

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.

NOTE: *The Library will be closed on Tuesday 11 November*

Used Book Sale *Lost and Found* Saturday 8 November

Have you ever bought a used book and found something interesting tucked inside? Have you ever purchased a used book simply because, while you flipped through it, you found something hilarious (or touching, or strange) slipped between its pages...?

Many unusual items have been found inside our books over the years, including old photographs, bookmarks, postcards and tickets. Join us at the next Used Book Sale on Saturday 8 November starting at 10h00. Proceeds from these sales enable us to buy new books for the permanent collection. Come early, you might just discover your own "lost and found" treasure.

Chère Mac: An American Librarian in Paris Now through 3 January 2009

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On February 5, 1947, twenty-nine-year-old Ruth McBirney set sail for Europe. Ahead of her was a great adventure: six years in Paris, the opportunity to witness the "City of Light" come back to life after the grim experience of German occupation during



Kids and teens

Saturday 8 November
15h00-16h00 (ages 6-12)

Ancient

Mesopotamia and the Epic of Gilgamesh
The Epic of Gilgamesh is one of the world's oldest known works of fiction, written over 4000 years ago in Mesopotamia. Its central themes are love, friendship, power, and the pursuit of eternal life.

Join the children's librarian to learn more about a fascinating ancient culture, with a reading from a children's edition of the Gilgamesh epic.

Saturday 15 November*
14h00 -15h00 (ages 6-12)

Music appreciation and

World War II and a new position at The American Library in Paris.

With special thanks to the Boise State University Library's Special Collections Department, experience part of the Library's history through Ruth's photographs, words and memorabilia, on display through January 3rd.

***Love in a Box* Holiday Drive**

Operation Christmas Child started in 1990 as a project to take shoe boxes, filled with gifts and basic necessities, from the Wrexham area of North Wales to the orphanages of Romania. Since then it has grown into *Love in a Box*, one of the biggest children's charities in the world, bringing boxes of love to needy children.

As in past years, The American Library in Paris is collecting *children's books in French*, in new or excellent condition, for children of any age. The books will be combined with gifts of toys and clothing, and then wrapped in boxes for Christmas. Please bring your *French-language books* to the Library and leave them with the children's librarian, or in the large box in the children's department **by Thursday 4 December**.

Upcoming Programs and Events

Wednesday 5 November 19h30

Is French cuisine worthy of UNESCO heritage status? A discussion with Clotilde Dusoulier, Charlotte Puckette, Olivia Kiang-Snaije and Meritxell Falgueres, moderated by Joe Ray.

Wednesday 12 November 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Ted Widmer on *Ark of the Liberties: America and the World*.

Thursday 13 November 19h30

WICE@The Library: Literary magazine *Upstairs at Duroc* celebrates its 10th issue with a reading of prose and poetry.

New event - just added!

violin performance

Join professional violinist and teacher Veronica

Kadlubkiewicz for a workshop on music appreciation. Accompanied by her violin, Veronica will lead children on a journey through sound and silence, a discovery of the magic of music.*

Please note exceptional scheduling, as the program starts earlier than usual in the afternoon.

Back by popular demand...

BOOKWORMS

Book club for ages 9-12!

Join the librarian and other passionate readers as they delve into a playful reconstruction of the career of Leonardo Da Vinci, the quintessential Renaissance Man, titled *The Second Mrs. Giaconda*, by Newbery award-winning author, E.L. Konigsburg.

The first meeting is on Saturday 15 November.

Tuesday 18 November 19h30

WICE@The Library - Current Events Forum: Maureen Mooney, coordinator for the International Department of the French Red Cross on *Displaced, Disregarded: The Reality of the Unwelcome Foreigner*.

Wednesday 19 November 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Diane Johnson presents her new novel *Lulu in Marrakech*.

Thursday 20 November 19h30

Talk about Art: Michael Herrman on *Jean Nouvel and modern architecture*.

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.

Space is limited. Please sign up early to reserve a copy of your book. For details visit the [Library's website](#).

And always...**Mother Goose Lap Sit
10h30-11h00 (ages 1-3)**

6 & 27 November
English rhymes, songs, and stories.

**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 day fee applies.

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