

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.

March 2009 Newsletter Now Online

Visit the Library's homepage and [download the latest newsletter](#) with upcoming program information, an update on staff comings and goings, and more. If you are a current Library member and would like to receive the print copy of the newsletter, make sure to submit an "opt-in" form, also downloadable from our home page.

Le Printemps des Poètes

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Celebrated in Paris in March, in April in the US, poetry month events unfurl around the capital widening the attention of individuals to the art of poetry, to living poets, to our complex poetic heritage, and to poetry books and journals of wide aesthetic range and concern.

This month, we'll feature an evening with former Poet Laureate of the United States William Jay Smith, a group reading presented by *Upstairs at Duroc* and a special display featuring a selection of poetry-related books from the Library's collection. Program details can be found under "Upcoming Events" below.

Mix of Poetry on the Shelves

ahhh poetry exhales. Out of its hot bellows an echo of old breath.

Kids and teens

Saturday 7 March
15h00-16h00 (ages 6-12)

Songs from the Communal Well, Part II

Join musicians

Roger

Hoerberichts and Paul

Biagi for an old-

fashioned sing-along

with classic American

folk songs and family

favourites. Parents are

welcome!



Saturday 14 March
15h00-16h00 (ages 6-12)

Picturing America

Join the children's

librarian and

discover the

many images of

American

history and culture from

the *We the People*

program of the National

Endowment for the

Humanities.



Featuring a collection of large high quality

Browsing is another way to discover the world of poetry. The Library's collection separates poetry on the shelves in areas categorized by the literature of various countries. Here are some numbers for you to browse:

811 American Poetry	861 Spanish Poetry
821 English Poetry	871 Latin Poetry
831 German Poetry	880s Classic and Modern Greek Poetry
841 French Poetry	890s Russian, Polish, Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Arabic Poetry
851 Italian Poetry	

You can also find poetry represented in our Reference collection, including the *Essay and General Literature Index*, journals such as *Poetry* and *Lyric*, local literary magazine *Upstairs at Duroc* and other magazines including *The Writer* for adults and *Muse* for children.

Word for Word Performing Arts Company

More Stories by Tobias Wolff
Thursday 9 April 20h00

San Francisco's celebrated theater company returns to Paris with a new selection of stories in original productions for the stage.



The evening is comprised of *Sanity*, *Down to Bone*, and *Firelight*, with Wolff's typical exploration of moral ambiguity and the small, life-altering shifts that he investigates with such grace and compassion.

For event details, pricing and reservation information, see the description [on our online calendar](#).

Art on View: Parsons Paris

2 March - 5 April

The Library is pleased to host an exhibition of artwork by current Senior Fine Arts students from Parsons Paris School of Art & Design. The variety of media included in the exhibition (painting, photography, printmaking, drawing) showcases the creative range of the Fine Arts program at Parsons Paris and provides Library visitors with a preview of the young artists' approaches. Enjoy the *Art on View*.

reproductions of famous American artwork, enjoy the beauty of these paintings, photos and sculptures while learning more about American history, ideals and aspirations.

Teen Night@Library!

Friday 13 March
19h00-21h00 (ages 12+)

Teen Acting Workshop

The library is thrilled to welcome back acting coach Alexa Rutherford from the Method Acting Center in Paris for an interactive workshop on modern, realist acting. Get a sense of how your favorite actors move, scare, or thrill you. And learn what it takes to do the same. Let's jump right in! Beginners welcome.

Saturday 21 March
15h00-16h00 (ages 6-12)

Art appreciation for children

Join special guests

Jamileh

Talebizadeh

and Nahid Kazemi as



Upcoming Programs and Events

Wednesday 4 March 19h30

Evenings with an Expert: *The International Herald Tribune: Current challenges, future prospects*. A discussion with Stephen Dunbar-Johnson, publisher, and Alison Smale, executive editor.

Wednesday 11 March 19h30

Evenings with an Author: William Jay Smith, former poet laureate of the United States, reads from his memoir of life in France on the eve of World War II and from a new collection.

Saturday 14 March 19h00

WICE@The Library - Writers on Writing: A conversation with Susie Morgenstern, author of children's books and *The Aspiring Writer's Journal*.

Tuesday 17 March 19h30

Talk about Art: Chris Boïcos unveils the *Paris of Toulouse-Lautrec*.

A lecture and slide show.

Wednesday 18 March 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Gail Milissa Grant, author of *At the Elbows of My Elders: One Family's Journey Toward Civil Rights*.

Friday 20 March 19h30

WICE@The Library: *Upstairs at Duroc* literary magazine celebrates Printemps des Poètes with a group poetry reading.

they host a mini art exhibition featuring the works of Cézanne, as well as some of Nahid's original work in children's illustration. Learn more about art history and appreciation, and voice your opinions!

For all children's and teen events (except story hours and lap-sits), sign up is required and limited.

Please call the Library at 01.53.59.12.60 or email the youth librarian at hstath@gmail.com.

Unless otherwise stated, all programs are free for Library members and 9 euros for non-members.

And always...

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

5 March & 26 March
English rhymes, songs, and stories.

Wednesday Story Hour

10h30 & 14h30 (ages 3-5)

Drop-in sessions every Wednesday. Spend an

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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.

hour together sharing a good book. No sign-ups needed.

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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