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New Tote Bags are Here

New tote bags have arrived, featuring a beautiful drawing of the Library's façade (and neighbouring Eiffel Tower) by Paris-based artist Louise Damiano. Printed in France and made of 100% recycled materials, these bags come in a variety of wearable colors. The totes are 20€ and available for purchase at the Member Services desk. All proceeds go to support the Library.

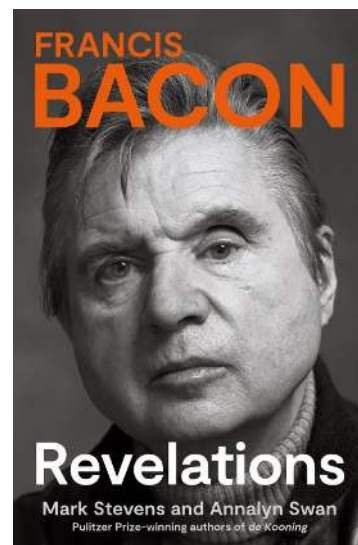
Francis Bacon: Revelations

A conversation about the first comprehensive biography of Francis Bacon to appear in twenty-five years

[Tuesday 15 June at 19h30 on Zoom](#)

Join Mark Stevens and Annalyn Swan, the Pulitzer Prize-winning authors of *De Kooning: An American Master*, to discuss their latest book, *Francis Bacon: Revelations*. Stevens and Swan will be in conversation with bestselling author and journalist Elaine Sciolino. Written with the full cooperation of the Bacon estate, unrivalled access to the archives, and based on hundreds of interviews and extensive new material from Ireland, Tangier, Spain, England and France, this definitive biography presents a startlingly original portrait—rich, complex, and subtle—of a commanding modern figure.

Tickets are 5€ for Library members, 7.50€ for non-members. [RSVP](#) to purchase your tickets and receive the Zoom link.



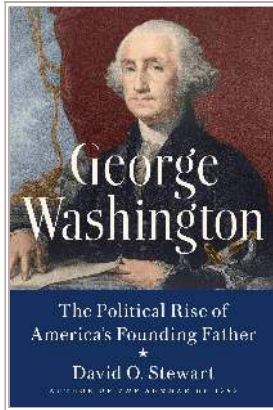
Programs for Adults



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Evenings with an Author and other weeknight programs at the Library are free and open to the public (with a 10€ suggested donation) thanks to support from GRoW @ Annenberg, our members, and those who attend programs.

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



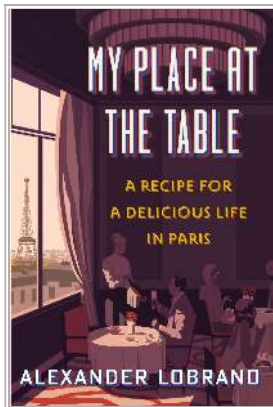
[The Political Rise of George Washington](#)

Tuesday 8 June at 19h30

Join bestselling writers David O. Stewart and Walter Stahr to discuss *George Washington: The Political Rise of America's Founding Father*. Stewart's most recent book follows the surprising transformation of a headstrong, unwise young Virginian into a master politician who led the founding of the world's first constitutional republic. The story traces Washington's political education through the Virginia House of Burgesses and Fairfax County Court to the pinnacle of American life.

Open to the public via Zoom.

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



[His Place at the Table](#)

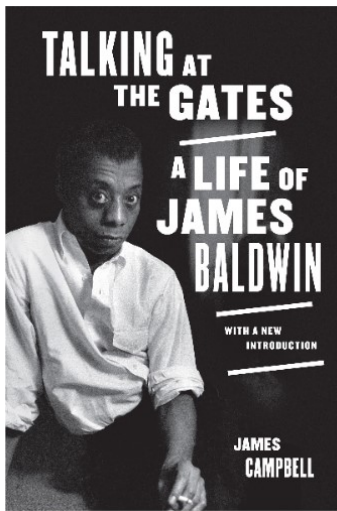
Wednesday 9 June at 19h30

A mouthwatering testament to the healing power of food, Alec Lobrano's *My Place at the Table* is a moving coming-of-age story of how a gay man emerges from a wounding childhood in Connecticut, finds himself at the epicenter of the Parisian dining revolution, and discovers love. Lobrano's memoir includes his "little black book," an insider's guide to his thirty all-time-favorite Paris restaurants.

