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January 2021 Hours:

The Library is open for browsing, checkout, and returns.

Covid-19 modifications: Limited study space and seating is available.

Tue–Wed: 10h–19h*

Thu: 10h–21h*

Fri–Sat: 10h–19h*

Sun: 13h–19h*

Mon: closed

*Closing times subject to change due to curfew restrictions.

Please note: Last entry is 30 minutes before closing time, to allow for proper sanitization of the facility. Services will be limited in the closing hour. Thank you for your understanding.

2020 Book Award Ceremony: Join us on 14 January Honoring literature. Interpreting France.

Join us on 14 January via Zoom to discover the winner of the 2020 prize and listen to a live talk from the author of the winning book.

14 January 2021 at 19h30 CET

Location: Hosted live on Zoom

[RSVP](#) to be added to the event's guest list. Login information will be sent to you prior to the event.

There is no cost to attend.

[RSVP](#)

Explore this year's shortlisted books on our [website](#).

The Book Award ceremony is an opportunity to thank our donors, who have so generously supported the Library throughout this challenging year. The American Library in Paris Book Award is made possible by the Florence Gould Foundation, with additional support from our Book Award Patrons. If you are interested in supporting the Book Award, please contact giving@americanlibraryinparis.org.

E-magazines on the Move





Our popular e-magazine collection has migrated from RBdigital to our OverDrive platform. Library members now have access to hundreds of full-color, cover-to-cover e-magazines on the same platform they use to check out our e-books.

If you already read e-books on OverDrive or with the Libby app, you can check out current issues of a wide array of magazines right away. If you need help accessing OverDrive or setting up an account, please contact the Library at info@americanlibraryinparis.org. As a reminder, first log into your Library account on our [catalog](#) using your barcode and password, then click the blue OverDrive logo on our [e-resources page](#).

Our magazine collection on OverDrive has something for everyone: current affairs, technology, lifestyle, gastronomy, crafts, gossip, fitness, science, and more. And don't forget that the Library still receives nearly 100 print magazines in English, most of which can be checked out.

Programs for Adults

All programs, including book groups, workshops, and *Evenings with an Author* sponsored by GRoW @ Annenberg, will continue virtually for the present time.



[Evenings with an Author: Deyan Sudjic](#)

Tuesday 5 January at 19h30

Join us for an evening of discussion about the past, present, and future of the city with Deyan Sudjic, author of *The Language of Cities*. Deyan is Director Emeritus of the Design Museum in London, a critic, curator, and writer. *The Language of Cities* looks back to the historic roots of cities as cosmopolitan centers of tolerance, and forward to the impact of the digital explosion on privacy. As we face up to the consequences of the global pandemic, it's time to restate the values of the city.

Free and open to the public via Zoom.

[RSVP required](#) to receive meeting details and password.



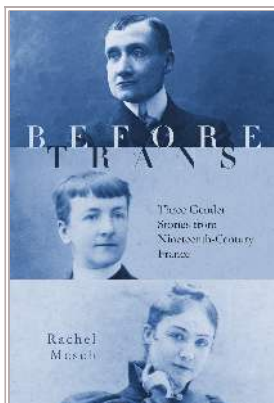
[A Special Panel on Change over Time in Technology and Ethics from 2000 to 2021](#)

Wednesday 6 January at 19h30

This special panel, moderated by journalist Christine Finn and featuring technology experts Nicholas Hall and Mike Cassidy, will explore and debate the issues surrounding technology and its ethics. They will cover the state of tech from the year 2000, before and after the dot com bubble burst, through the era of startups, the beginnings of social media and apps as a means to connect and make life simpler, and finally to our present worries about social media leaving us vulnerable and divided.

