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Director's Note

Author! Author! Author!



Happy New Year from the Library. We are always proud of our evening programming, but we are truly blessed this winter with an outstanding lineup of authors, and

novelists in particular, so very many that they are almost on top of one another on the schedule.

Please try to make time on your calendars – and click through for Library listings and more information – for these exceptional voices in contemporary fiction: [Lionel Shriver](#), [Arthur Phillips](#), [Sophie Hardach](#), [Jeffrey Greene](#), and [Fernanda Eberstadt](#).

Other kinds of speakers will be with us as well in January and February – beginning next week with journalists [Jim Bittermann](#) and [Jean Lesieur](#) exploring the unfolding races for the presidencies of France and the United States. Then [Tama Carroll](#) will examine the presence of blacks in film, [Beth Epstein](#) will discuss the challenges of the French banlieues, [Cherie Burns](#) will present her biography on the life of fashion icon Millicent Rogers, [Monique Wells](#) will sample the food of the African diaspora, [Pamela Druckerman](#) will unveil her new book on raising children in France, *Bringing Up Bébé*. Also look for a program comparing [higher education in France and the US](#) and a panel of experts on wine, cheese, and perfume.

And all that before the vacances scolaires ! Please join us.



Kids and teens

Wednesday 4 January

Don't miss the deadline!

Letters about Literature

Please note the deadline



for submitting your letter to an author is

Wednesday 4 January

2012. For more details and submission guidelines visit the [LAL information page](#).

Saturday 7 January

15h00-16h00 (all ages)

Join performer

Matt Black for an afternoon



of silly songs

including Matt's zany and original creations as well as childhood classics. [Find out more.](#)

Thursday 12 January

10h30-11h00 (ages 1-3)

Visit with Friends on the Farm

DVD collection makeover



Movie lovers might have noticed a change in our DVD collection's appearance lately.

In order to provide easier and more user-friendly browsing, librarians and volunteers

are currently reclassifying our 2500-title DVD collection. From now on you will find titles organized by genre, in one of six categories: **Action, Comedy, Drama, Television, Documentaries, and Music.** In each category, titles are ordered alphabetically by director's name (or musician's name, or TV series title).

Signage describes what is included in each of these generic categories (for example, you will find adventure and sci-fi under 'action,' miniseries and stand-up comedy under 'TV,' music videos, concerts, ballet/opera under 'Music'). There is also a self-instruction category, including exercise DVDs, language-learning methods on CD or DVD, and computer instruction on CD-ROM at a later stage.



Nothing has changed in the way titles are described in the online catalog - if you are looking for a title in particular, the catalog is still the most efficient tool to find what you want. The staff would like to thank volunteers Scott Napoli, David Thompson, Christel Prestige, and Ellen Lebel for their tremendous help, and all patrons for their patience during this work-in-progress.

Lastly, we need your help! Since many DVDs are lost and replaced each year due to rough wear-and-tear, we would like to remind you to please take special care of the DVD discs and cases in order to ensure future use and to help us reduce the growing cost of replacing damaged items.

Upcoming Events and Programs

Saturday 7 January 10h00-19h00

Sunday 8 January 13h00-19h00

Author and illustrator

Betsy Wallid

will be hosting

a special

reading and sing-along!



**Friday 13 January
19h00-21h00 (ages
12+)**

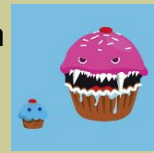
Monster Cupcake

Decorating

Join the youth

librarian (an

avid cupcake



fan and baker) and baking savvy volunteers as we share tips and tricks to make the most fabulous edible

creations – including, but not limited to,

monster cupcakes. [Get the scoop!](#)

**Saturday 14 January
12h00-13h00 (ages 9-
12)**

Footy Card Heroes

Ever

wondered

what the

others kids are

doing when they go

crazy with the football

(or soccer) collector

cards? Join visiting

playwright and acting

teacher Amanda Ford

for reading of her new

play for children, [Footy](#)



Used Book Sale at the Library held on both days of the first weekend of the month.

Tuesday 10 January 19h30 UPDATED

WICE World Watch @ The Library: Jim Bittermann, senior correspondent of CNN, and Jean Lesieur, former senior editor at France 24, look across the ocean at the upcoming contests for two presidencies and explore the impact of the elections on French-American relations.

Wednesday 11 January 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Bestselling author and winner of the Orange Prize for her novel 'We Need to Talk about Kevin,' Lionel Shriver presents 'So Much For That.'

Saturday 14 January 18h30 - 21h00

Paris Spelling Bee @ The Library: Join us for the screening of the award-winning documentary 'Akeelah and the Bee.' As space is limited, RSVP is required. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tuesday 17 January 19h30

Close Ups - Film through the Ages: Tama Carroll looks at the presence of blacks in film, examining their successes and challenges.

Wednesday 18 January 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Beth Epstein presents her book 'Collective Terms: Race, Culture, and Community in a State-Planned City in France.'

Thursday 19 January 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Cherie Burns shares images from 'Searching for Beauty -- The Life of Millicent Rogers,' a biography of the Standard Oil heiress and fashion icon.

Tuesday 24 January 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Arthur Phillips presents 'The Tragedy of Arthur.'

[Card Heroes.](#)

**Saturday 14 January
15h00-16h00 (ages 8+)**

Introduction to spelling bees

Join us for an introduction to spelling



bees and learn more about the 2012 Paris Spelling Bee in English.

We will discuss bee history and logistics, and learn how to

[register for this year's competition.](#) And don't miss the [Akeelah and the Bee Pizza Night!](#)

2012 Young Author Fiction Festival Announced

Is there a young author in your house?

The Young Authors Fiction Festival in



Festival in collaboration with the Society of [Children's Book Writers and Illustrators \(SCBWI\)](#) [France](#) and [Time Travelers Tours](#) is now

open to all students ages 5 to 18 in the greater Paris area **who write in English.** For guidelines and details,

Wednesday 25 January 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Journalist Sophie Hardach reads from 'The Registrar's Manual for Detecting Forced Marriages.'

Tuesday 31 January 19h30

WICE @ The Library - Writers on Writing: Jeffrey Greene, a multi-faceted American writer living in France, talks about writing poetry, fiction and creative non-fiction.

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.

[visit the YAFF 2012 events page.](#)

And always...

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

5 (full) & 19 January
Rhymes, songs, and stories in English on Thursdays. All children must be accompanied by an adult lap and [registration is required.](#)

Wednesday Story Hour

10h30 & 14h30 (ages 3-5)

Drop-in sessions on Wednesdays. Spend an hour with friends and some good books. No sign-ups needed.

Unless otherwise stated, all children and teen programs are free for Library members and 10 euros for non-members. Find out how to [become a member.](#)

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