Open to the public via Zoom.

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





[A Tribute to James Baldwin](#)

Thursday 17 June at 19h30

In honor of Juneteenth (the holiday on 19 June celebrating the end of slavery in the US) the Library is proud to co-sponsor an online event with the [Mechanics' Institute](#) on the life and work of James Baldwin. Baldwin's personal life and literary legacy will be explored through his diverse life-long friendships and muses, his front-line political activism, and his cross-cultural connections and influences while living in Paris. This up-close-and-intimate conversation includes British writer and former editor of the *Times Literary Supplement* James Campbell, Brooklyn-based writer Clifford Thompson, and Bay Area writer and playwright Jewelle Gomez.

Free for Library members, general admission is \$5–\$10 on a sliding scale.

[RSVP](#) to purchase your tickets and receive the Zoom link.



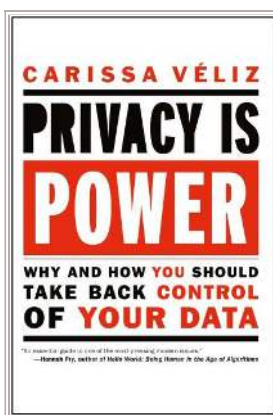
[An Evening with Paula Deitz](#)

Tuesday 22 June at 19h30

Join Paula Deitz to discuss her work as long-time editor of the *Hudson Review*. At the vanguard of developments in literature and the arts, over the years Deitz has published undiscovered writers from diverse backgrounds, many of whom have become major literary figures. Deitz is also a cultural critic whose articles about art, architecture, and landscape design have appeared in newspapers and magazines in the US and abroad.

Open to the public via Zoom.

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



[Take Back Control of Your Data](#)

Wednesday 23 June at 19h30

An urgent and hands-on guide for taking back our right to privacy, *Privacy is Power* is full of simple and effective analogies that make it clear how companies are stealing our private data, why this is harmful, and what can be done about it, while offering practical solutions for both policymakers and private citizens. Author Carissa Véliz is an Associate Professor of Philosophy at the University of Oxford.

Open to the public via Zoom.

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



Past programs are on YouTube, including events with Ian Leslie, Tobias Wolff, and Mark Braude.



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.

Kids and Teens

[Young Authors Fiction Festival Celebration Events](#)

Friday 11 June via Zoom

18h30 (Kindergarten–5th grade)

19h30 (6th–12th grade)

Congratulations to the 630 young writers who submitted their original short stories to the Young Authors Fiction Festival.

We will be holding two virtual Celebration events on Friday 11 June to announce this year's first through fifth place winners for each grade level. All finalists have been notified, and participants have received an invitation to the event for their age group.

First through fifth place stories are published in two Celebration Books, which are available for purchase and will be added to the Library's circulating collection on 12 June.

Open to the public. [RSVP required.](#)



Children's Programming Highlights

The Library hosts virtual events for all ages. Check our [online calendar](#) to see what's coming up, and to register.

[Story Hour: Pirates Ahoy \(virtual\)](#)

(ages 3–5)

Wednesday 9 June at 14h30

For this Story Hour, we'll read swashbuckling stories of pirates and sailing! This participatory virtual program is intended to encourage children to actively engage with stories and lasts 45 minutes. Library staff and volunteers will read books and lead you and your little one in songs and hand-rhymes.

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

Story Hour in the Park: From Head to Toe

(ages 3–5)

Wednesday 16 June at 14h30

Children and their grown-ups are invited to join us for an hour-long, interactive Story Hour, outdoors in a small group. We'll read stories about the human body, including *From Head to Toe* by Eric Carle. This participatory program is intended to encourage children to actively engage with stories, so plan to join in, sing along, and model movement and listening for your little one. For Library members. [RSVP required.](#)



Toddler Time in the Park

(ages 1–3)

Thursday 17 June at 11h00

Join us outside on the Champ de Mars for this 30-minute program featuring songs, rhymes, and stories in English for the very young (and their adult chaperones).

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



Leaf Printing

(ages 6–12)

Saturday 19 June at 14h00

For this indoor/outdoor crafting event, children and their adult chaperones are invited to stop by the Children's and Teens' Services Desk to pick up their instructions, then set off into the surrounding neighborhood to collect leaves. They'll then bring their treasures back to the Library and learn how to make leaf prints and pressed flowers.

