

Director's Note

Evening Program changes

Please note the following changes to February evening programming at the Library:  [Pamela Druckerman](#) will be speaking about her new book, *French Children Don't Throw Food*, on **Wednesday 22 February** – two weeks later than originally scheduled. The book by the author of *Lust in Translation* (and a former Library book group leader) has been greeted with extraordinary acclaim in the United Kingdom and the United States.

[Donald Morrison](#), the American author of *Comment Obama a perdu l'Amerique*, has been added to the schedule for **Wednesday 8 February**. Morrison, a former Time magazine writer and editor, is also the author of *The Death of French Culture*. He will discuss the Obama presidency and the stakes in the U.S. presidential election.

This week at the Library, don't miss Paris author [Jeffrey Greene](#) in a special WICE Writers on Writing program Tuesday evening, and novelist [Fernanda Eberstadt](#) on Wednesday evening. Booklist calls her "a novelist of exhilarating wit, incandescent metaphors, moral curiosity, and deep-sea psychology."

Black History Month @ The Library

Kids and teens

Saturday 4 February

15h00-16h00 (ages 6+)

A Civil Rights and Black History Month

Celebration for Kids

Join us for some great stories about



important Americans, a trivia quiz all about civil rights and more. [Find out more.](#)

Saturday 4 February

Bookworms Book Club (ages 9-12)

Bookworms is back this month with



One Crazy Summer, by Rita Williams-Garcia. Join us as we discover this exciting, award-winning new book. We'll be meeting over **three consecutive Saturdays** starting Saturday 4 February from 12h00-13h00.



Black History Month began as Negro History Week, an initiative of Dr. Carter G. Woodson, founder of the *Journal of Negro History* in 1916 (copies of which the Library holds in its archives). Woodson launched Negro History Week to bring national attention to the contributions of black people to American history..

In the U.S., Black History Month, also referred to as African-American History Month, celebrates the contributions of African Americans throughout U.S. history. Outside of the U.S., Black History Month observances expand to include the history and impact of the African diaspora.

Join us in the Children's library for a special civil rights and [Black History Month celebration for kids](#) on **Saturday 4 February**. Then on **Tuesday 7 February** Monique Wells serves up an [illustrated talk on the African Diaspora and Food](#), a common way to approach the issue of identity. This presentation is in conjunction with the Library's exhibit '[Following The Flavors of the African Diaspora](#)' on view from Tue 7 February - Sun 4 March 2012.



Attention all expats



A scholar in Brussels has created a comprehensive survey for American expatriates in Europe in an effort to shed more light on what makes this diverse community tick. The survey takes 20-25 minutes to complete and is anonymous and confidential. The researcher, Amanda Klekowski, is a lecturer in politics and migration studies at the University of Kent in Brussels and may eventually present her findings to a Library audience. You're invited to [learn more and if you'd like, take the survey.](#)

Upcoming Events and Programs

Tuesday 31 January 19h30

[Registration is required for this activity as space is limited.](#)

Attention Teens!

**Friday 10 February
19h00-21h00 (ages 12+)**

Coraline - the movie!

Join us for a screening of *Coraline*, a movie by the director of the *Nightmare before Christmas* and based on the book by Neil Gaiman. Please [be sure to RSVP](#) so that we can provide pizza and refreshments for everyone.



**Saturday 11 February
15h00-16h30 (ages 6+)**

Valentine's Day party and storytime

Come in for the Library's annual



Valentine's Day celebration and enjoy an afternoon of fact, fiction, fun and crafts. There will be stickers, stamps and hearts galore! [Get the scoop.](#)

And always...

Extra session added!

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.

Wednesday 1 February 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Fernanda Eberstadt presents her latest novel, 'Rat.'

Saturday 4 February 10h00-19h00

Sunday 5 February 13h00-19h00

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

Tuesday 7 February 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Monique serves up an illustrated talk on the African Diaspora and Food.

Wednesday 8 February 19h30 **Just added**

Evenings with an Author: Donald Morrison asks 'Has Obama Lost America?'

Thursday 9 February 19h30

AAWE @ The Library: Panel presentation by authors of the AAWE publication 'Beyond the Bac – Higher Education in France and Abroad.'

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.

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

2 & 16 February
Rhymes, songs, and stories in English on Thursdays.

New in February a **second afternoon session** has been added at 17h00! 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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