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Programs for Adults

Evenings with an Author, sponsored by GRoW @ Annenberg

Evenings with an Author are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted. You must RSVP to attend our programs, either in person or via Zoom.



TONIGHT

Special Partner Program on Disinformation

Virtual Event: Live on Zoom

Monday 13 June at 17h30 CEST

Please note the special start time.

While your registration confirmation will be in Arabic, the event will be held in both English and Arabic on Zoom.

In a partnership with the US Embassy in Jordan and the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation Library, the American Library in Paris is honored to invite you to an **online** discussion forum with specialists on disinformation.

Speakers include His Excellency Henry Wooster, the US Ambassador to Jordan (pictured), who sits on the Library's Advisory Council; Ms. Evanna H, the CEO of Omelas, an AI company that detects digital influence

operations; and Ms. Francesca Ciriaci-Sawalha, the Country Director of IREX in Jordan.

The discussion will be moderated by Ms. Bayan Tal, a Media Literacy, Media, and Communications Specialist in Jordan.

Free and open to the public.

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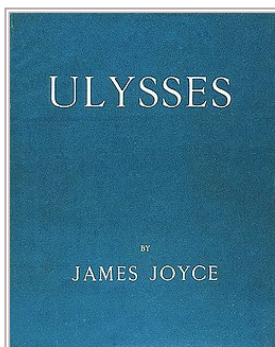
**[Le fagot de ma mémoire](#)
[with Souleymane Bachir Diagne](#)**

**Hybrid Event: In Person at the Library; Live on Zoom
Wednesday 15 June at 19h30 CEST**

The American Library is thrilled to invite celebrated philosopher and author Souleymane Bachir Diagne to discuss his recent work, *Le fagot de ma mémoire*, as well as his extensive writings in philosophy and African literature. In *Le fagot de ma mémoire*, Diagne traces his adolescence in Senegal, his studies in Paris at the École Normale Supérieure and the Sorbonne, and his teaching at universities in Dakar, Chicago, and New York, considering the many figures and diverse lines of thought which have influenced his remarkable path. Diagne will be speaking on his life and thought, as well as on the situation of the present-day francophone world.

Free and open to the public. Registration required.

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**The Centennial of *Ulysses*
with Adam Biles, Alice McCrum & Lex Paulson
Hybrid Event: In Person at the Library; Live on Zoom
Thursday 16 June at 19h30 CEST**

As we mark the centennial of the publication of *Ulysses*, the Library will be hosting Literary Director of Shakespeare & Co. Adam Biles and Dr. Lex Paulson, along with Library Programs Manager Alice McCrum, for a live recording of the final episode of their *Ulysses*-themed podcast, *Bloomcast*. McCrum, Biles, and Paulson will be discussing the book's famous ending, their overall reading experiences, and their final thoughts on Joyce's magnum opus. Join them as they muddle, for one last time, through this radical, sublime, and often misunderstood novel first published one hundred years ago, in 1922.

The event is co-sponsored by Shakespeare and Company.
Free and open to the public. Registration required.

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**Fiction, Fantasy, and Books to Inspire Hope
with Samira Ahmed**

Ages 12–adult

In Person at the Library

Friday 17 June at 19h00 CEST

Please note the special start time.

Light refreshments will be served after the event.

Samira Ahmed is the *New York Times*-bestselling and award-winning author of the young adult novels *Love, Hate & Other Filters*; *Internment*; *Mad, Bad & Dangerous to Know*; *Hollow Fires* (released May 2022); as well as the *Amira & Hamza* middle grade fantasy series. She is the first South Asian Muslim writer of the popular Marvel Comics superhero Ms. Marvel. Her short stories and poetry have appeared in publications and anthologies including the *New York Times*, *Who Will Speak for America*, *Take the Mic*, *Color Outside the Lines*, *Vampires Never Get Old*, and *A Universe of Wishes*.

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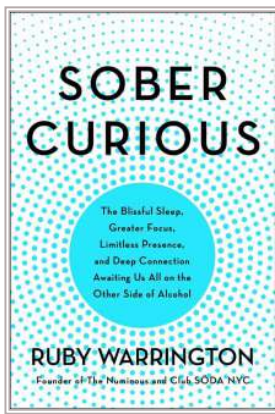
Annual General Meeting

In person at the Library

Tuesday 21 June at 19h30 CEST

All members of the American Library in Paris are invited to the Annual General Meeting of the American Library in Paris, Inc., a membership corporation organized under the laws of Delaware and operating in France.

No RSVP required.



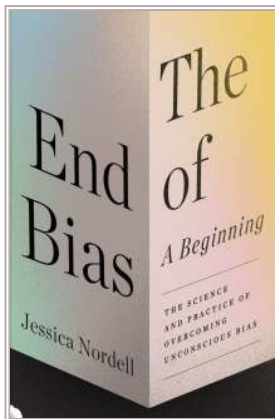
**[Sober Curious](#)
with Ruby Warrington**

**Online Event: Live on Zoom
Wednesday 22 June at 19h30 CEST**

In author and editor Ruby Warrington's *Sober Curious*, she dares to ask a question that many adults fear: What would happen if we reconsidered our relationship to alcohol, and gave it up voluntarily? How would our bodies, minds, sleeping habits, and productivity levels change? What could a life without alcohol look like? In response, she formulates the path of the "sober curious": not a sober lifestyle following an alcohol use disorder, but a series of steps taken by someone considering cutting alcohol out of their life to explore how their life might change.