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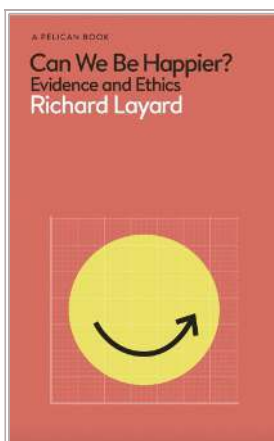
[Evenings with an Author: Rachel Mesch](#)

Tuesday 12 January at 19h30

Please join us for an evening with Dr. Rachel Mesch as she introduces her book *Before Trans: Three Gender Stories in Nineteenth-Century France*, which examines the lives and writings of three French writers whose gender expression did not conform to nineteenth-century notions of femininity. Jane Dieulafoy, Rachilde, and Marc de Montifaud established themselves as fixtures in the literary world of *fin-de-siècle* Paris at the same time as French writers, scientists, and doctors were becoming increasingly fascinated with sexuality and sexual difference. *Before Trans* explores these three figures' lifelong efforts to articulate a sense of selfhood that did not precisely align with the conventional gender roles of their day.

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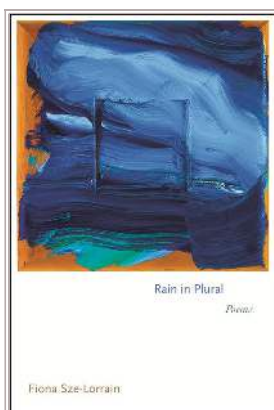
[Evenings with an Author: Richard Layard](#)

Tuesday 19 January at 19h30

Join us for an evening of conversation with Richard Layard, author of *Can We Be Happier? Evidence and Ethics*. Professor Lord Layard is a labor economist focusing on unemployment and inequality. He is one of the first economists to work on happiness, and he is currently studying how better mental health could improve our social and economic life.

Free and open to the public via Zoom.

[RSVP required](#) to receive meeting details and password.



[Evenings with an Author: Fiona Sze-Lorrain](#)

Tuesday 26 January at 19h30

Fiona Sze-Lorrain is a poet who works across genres and artistic expressions, as well as more than three languages and cultures. In this reading, she will present poems from her latest collection, *Rain in Plural*, and her new translations of contemporary Chinese-language and American poets. She will also discuss the role and aesthetics of poetry beyond language/culture in a seemingly globalized yet politically fragile world, and the relationship between her writing, music, art, and life.

Free and open to the public via Zoom.

[RSVP required](#) to receive meeting details and password.






[Evenings with an Author: V. E. Schwab](#)

Wednesday 27 January at 19h30

V. E. Schwab is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of more than twenty books, including the internationally acclaimed *Shades of Magic* series, the *Villains* series, and the *Cassidy Blake* series. Her latest novel, *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue*, set to be adapted into a feature film, follows the title character across centuries and continents, history and art, as she learns how far she will go to leave her mark on the world.

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-  Past programs are on YouTube, including Amor Towles, Kristen Richardson, Maurice Samuels, and Peter Gumbel in conversation with Charles Fleming.
 -  Listen to our podcast, *Evenings with an Author*, available wherever you get your podcasts.
 -  Visit our Facebook page for information about upcoming virtual events and *Evenings with an Author* sponsored by GRoW @ Annenberg.
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Programming for Kids and Teens in January



Storyteller Syvie Mombo on Saturday 9 January

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Story Hour

(ages 3–5)

Wednesday 6 January at 14h30

Join us for an interactive story time featuring reading, songs, and rhymes in English.

For Library members. [RSVP required.](#)

Clever Old Ladies, Big Bad Wolves: Stories with Sylvie Mombo

(ages 6–12)

Saturday 9 January at 14h00

Children and their families are invited to join us for an hour with professional storyteller Sylvie Mombo.

Sylvie will share two stories with us, then talk about her process for hunting down great tales and preparing them to share.

For Library members. [RSVP required.](#)

Story Hour

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Wednesday 13 January at 14h30

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For Library members. [RSVP required.](#)

The Ship We Built: A Discussion with author Lexie Bean and illustrator Noah Grigni

(ages 9–adult)

Saturday 16 January at 14h00

We'll talk with the author and illustrator of the middle grade novel *The Ship We Built* about the creative process and how identity shaped the story.

