

## The best book about France

The big year-end news from the Library is the announcement of a \$5,000 literary prize called the American Library in Paris Book Award.



A distinguished panel of judges from the Library's [Writers Council](#) will select the most distinguished English-language book of the year about France or the French-American encounter. The [2013 Book Award](#) will be bestowed on the winning author at a special prize ceremony in Paris next October. The Book Award is made possible by a generous gift to the Library from the Florence Gould Foundation.

You can read more about the Book Award in the new edition of [Ex Libris](#) and in [this blog post](#) by director Charles Trueheart. Everyone is invited to send a message to the Library recommending books first published between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013. The Library website has all the details.

## Art on View - Hopper Behind-the-Scenes by Clark & Pougnaud

Tuesday 11 December 2012 - Sunday 3 February 2013

## Kids and teens

**Saturday 15  
December  
15h00-16h00 (all ages)**

*We Love Julia  
Donaldson!*

Enjoy an  
afternoon  
reading by



our wonderful  
Children's Library  
volunteers as they  
share some stories by  
the famous, fabulous  
and funny Julia  
Donaldson. Parents  
welcome and no sign-  
up necessary!

**Saturday  
29 December  
15h00-16h00 (all ages)**

*Games Day!*

Join us for  
a game of  
the fun



family classic Monopoly  
or try out something  
else from the Library's  
collection of board  
games - Battleship,  
Boggle, Scrabble, Clue



Artist duo Christopher Clark and Virginie Pougnaud created miniature architectural models of scenes in Edward Hopper's most celebrated paintings and then photographed a model in the same pose as Hopper's

figures. By superimposing the two elements together, they created an original piece of work that is part reality and part dreamscape.

The originality of their approach is not only the mixture of the model, painting and photography, but also because each scene is made to scale of a doll house. The American Library in Paris presents Clark and Pougnaud's different elements which served as the backdrop to the photographs taken in tribute to Hopper. Visit the [Clark and Pougnaud exhibit page](#) for more details.



## Last evening programs for December



As the holiday season approaches, don't miss the last couple of evening programs at the Library: **Tonight**, Jeanne Salvator and Paris historian Thirza Vallois discuss Romain Gary's *The Life Before Us* with a literary

discussion, presentation on the neighborhood of Belleville and screening of scenes from the 1977 Oscar-winning film "Madame Rosa." **Tomorrow night**, author and poet Percival Everett offers a preview of his forthcoming work, *Percival Everett by Virgil Russell: A Novel*.

## Hot off the presses: December Ex Libris

A new book award, what the Library survey said, a newly reorganized Reference Services section, evening programs, exhibits and youth programs. It's all in the brand-new edition of our quarterly newsletter. Copies are available at the Library or



or chess. Parents welcome and no sign-up necessary.

### Attention Teens!

**Friday 18 January**  
**19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)**

*Get Your Game On!*

No Scrabble, no Boggle, we're going to get our creative juices flowing with improv games, a bit of Cranium and a few surprises. Oh, and prizes! [Sign-up is required.](#)



### Attention Teens!

**Friday 25 January**  
**19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)**

*Creating Mythology with author Amy Plum*

Meet young adult author Amy Plum for a short reading and Q&A, and then let Amy lead you through some creative writing exercises designed to help you build your own mythological world. [Sign-up is required.](#)



**Library's Pinterest for kids and teens!**

can be downloaded [from our website](#).

## Upcoming Events and Programs

### Tuesday 11 December 19h30

Jeanne Salvato and historian Thirza Vallois present Romain Gary's 1975 novel, *The Life Before Us*, including the screening of selected scenes from the film "Madame Rosa."

### Wednesday 12 December 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Percival Everett presents a preview of his upcoming *Percival Everett by Virgil Russell: A Novel*.

### Saturday 5 January 10h00-19h00

### Sunday 6 January 13h00-19h00

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

### Wednesday 9 January 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Timothy Jay Smith discusses an army sharpshooter and deserter in *Cooper's Promise*.

### Saturday 12 January 18h30

*Akeelah and the Bee*: Paris Spelling Bee Pizza Night features an event for those who want to learn more about the sport of spelling bees.

### Wednesday 16 January 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Philippe Labro evokes the characters he considers most symbolic of America in *Mon Amerique*.

Program dates and speakers are subject to change. Please check the website for updates, see the [Events and Programs](#) page.

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.

Check out the [Library's Pinterest](#) boards for kids and teens - we've got book recommendations, craft ideas and great quotes from your favorite stories.

## And always...

### Mother Goose Lap Sit 10h30 & 17h00 (ages 1-3)

10 & 24 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)

12, 19 & 26 December

2, 9 & 16 January

Drop-in sessions on

Wednesdays. Spend an

hour with friends and

some good books. No

sign-up necessary!

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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