Free and open to the public. Registration required.

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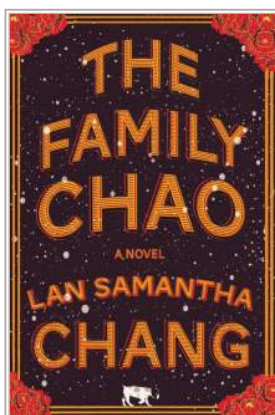
**[The End of Bias](#)
with Jessica Nordell**

**Online Event: Live on Zoom
Thursday 23 June at 19h30 CEST**

In *The End of Bias*, science journalist Jessica Nordell is not looking to shame or excuse behavior. Rather, she is interested in identifying bias, its short- and long-term effects, and ways to overcome it. From the workplace to education, from healthcare to policing, Nordell considers case studies whose data overwhelmingly prove the harm caused by unexamined stereotypes and unconscious bias. Equal parts diagnostic and prescriptive, the book sets itself apart with its solutions-oriented approach. Ultimately, this is a work of optimism, which nonetheless demands serious reflective work from its reader.

Free and open to the public. Registration required.

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**[The Family Chao](#)
with Lan Samantha Chang,
in conversation with Alexander Capdeville**

**Hybrid Event: In Person at the Library; Live on Zoom
Tuesday 28 June at 19h30 CEST**

Lan Samantha Chang's latest novel, *The Family Chao*, updates the mythical trope of patricide. Reminiscent of Dostoevsky's *The Brothers Karamazov*, the work is catalyzed by the murder of a patriarch upon the homecoming of his three sons. Set largely in and around the family Chinese restaurant, the murder is exceptionally used to explore racist and anti-immigrant attitudes latent in American society, showing how crisis

pushes these sentiments to the surface. This is a story of hunger and consumption: devouring traditional and Americanized dishes, media, and ideology, the characters are glutted on the drama of the murder, the spectacle of an ensuing trial, and the tantalizing mythology of the American dream.

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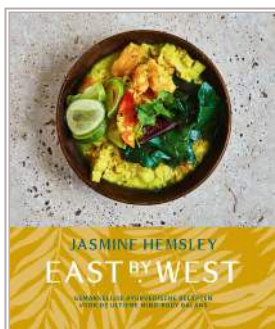
**[Where Dogs Bark with Their Tails](#)
[with Estelle-Sarah Bulle,](#)
[in conversation with Julia Grawemeyer](#)**

**Hybrid Event: In Person at the Library; Live on Zoom
Wednesday 29 June at 19h30 CEST**

Join the American Library to celebrate the recent English translation of author Estelle-Sarah Bulle's debut novel, *Là où les chiens aboient par la queue*. A moving and layered story of memory, heritage, and diaspora, the work tells of the Ezechiel family and their slow migration through both geography and class, from the countryside of Guadeloupe to the suburbs of Paris. Framed by a young woman seeking to learn about her family's past, the story is populated by a rich ensemble of voices and woven through with stories which range from devastating to fantastic, contending with loss, love, exploitation, exile, and the mythologization of return.

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**[East by West](#)
[with Jasmine Hemsley](#)**




**Online Event: Live on Zoom
Thursday 30 June at 19h30 CEST**


Originally scheduled for 1 June, this event will now take place on 30 June.

Following her successful pop-up café in London, chef Jasmine Hemsley has authored the cookbook *East by West*, which propels the ancient Ayurvedic relationship between eating and wellbeing into the modern age. A 5,000-year-old holistic healing system, Ayurveda promotes the use of nutrition, mindful rituals, and cleanses to nourish and energize the body and mind. Hemsley will discuss the history of Ayurveda, how the practice has changed her relation to food and the earth, and the many uses of Ayurveda in the present day.

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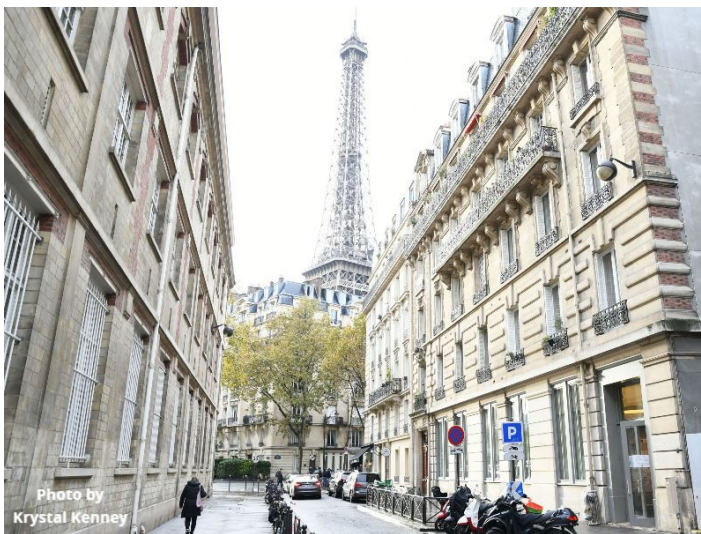
-  Past programs are on YouTube, including Visiting Fellow Ian Williams on Racialization and Disorientation and Colm Tóibín and Patrick Hastings on James Joyce's *Ulysses*.
-  Listen to our podcast, *Evenings with an Author*, available wherever you get your podcasts.
-  Visit our Facebook page for information about upcoming events and *Evenings with an Author* sponsored by GRoW @ Annenberg.



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