

# 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.

## **MAY CLOSURES**

Please note the Library will be closed on the following holidays:

- Friday 1 May - Fête de Travail
- Friday 8 May - Fête de la Victoire
- Thursday 21 May - l'Ascension

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## **Monthly Used Book Sale**

Saturday 2 May starting at 10h00



Bargain hunters and book lovers take note! Join us at the Library Used Book Sale on Saturday 2 May as the best of our duplicates bid farewell to the stacks, along with others

donated by the public. Funds raised enable us to buy more new books for the permanent collection. Come early for the best selection.

## **Celebrating Monsieur Alexandre**

Tuesday 12 May - Saturday 27 June

After becoming famous and wealthy as a ventriloquist under the stage name Monsieur Alexandre, Nicolas Marie Alexandre Vattemare retired and spent the next 25 years as a philanthropist, creating the first international system for the exchange of items among libraries and museums.



## **Kids and teens**

**Saturday 2 May**

**15h00-16h00 (ages 8-12)**

*Scrabble Saturday Part*

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Join Celeste Rhoads for a



game of Scrabble in English. Have fun playing in teams or individually. Beginners and pros are welcome!

**Saturday 9 May**

**15h00-16h00 (ages 4+)**

*Around the World with Folktales Theatre*



Join us in the children's room for this special storytelling event with Kristin Pedemonti, professional storyteller. Get into the act with simple costume pieces and dialogue. Tons of fun for audiences ages 4 and up!

Join us on Tuesday 12 May at 19h30 for the opening of this special exhibit at the Library and welcome guest speaker Pierre-Alain Tilliette, conservateur en chef at the Bibliothèque Administrative de la Ville de Paris, who will present the amazing life's work of [Alexandre Vattemare](#).

## Spring Open House

Saturday 16 May, 14h00 - 18h00



The Spring Open House provides an opportunity for the general public, along with potential members and their families, to learn more about the Library, our services and resources. Meet the staff, pick-up a few research tips, test drive our new databases, enter a raffle and more. Find out what's happening [at the Library!](#)

## Upcoming Events and Programs

### Wednesday 29 April 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Tom Fels has written a bittersweet memoir of life on one of the better-known communal farms of the late 1960s. Take a trip back in the book 'Farm Friends.'

### Wednesday 6 May 19h30

Evenings with an Author: A night of crime with thriller writers Cara Black and Leighton Gage.

### Tuesday 12 May 19h30

Talk About Art: Pierre-Alain Tilliette, conservateur en chef at the Bibliothèque Administrative de la Ville de Paris, tells the

Afterwards children are welcome to stay and make a Mother's Day card, or to take home a card to complete.

### Thursday 14 May Starts at 17h30 (all ages)

*Peter and the Wolf Performance*

We are thrilled to welcome back Brooke Desnoës and the



young dancers from the Académie Américaine de danse de Paris for a Thursday evening ballet workshop and performance in the reading room. Families welcome!

### Saturday 16 May 17h00-18h00\* (all ages)

*A kids' concert that adults will dig, too!*

New York City pianoman Gary Negbaur and musical



theater vocalist Yvette Negbaur play a mix of jazzy, grooving children's tunes that are fun for everyone! \*

**Please note the later start time.**

fascinating story of Alexandre Vattemare, ventriloquist and champion of libraries and museums.

**Wednesday 13 May 19h30**

Evenings with an Author: Timothy Ryback, author of 'Hitler's Private Library: The Books That Shaped His Life.'

**Friday 15 May 19h30**

Sections Internationales de Sèvres@The Library: Student contributors to 'Wandering Quill' literary magazine present work from the latest issue 'An Odyssey through Words.'

**Saturday 16 May 14h00–18h00**

Spring Open House: tours, demonstrations, and a concert for kids.

**Tuesday 19 May 19h30**

WICE@The Library: Writers on Writing

Cecelia Woloch walks us through the world of today's poet.

For more details, see the [Events and Programs](#) page on our website.

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.

**And always...**

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

7 May & 28 May  
Rhymes, songs, and stories in English.

**Wednesday Story  
Hour**

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

Drop-in sessions every Wednesday. Spend an hour together sharing a good book. No sign-ups needed.

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

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