van Bergen,



Mickey Philips, Milou van Ham, Miranda Axelsson, MX3D Art Lab | Erco Lai, nick van nechel, Nina van Bart | Willem van Doorn, Noëma, Nonna Hoogland | Lucy Schoorl, Noord see Lights, Novel Grey, outil.li, PAUW studio, Pieter Sturm, Pim Schumacher, PISTOLA ROSA, Plaisier AvantGarde Rotterdam, Rachel Mell, Raphia, RE-GARDE, Renske Versluijs, REVUSD, Risetite Shop, Roos Schneijderberg, Sandrine Diodati, Sanne Van Winden, Sammies Universe, Saudade Collective, Sebastiaan-Borre, Sjaak Kooij, Sofie de Leeuw van Weenen, Sonya Levchynska, Structural-aspect, Studio der Luminaire, Studio Diters, Studio Gert Wessels, Studio HKA | Hannes Backer, Studio Jeroen Wand, Studio Kars en Boom | Studio Mirte | Studio Phozoho, Studio Reinder Schmidt, STUDIO SAAS, Studio Sam Linders, Studio van der Bent, Studio Wantia, Studio TOIMII | HUSK Ceramics, Teun Zwets, The Boy Scouts, The Visionary Lab, Thijs Kelder, Tiemen Harder, Tomas Schats | Anne van Eck, VeTt Collection, waarvandaan | designshop, Wannes Royaards, Ward van Gemert, a.o..

Left: chair by etcetera, right: lighting by Lucy Schoorl

More information about OBJECT Rotterdam 2026

Location: empty Central Library Rotterdam

Address: Hoogstraat 110, Rotterdam

Dates: Friday February 6 through Sunday February 8, 2026

Hours: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Tickets: available online and at the door for €17.50, children under 16 free

Ticket link: [Tickets OBJECT](#)

Website: www.objectrotterdam.com

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Left: graduation project by young talent Io Wu, right: jewelry by Luor Atelier

About the Central Library Rotterdam

The Central Library on Hoogstraat was officially opened by Queen Beatrix on October 7, 1983. Architectural firm Van den Broek en Bakema designed this post-modernist building, which shares some similarities with the Centre Pompidou in Paris. The Central Library Rotterdam attracts over 2.4 million visitors annually, making it the city's most visited cultural institution. Rotterdam architectural firm Powerhouse Company has designed the sustainable renovation in collaboration with Atelier Oslo and Lundhagem and DELVA landscape architecture, in a joint project between Library Rotterdam and the Municipality of Rotterdam. The renewed Central Library will reopen in 2029. During renovation, the library operates from its temporary location in the Librijesteeg.



Left: ceramics by Chris Rijk via Rademakers Gallery, right: playful objects by Risette Shop



De Centrale Bibliotheek van Rotterdam, foto: Ossip van Duivenbode

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Press Preview

The press preview takes place Thursday February 5 at 3:00 PM. RSVP to syrta@artpublicity.nl
