## 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.

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### **Campaigns and Candidates**

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The presidential candidates of 2008 have published best-selling memoirs and drawn the eyes of biographers, critical and otherwise. These books follow a modern campaign-book tradition that

includes such classic titles as *The Making of the President* (1960), *The Selling of the President* (1968), *The Boys on the Bus* (1972), and *What it Takes* (1992). Please visit a special exhibit at the Library for a sampling of these titles. Books on display can be checked out.

## **Celebrating Teen Read Week**

12 October - 18 October

Teen Read Week is a literacy initiative of the Young Adult Library Services
Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association. Why is it important to celebrate? For a lot of reasons!
Teens have so many options for entertainment, it's important to remind them to spend time reading for pleasure: it's free, fun, and can be done anywhere!

This year's theme is *Books with Bite*. If you love vampires, try

#### Kids and teens

## 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 <u>Library's</u> website.

## Friday 17 October 17h30-18h30 (ages 4+)

Trickster Tales! with
Kristin Pedemonti
Join us in the children's

the blockbuster *Twilight* series by Stephenie Meyer, or the wry coming-of-age novel *Thirsty* by M. T. Anderson. Sink your teeth into a good book from our expanded teen section.

Check out the Teen Read Week display later this week near the entrance to the Library. Books on display can be checked out.

### **Upcoming Programs and Events**

#### 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.

#### Wednesday 15 October 19h30

Evenings of American Culture: *The stakes in the US* presidential election. A conversation with journalist Ted Stanger and Jean-Marie Colombani, former editor of *Le Monde*.

#### Thursday 16 October 19h30

Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions@The Library - This free information session is designed for students who would like to attend an American university or college (and their parents). The opportunity to take a free practice exam will be offered to all who attend. To reserve a place, please call Kaplan directly at 01 45 66 55 33.

room for this special
Friday evening
storytelling event.
Kristin Pedemonti,
professional storyteller
and literacy advocate,
combines storytelling
and theater to create
multicultural, dynamic,
entertaining, and
educational interactive
performances. Tons of
fun for audiences ages
4+.

# Saturday 18 October 15h00-16h00 (ages 4+)

An American Tradition:
Songs from the
Communal Well
Join musicians Roger
Hoeberichts and Paul
Biagi for a good oldfashioned folk
performance and singalong! For children of all
ages, plus interested
melodious parents.

## And always...

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

9 October & 30 October English rhymes, songs, and stories.

## Wednesday Story Hour

#### Wednesday 22 October 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Pulitzer Prize-winning poet C. K. Williams reads from four decades worth of his poetry.

For program details, visit <a href="http://www.americanlibraryinparis.org/">http://www.americanlibraryinparis.org/</a>

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.

## 10h30 & 14h30 (ages 3-5)

Drop-in sessions every Wednesday. No signups 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 day fee applies.

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