

# 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 CLOSURE**

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

- Thursday 21 May - l'Ascension

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## **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!](#)

## **Special Members Event**

### **Babar Book Signing**

Friday 5 June 17h00 - 19h00

As part of the gala celebrations surrounding Babar, our guest of honor Laurent de Brunhoff, author and illustrator of the beloved children's book series, has agreed to sign copies of his books at the Library.



- This family book-signing is open exclusively to members of the Library and is by reservation only, as space is limited.

**The Library will close for general use at 16h30.**

## **Kids and teens**

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

*Peter and the Wolf  
Performance*

We are thrilled to welcome back Brooke Desnoës and the

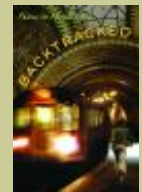


young dancers from the Académie Américaine de danse de Paris for a Thursday evening ballet workshop and performance in the reading room. Families welcome!

### **Friday 15 May 19h00-21h00 (ages 12+)**

*Teen Writing Workshop:  
Writing in the first person*

Pedro de Alcantara, author of



'Backtracked' a time-travel saga, will present his book and lead a time-travel writing

- Admission is free, but contributions to the work of the Library are always welcome.
- Books to be signed may be brought from home collections or purchased from a bookseller on hand at the Library. M. de Brunhoff will sign a maximum of two books per family.
- Games and storytime for children will accompany the event, and refreshments and snacks will be served.
- Members without reservations will be admitted the day of the signing if space remains.

For reservations, please send name, member number, and number in your party to: [rsvp@americanlibraryinparis.org](mailto:rsvp@americanlibraryinparis.org)

## Upcoming Events and Programs

### Tuesday 12 May 19h30

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

workshop for teens.

### 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.**

### Saturday 23 May 15h00-16h00 (ages 6-12)

*Chaucer and the Canterbury Tales for kids*

Join us for a taste of Middle English, with



an introduction to the Canterbury Tales for kids. A medieval pilgrimage awaits!

### Saturday 30 May 15h00-16h00 (all ages)

*Silly Songs with Matt Black*

Join professional children's performer Matt Black, as he teaches and entertains

**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

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

**Wednesday 20 May 19h30**

Evenings with an Author: A. Craig Copetas introduces 'Mona Lisa's Pajamas: Diverging Dispatches from a Roving Reporter.'

**Thursday 28 May 19h30**

WICE World Watch@The Library: UNESCO Project Coordinator Léna Salamé on 'Water and War.'

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.

us with a pile of silly songs. The event is sure to be a hit for children and families. Parents welcome.

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

28 May & 4 June  
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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