# The American Library in Paris

A center for literature, learning, culture, and community

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This bi-monthly electronic newsletter highlights upcoming events, exhibitions and programs, and introduces you to our resources, services, and the people making a difference on the Library's behalf.

## Open House and Town Hall Meeting Saturday 20 September 13h00 - 19h30

Discover all we have on offer. Participate in activities for adults and children. Learn about the Library's resources and services. Take a staff-led tour of the Library, including a look behind the scenes.

Then from 18h00 - 19h30, join us for the LBWhite6472.jpg latest in a series of library-related conversations. Hear from our current

Julia Peterson Dede Distinguished

Visiting Librarian, Leslie Burger, Director of the Princeton Public Library, who is assisting The American Library in Paris in its efforts to enhance its collections, facilities, and services for its membership and the community. All are invited!

## What's in your book bag?

Our new navy tote bags are available for €10. They are made of heavy-duty cotton and measure 31 x 27 x 10cm. Carry yours

everywhere and promote the Library.

## Volunteer at the Library

You are invited to join our elite corps of dedicated volunteers.

#### **Kids and teens**

Saturday 13 September 15h00-16h00 (ages 9-12)

Scrabble Saturdays! Maybe you've never played Scrabble before, or maybe you're a Scrabble champion. Beginners and pros are welcome to join us for a game of Scrabble in English.

## Friday 19 September 19h00-20h30 (ages 12+)

Writing Down the Bones Let's do it again: less talk, more writing! Last year, brave teens wrote furiously during our whirlwind evening workshops, using some of the writing exercises made famous in the classic writers' book "Writing Down the Bones." Let's start the school year with another intense writers' group. So hush your inner critics, dig deep,

Volunteers play a vital role at The American Library in Paris. By donating your time, talent, and skills, you can help support and enhance the Library's programs, services and mission.

Our volunteers range in age from teens to seniors. Some do short-term projects, and some stay for decades. We welcome your gift of time, whatever it may be. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact the Assistant Director, Adele Witt, at adwitt@americanlibraryinparis.org.

## **Upcoming Programs and Events**

#### Wednesday 17 September 19h30

Evenings with an Author: David Lodge speaks about his latest novel, *Deaf Sentence*.

#### Tuesday 23 September 19h30

WICE@The Library - Writers on Writing: Mystery writer Cara Black discusses her experiences writing and researching her latest book, *Murder in the Rue de Paradis* 

#### Wednesday 24 September 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Journalist Donald Morrison reflects on

The Death of French Culture.

#### Wednesday 1 October 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Novelist Preeta Samarasan reads from *Evening is the Whole Day*.

For program details, visit <u>http://www.americanlibraryinparis.org/</u>

Evening events at the Library are free and open to the public thanks to the continuing support of the Annenberg Foundation.

#### and let yourself write.

## Saturday 20 September 15h00-16h00 (ages 6-12)

Autumn colors

A new season is in the air. It's back to school and it's almost fall, so join the librarian to contemplate autumn in fact and fiction. Then use your artistic talents to help us decorate the children's room for fall. Parents are welcome to participate and add their creative flair.

#### And always...

## Mother Goose Lap Sit 10h30-11h00 (ages 1-3)

18 and 25 September\* English rhymes, songs, and stories \* *please note exceptional scheduling* 

Wednesday Story Hour 10h30 & 14h30 (ages 3-5)

17 and 24 September These are drop-in sessions: No sign-ups needed

There will be no story hour the first two weeks of September, but the Library is open

and welcomes parents and children. Come share a good book together.

Children attending lap-sit and/or story hour must have their own library card, or be covered by a family membership. Otherwise, the program fee applies.

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