

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.

It's not too late to join a fall book group

Three of our five fall book groups have spaces remaining for additional members (*Self and Society*, *Strangers in a Strange Land*, and *Young American Novelists*). Even if you missed the September discussion, you can still sign up for the October meeting.

Details on the topics, times, and titles can be found on our website, in our September newsletter, or posted in the Library. Send an email to bookgroups@americanlibraryinparis.org to enroll or to pose any questions.

Banned Books Week Celebrating the Freedom to Read

27 September - 4 October

In support of the right to choose books freely for ourselves,

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The American Library in Paris joins thousands of other libraries in the US in celebrating Banned Books Week. This annual initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) celebrates the freedom to choose or the freedom to express one's opinion even if that opinion might be

considered unorthodox or unpopular and stresses the importance of ensuring the availability of those unorthodox or

Kids and teens

**Saturday 27
September 15h00-
16h00 (ages 4+)**

*End-of-Summer
Reading Club Party -
Wild Things!*

Come celebrate your summer reading accomplishments with all the young folks who participated in the 2008 Summer Reading Program "Wild Things!"

Join us for games, snacks, and wild facts and fiction from around the world. Bring your "Wild Things" reading booklet listing the books you read this summer for the chance to win books and other fabulous prizes, many with a "Wild Things" theme. This is sure to be a fun event, so sign up soon. See you there!

**Saturday 4 October
15h00-16h00 (ages 6-
12)**

Storytelling with

unpopular viewpoints to all who wish to read them.

Discover classics and contemporary books that have been banned or challenged, including *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *The Catcher in the Rye*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, as well as *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, *The Satanic Verses*, J. K. Rowling's *Harry Potter* series, and even *Captain Underpants*! For more information, check out the Banned Books Week display near the entrance to the Library and visit the [ALA's Banned Books Week website](#).

Upcoming Programs and Events

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*.

Tuesday 7 October 19h30

Talk about Art: Chris Boïcos on *Gertrude Stein: An Extraordinary American in Paris*. A lecture and slide show.

Wednesday 8 October 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Alan Cowell, of the New York Times, speaks about the Alexander Litvinenko case and his just-published book, *The Terminal Spy: A True Story of Espionage, Betrayal and Murder*.

Tuesday 14 October 19h30

WICE@The Library - Writers on Writing: Victoria Zackheim, author of *For Keeps: Women Tell the Truth About Their Bodies, Growing Older, and Acceptance* shares the unique challenges and joys in compiling the personal essays of twenty-seven gifted authors.

Christian LeConte

Join us for a lively re-telling of some classic folk tales for children

Celebrating Lire en Fête

Lire en Fête, France's nation-wide literary festival, takes place the weekend of 10-12 October. To celebrate this year's theme - *jeunesse* - the Library is offering two very special events for young people.

Friday 10 October

Poetry and Writing Café for Teens 19h00-20h30, for young adults 12+

Saturday 11 October

South American Seasons and Senses 15h00-16h00, for children 6-12

For program details, visit the [Library's website](#).

And always...

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

25 September & 9 October

English rhymes, songs, and stories.

Wednesday 15 October 19h30

Evenings of American Culture: *The stakes in the US presidential election*. A conversation with journalist Ted Stanger and other participants to be announced.

For program details, visit

<http://www.americanlibraryinparis.org/>

All evening events at the Library are free and open to the public. Special thanks to the Annenberg Foundation for their continuing support of *Evenings with an Author*.

Wednesday Story

Hour

10h30 & 14h30 (ages 3-5)

Drop-in sessions every Wednesday. No sign-ups needed. Spend an hour together sharing a good book.

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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