For Library Members. [RSVP Required.](#)

Select Teen Programming

Visit the [online calendar](#) for all upcoming teen programs.



If you missed our recent virtual events with Dhonielle Clayton and Elana K. Arnold, you're in luck: You can still catch the video recordings on our YouTube channel. These videos will be available to our community members for two weeks only.

Now Accepting Applications: Teen Writing Group and Teen Advisory Group

(ages 12–18)

Applications for 2021/2022 are now being accepted for our Teen Writing Group and Teen Advisory Group. The writing group offers a space where aspiring writers can share their work, get feedback, work on their technique, and get to know other writers in our community. The advisory group offers participants an opportunity to earn community service hours by providing valuable feedback to the Library. Members of this group are asked to weigh in on our collection and offer suggestions about programs, policies, and more.

Open to Library members.

Deadline to apply: 31 July at 23h00

[Teen Writing Group Application](#)

[Teen Advisory Group Application](#)



[Save the Date: 9th Annual Literary Reaping](#)

(ages 12–18)

Friday 18 June at 19h00

Show off your fabulous memory of all things related to teen literature. For this event you'll be placed in teams to answer trivia questions and complete challenges based on young adult literature—classic and contemporary. In the past, participants were asked to shoot an arrow as straight as Katniss, prove a knowledge of the gods that rivals Percy's and Magnus's, demonstrate a mastery of the small science to match a Heartrender's, and decide on the perfect spell faster than a maji. All participating teens will win a book to add to their home library.

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

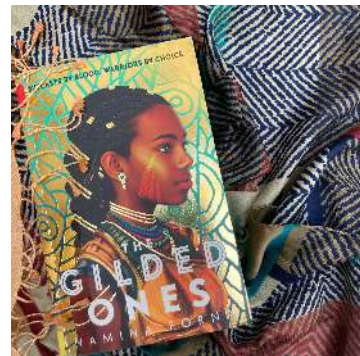
[Fantasy Book Club: The Gilded Ones \(virtual\)](#)

(ages 12–adult)

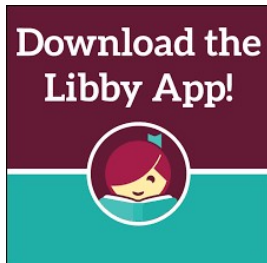
Saturday 19 June at 16h00

Join us for our last monthly discussion of the latest and greatest fantasy reads before we take a break for the summer. This June we will be discussing *The Gilded Ones* by Namina Forna. Participants are encouraged to prepare a cup of tea or coffee to enjoy during the meeting.

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



Never Miss an Issue with the Libby App



Library members have unlimited access to thousands of magazines on the OverDrive platform, accessible via the Library's [online catalog](#). OverDrive's app, "Libby," can now alert you when the latest issues of your favorite magazines are available.

Here's how to access this new feature from the app:

- You'll see a prompt to create a "Notify Me" tag each time you borrow (or return) a magazine via the app.
- After creating a "Notify Me" tag, you can select how to receive notifications in the "Manage Notifications" panel of the menu.

Our most popular e-magazines in May were *Cook's Illustrated*, the *Economist*, the *Guardian Weekly*, the *New York Review of Books*, the *New Yorker*, and *Us Weekly*.

Pandemonium U



Upcoming virtual events by the Library's partner Pandemonium U:

["Paris as a refuge for African Americans, past and present"](#) with Tracy Sharpley-Whiting, Chair of African American and Diaspora Studies at Vanderbilt University
In conversation with Pamela Druckerman and Simon Kuper
Friday June 11 @ 9am Pacific/Noon NY/17:00 London/18:00 Paris

["Proust for Beginners"](#) with Caroline Weber, professor of French at Barnard and author of *Proust's Duchess*
In conversation with Pamela Druckerman
Friday June 25 @ 9am Pacific/Noon NY/17:00 London/18:00 Paris

["Between America and Paris"](#) with novelist Diane Johnson, best-selling author of *Le Divorce* and the new book *Lorna Mott Comes Home*
In conversation with Pamela Druckerman
Friday July 2 @ 9am Pacific/Noon NY/17:00 London/18:00 Paris

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