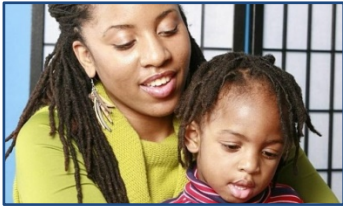
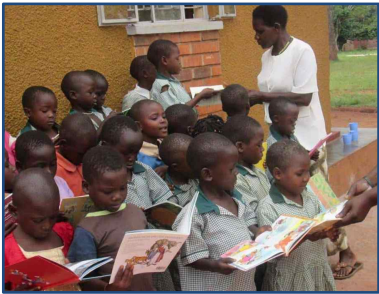

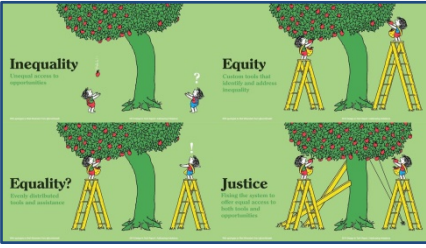


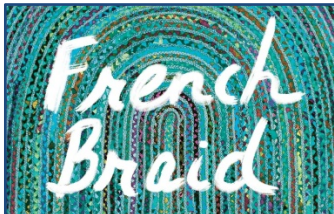


The British Club of The Hague

What you can look forward to in the month of FEBRUARY 2023

<p>Friday 3</p>	<p>10.15</p> <p>10.45</p> <p>12.00</p>	<p><i>The Library will be open until 12.15, <u>with a break during the talk.</u></i></p> <p><i>For the past year we have been raising funds for the good cause you selected during our AGM in 2022 - Biblioneef. At the close of our financial year, Bethzy, <i>Biblioneef's</i> Director Netherlands, will give us an overview of its philosophy and activities. Since its creation in 1989, the organisation has helped thousands of children to discover books and the joy of reading. It has adopted a step-by-step approach to involve teachers and local communities as well as the children themselves, in an operation that now covers large parts of Africa and the Caribbean. As Bethzy will describe, all <i>Biblioneef</i> projects are financed by private donations - this is where our money is going.</i></p> <p>Improve your Bridge with John</p>	 
<p>Friday 10</p>	<p>10.15</p> <p>10.45</p> <p>12.00</p>	<p><i>The Library will be open until 12.15.</i></p> <p><i>In February's edition of the General Discussion Group, Peter will introduce the topic of Equality. <i>Equality (égalité), together with liberté and fraternité were the pillars of the French Revolution which aimed to remove the social divisions of the Ancien Régime. In reality, it led quickly to Napoléon's rule as dictator. George Orwell also damned revolution with his famous words in Animal Farm: all animals are equal, but some are more equal than others. But are liberal democracies any better at delivering equality? There is much talk nowadays about 'levelling up' and 'equal opportunities' but in the end is there still too much acceptance of the fact that your chances in life are better if you were born on the right side of the tracks? Is there anything we can do at the personal level?</i></i></p> <p>Improve your Bridge with John</p>	 
<p>Friday 17</p>	<p>10.15</p> <p>10.45</p> <p>12.00</p>	<p><i>The Library will be open until 12.15.</i></p> <p><i>It's time for another Games Morning, when there will be a range of board and card games to choose from in the Atrium. Eileen will host a Bingo session, with a small charge to take part - but the chance to win a belated Valentine's Day prize!</i></p> <p>Improve your Bridge with John</p>	

Friday 24	10.15	<i>The Library will be open until 12.15.</i>	 
	10.45	<i>For the Readers' Discussion Group, Marlene will introduce French Braid by Anne Tyler, the much-loved author and winner of the Pulitzer Prize. This novel is a joyful and perceptive journey deep into the foibles of one Baltimore family, from a vacation in the 1950's to a longed-for reunion with a grandchild in our pandemic present. French Braid tells the story of the Garrett family over decades and generations - a stirring and uncannily insightful book that illuminates the kindnesses and cruelties of our daily lives, as well as the impossibility of breaking free from those who love us, and how close every family is to itself.</i>	
	12.00	Improve your Bridge with John	