The American Library in Paris
A center for literature, learning, culture, and community

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e-Libris

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.

Annual Family Holiday Party
Saturday 6 December, from 15h to 17h

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Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of crafts, stories, carols and an extra-special visit from Santa Claus himself. Children's librarian Helen Stathopulos and a cast of enthusiastic volunteers are planning a memorable event you won't want to miss.

The party takes place again this year at the American Cathedral in Paris. **Space is limited; advance registration required.** Reserve now either by mailing in a check or stopping by the Library, where you can pay with cash, check, or credit card: adults 20€ and children 10€. If you plan to register by mail, please provide your name, address, telephone, email, and the names and ages of each child attending - so that Santa's helpers can prepare the gift books.

Treasures in the Library

In this and upcoming e-Libris issues, we'll browse through the treasures in our collection. Discover something new at the Library!

Kids and teens

Saturday 22 November 15h00-16h00 (ages 6-12)
A Thankful Thanksgiving!
How much do you know about Thanksgiving? What do you have to be thankful for? Come join us for Thanksgiving history, crafts and fun. Don't be a turkey! Be there!

Friday 28 November 15h00-16h00 (ages 12+)
Writing Down the Bones for teens, Part II
Let's do it again: less talk, more writing! In Septemebr, 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

Graphic Novels

You're thinking comic strips, black and white, super heroes, children's books? There's definitely more to graphic novels than that! Art, with or without text, new narrative patterns, and cinematographic storytelling are just some of the characteristics that have seduced the American readership, following the French and Belgian craze over B.D. (bande dessinée).

Check out our display featuring the work of acclaimed artists Will Eisner, Alan Moore, Art Spiegelman, Frank Miller, Marjane Satrapi, and others. Uncover these and the rest of the comic strips, political cartoons, manga, and B.D. we have on the shelves.

Honoring Michael Crichton

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Michael Crichton, a Harvard-trained medical doctor who applied his love and knowledge of science to write some of the most iconic sci-fi tales of his generation, died on Tuesday 4 November at the age of 66. Pick up one of his bestselling novels again or for the first time, or take out one of his films on VHS/DVD. Now on display just inside the Library.

Upcoming Programs and Events

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: David Sedaris will appear and read from his work, including his new book *When You Are Engulfed in Flames*. The Diane Johnson event originally scheduled on this date has been postponed.

Thursday 20 November 19h30 - *Event Postponed*
Talk about Art: Michael Herrman on Jean Nouvel and modern

Bones. Let's go further with another intense writers' group. So hush your inner critics, dig deep, and let yourself write...
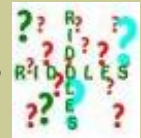
Saturday 29 November 15h00-16h00 (ages 6-12)
Stories to solve
Do you like a good mystery? Are you good at solving riddles? Join us for some riddles and stories to solve, and some brain teasers to test your cleverness.

Saturday 6 December 15h00-17h00 (for all ages) Parents welcome!
Family Holiday Party
Come one, come all for an afternoon of holiday cheer at the American Cathedral in Paris. Linger over good food and drink. Create your own tissue paper wreaths and sequin adorned ornaments. Pick up a caroling book and join pianist Nancy Magaud for a round of seasonal songs. Red, green and sparkly outfits encouraged. It's a

architecture. A new date will be announced in the next Ex Libris.

Tuesday 25 November 19h30
AAWE and MESSAGE@The Library: The Oppositional Child: Adolescents—Surviving or thriving?

Wednesday 26 November 19h30
Evenings with an Author: Michael Genelin reads from his thriller, *Siren of the Waters.*

Wednesday 3 December 19h30
Evenings with an Author: I Married a Frenchman. A panel discussion with Polly Platt, author of *Love à la française*, Leslie Lykes de Galbert, Allison Glasgow Lafontaine, and Lou Murrin Honoré.

Friday 5 December 19h00—20h30
Join Toby Brothers of the Parisian Literary Salon for an evening of poetry study. Reservations required, [see Library Calendar for details.](#)

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

All evening events at the Library are free and open to the public. We are grateful to the Annenberg Foundation for its continuing support of Evenings with an Author.

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And always...

Mother Goose Lap Sit 10h30-11h00 (ages 1-3)
27 Nov. & 4 December
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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