For Library members. [RSVP required.](#)

Once Upon a Time—Writing Workshop

(ages 6–12)

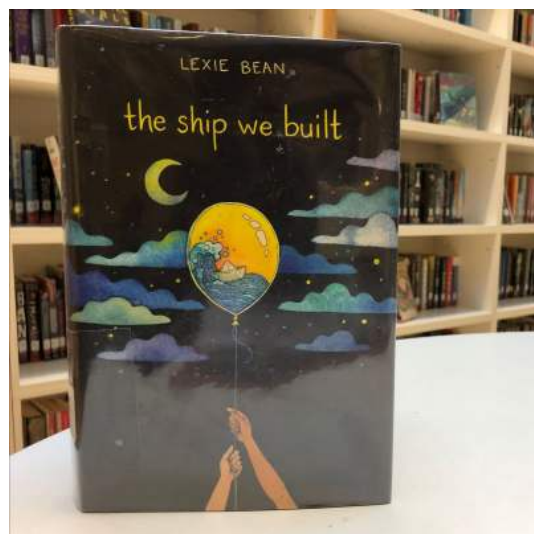
Saturday 30 January at 14h00

Begin your own original short story during this interactive writing workshop. Start writing just for fun, or get started on a submission for the [2021 Young Authors Fiction Festival \(YAFF\)](#).

For Library members. [RSVP required.](#)



New York Times bestselling author V.E. Schwab on Wednesday 27 January



The Ship We Built with Lexie Bean and Noah Grigni on Saturday 16 January

TEEN EVENTS

Teen Advisory Group Meeting (FULL)

(ages 12–18)

Friday 8 January at 17h30

Meet fellow bookworms and Library members, share your ideas, get the inside scoop on the Library, and earn community service hours.

For Library members. By application—FULL.

Youth Leadership Program (FULL)

(ages 14–18)

Friday 8 January at 19h00

The YLP is led by the teen participants themselves, with the guidance and support of Toastmasters and Children's and Teens' Services Manager Celeste.

For Library members. By application—FULL.

Master Shot Film Club

(ages 12–adult)

Saturday 9 January at 17h00

Led by Paris-based filmmaker and writer Clarence Tokley, this club allows budding filmmakers to meet in a relaxed and creative setting where they can share ideas, get feedback, and work on technique, while learning about how to produce high-quality short films.

For Library members. [RSVP required.](#)

The Ship We Built: A Discussion with Lexie Bean and Noah Grigni

(ages 9–adult)

Saturday 16 January at 14h00

Log in for an interactive talk on *The Ship We Built* with author Lexie Bean and illustrator Noah Grigni. We'll talk about the creative process, and how identity shaped the story. This event is sure to interest readers, writers, artists, and activists of all ages.

Free and open to the public. [RSVP required.](#)

Teen Writing Group (FULL)

(ages 12–18)

Saturday 16 January at 17h00

Join fellow aspiring writers in a relaxed and creative setting.

For Library members. By application—FULL.

Junk Kouture with Rebecca Devaney

(ages 12–18)

Friday 22 January at 19h00

Join us for an interactive workshop with Rebecca Devaney of Junk Kouture, and brainstorm ways to turn everyday objects into fashion! During this interactive event, Rebecca will show participants examples of fashion made from 100% recycled materials, and then workshop participants will get help creating their own fashion pieces using items found at home.

For Library members. [RSVP required.](#)

Fantasy Book Club: New Releases

(ages 12–adult)

Saturday 23 January at 14h00

Bring along your current or most recent fantasy read and join us for a dynamic discussion of fantasy worlds. For this January meeting, participants are encouraged to read one of the recommended new releases on our event page.

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Teens in AI with Elena Sinel

(ages 12–18)

Friday 29 January at 19h00

As robots become ever-more-present in our daily lives, questions of how to control and modify their behavior come up more often. Join us for an interactive discussion on ethics in AI with Elena Sinel, founder of Teens in AI.

For Library members. [RSVP required.](#)

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