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What's New at the Library this Fall

Welcome back to the Library! We look forward to seeing you in the stacks this fall. The Library has some important changes to share with you, going into effect starting the week of Tuesday 31 August:

1) **New hours begin on Tuesday 31 August:**

Tuesday–Wednesday: 10h00–21h00
Thursday–Friday–Saturday: 10h00–19h00
Sunday: 13h00–19h00
Monday: Closed

2) Join us twice a week for Nocturnes, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. On Thursdays we will be closing at 19h00.

3) Fall programs for all ages: In addition to *Evenings with an Author* sponsored by GRoW at Annenberg, we're launching the virtual series *Lettres d'Amérique*, highlighting exciting new voices in American Literature. The Library will also be partnering with Columbia Global Centers and

Columbia University's Institute for Ideas & Imagination on upcoming events. Keep reading to find out more about fall events for kids, teens, and adults.

4) Your last chance for Fine Forgiveness. Return overdue books by Thursday 30 September to take advantage of Fine Forgiveness, before it's too late. Items overdue as of 1 October will begin accruing fines as before. Materials returned after the due date will be charged a 0,20€ fee per item per Library working day. For details on loan periods and how to renew your books, please [visit our website](#). If you are not in Paris, have overdue items, and need advice on how to return your books, please email info@americanlibraryinparis.org.

Summer Hours continue this week through Saturday 28 August:

Tuesday–Saturday: 10h00–16h00

Sunday–Monday: Closed

The *Pass Sanitaire* at the Library



On Tuesday 31 August, the Library will require a *Pass Sanitaire* for everyone aged 18 and over who wishes to enter the building, per French law. Thank you for your cooperation.

Visitors ages 6+, staff, and volunteers are required to wear masks on the premises, and the Library is maintaining social distancing and reduced seating capacity for the present time.

On 31 August and beyond, you must show one of the following to visit the Library:

1) Proof of complete vaccination, as defined by the French government:

- A digital QR code via the TousAntiCovid app on your smartphone, or
- An official paper certificate showing complete vaccination such as
 - A printout of your QR code from your Sécurité Sociale account on ameli.fr or
 - A COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card from the CDC

2) A negative RT-PCR test or *antigénique* test less than 72 hours old

3) A *Certificat de rétablissement* showing a positive RT-PCR test or *antigénique* test at least 11 days old and no more than 6 months old.

Safety First at the Gala on 23 September



Une soirée au Pré-Catelan by Henri Gervex, 1909, in the collection of the Musée Carnavalet, Histoire de Paris

This year's Gala has been planned with attendees' safety as the utmost priority. In fact, Le Pré Catelan was chosen as the venue because their Salon d'Honneur's glass walls open wide onto the Jardin d'Hiver of the Bois de Boulogne, allowing for maximum air circulation. Masks and proof of vaccination will be required to attend the event.

The Gala is limited to 200 guests, to allow for social distancing. With restricted numbers in mind, we ask that you reserve your spot right away. Visit our [Gala 2021 webpage](#) for more information or contact Advancement Manager Morgan Wurzburger to purchase your tickets or to sponsor a table: gala@americanlibraryinparis.org.

GALA TICKETS

This event is the Library's most important fundraiser of the year and is essential to its continuing health and vitality. We look forward to seeing our community come together for this exciting evening.

Lettres d'Amérique: A New Virtual Speaker Series
6–27 Septembre 2021



This September the **American Library in Paris, with The US Embassy and Festival America, invites you to discover the major new voices in American literature.** A virtual series, *Lettres d'Amérique* (6–27 September) will explore issues at the heart of contemporary America: race, immigration, citizenship, historical trauma, addiction, and gun violence. The range of this year's speakers is as rich as it is diverse. There is ferocity and humor from **Tommy Orange** and **Jenny Zhang**; there is violence and memoir from **Laila Lalami**; and there are dark portraits of American society from **Yaa Gyasi** and **Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah**.

In its mission to showcase the brightest American literary talents to a French audience, *Lettres d'Amérique* serves as a robust preview of Festival America's twentieth anniversary celebration next September 2022. The series is co-sponsored by Festival America and the U.S. Embassy in France, in partnership with *Transfuge* magazine.

All virtual events will begin at 19h30 CET / 13h30 EST / 10h30 PST and run for 75 minutes. The audience will have the option of watching the events in either French or English; all events will be simultaneously translated from English into French.

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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



Click to watch a special video message about La Rentrée from Children's and Teens' Services Manager Celeste Rhoads

Children's Programming

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

Please note: As of 31 August, adult chaperones of child members must show a valid pass sanitaire.

Teen Programming

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

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