

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 - Places still left! Saturday 6 December from 15h00 to 17h00

Don't miss our popular annual holiday party - Saturday 6 December, from 15h00 to 17h00, at the American Cathedral in Paris - with crafts, seasonal stories, Santa Claus, caroling, and more. Places are still left! **Reservations must be made in advance** so that Santa's helpers can prepare the gift books. Please stop by the Library, where you can pay with cash, check, or credit card: adults 20€ and children 10€.

Give the Library as a Gift



Do you know a bookworm who'd love access to over 100,000 books? What about offering hundreds of activities and thousands of children's books to a growing family? Consider giving a Library membership as a gift. It's easy!

Drop by the Library and complete a membership form in the name of the person you have in mind. We'll make note of their information and give you a certificate to pass along. Give the gift of lifelong learning. Give the Library as a gift.

Treasures in the Library

Kids and teens

Friday 12 December*
17h30-18h30 (ages 5+)

Parents welcome!

Nutcracker in a Nutshell

It's a holiday tradition! Join

Brooke

Desnoës,

director of the Académie

Américaine de Danse à

Paris for a dance

workshop and

performance for

children. Learn more

about the history of this

famous ballet, then

enjoy a performance by

the Académie's talented

young dancers. Join us

in the Library's main

reading room: the

performance is sure to

be a hit! ***Please note**

exceptional Friday scheduling.

Saturday 13

December

15h00-16h00 (ages 6-12)

Dreaming of Snow

A new season is in the

Good Food and Great Wine

December kicks off holiday season celebrations with family and friends that continue into the New Year. If you're looking for interesting recipes or ideas for pairing wine with your meal, look no further. From *Champagne for Dummies* and *Michael Broadbent's Guide to Wine Tasting* to *The Paris Cookbook* and *New Greek Cuisine*, there's something for every occasion. There's even the *Sleepover Cookbook* for the kids!

Check out the display across from the circulation desk for a taste of the amazing range of cookbooks and wine books on the Library shelves.

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Used Book Sale - Saturday 6 December



Don't miss out on this popular event — the best of our duplicates and books bidding farewell to the stacks.

Look for other items on sale

including magazines and audio-visual materials. Join us Saturday 6 December starting at 10h00. Proceeds from these sales enable us to buy new books for the permanent collection.

Special Children's and Teen Book Sale Saturday 13 December

Just in time for the holidays, it's an event not to be missed. Hundreds of new and used children's and teen books will be for sale the second Saturday of the month (a week after the Library's regular monthly book sale). Many books are in new or excellent condition, and most are just one or two euros. The sale continues all day. Come early for the best selection.

Upcoming Programs and Events

Wednesday 3 December 19h30

Evenings with an Author: I Married a Frenchman. A panel discussion with Polly Platt, author of *Love à la française*,

air...will we get any snow in Paris this year? Join us for snowy facts and crafts, and use your artistic talents to help us decorate the children's room for winter.

Saturday 20

December

15h00-16h00 (ages 6-12)

Parents welcome!

Let the holidays begin!

Before

heading off

to your

holiday

celebrations, join us in

the children's

department for the last

program of 2008. Enjoy

the classic animated

holiday film *The*

Snowman, by Raymond

Briggs.

And always...

Mother Goose Lap Sit

10h30-11h00 (ages 1-3)

4 & 18 December*

English rhymes, songs, and stories.

Wednesday Story

Hour

10h30 & 14h30 (ages 3-5)

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.](#)

Wednesday 10 December 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Tatiana de Rosnay reads from her bestselling novel *Sarah's Key*.

Thursday 11 December 19h30

WICE@The Library - Current Events Forum: *More hope or more arrogance? The French presidency of the EU*. A discussion with Olivier Rozenberg from Sciences Po.

Tuesday 16 December 19h30 - Rescheduled date

Talk about Art: Michael Herrman speaks about Jean Nouvel: *Building a Legacy: The Musée du Quai Branly*. A lecture and slide show.

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.

3, 10 & 17 December*

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.

* Please note there is no story hour December 24th or 31st. The Library is closed on December 24th, 25th, 31st, and January 1st.

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