

## The American Library in Paris

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### Director's Note

#### January is for authors



The Library opens its 2013 season of Evenings with an Author [tomorrow night](#) with **Timothy Jay Smith** presenting his harrowing tale of an American mercenary, sharpshooter and outlaw facing moral and mortal choices.

Kirkus Reviews calls *Cooper's Promise* "literary dynamite" and named it one of the

best books of 2012. On [Wednesday 16 January](#), the acclaimed French writer and commentator, **Philippe Labro**, speaks about some of the fifty notable Americans he has admired and captured in his new book of sharply-drawn portraits, *Mon Amérique*.

Teens, internet safety and social media will be explored by specialists **Elizabeth Milovidov** and **Samantha Woolfe** on [Tuesday 22 January](#), followed the next night, [Wednesday 23 January](#), by journalist **Kati Marton**. Her new book, *Paris: A Love Story*, tells of her marriages to the late Peter Jennings and the late Richard Holbrooke.

On [Wednesday 30 January](#), please join us for a special evening surrounding the extraordinary life of Sylvia Beach, whose historic bookshop was the ancestor of today's Shakespeare and Company. We'll run a short feature film, *Left Bank Bookseller*, with commentary by filmmaker **Lisa Reznik** and also hear from **Cynthia Morris**, author of a new novel called *Chasing Sylvia Beach*.



### Kids and teens

**Saturday 12 January**  
**15h00-16h00 (ages 8+)**

*Introduction to Spelling Bees*

Join us for an



introduction to spelling bees and learn more about the 2013 Paris Spelling Bee in English. 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](#).

**Saturday 19 January**

All evening events are free and open to the public. They begin promptly at 19h30, include refreshments and informal conversation with the author and always conclude before 21h00. Please join us.

*Charles Trueheart*

## 6th Annual Paris Spelling Bee



The [Paris Spelling Bee](#) returns for its sixth year and is a city-wide enrichment activity open to all children who meet the pre-registration requirements. It is organized by [Gifted in France](#), in collaboration with the

American Library in Paris and hosted by the American University of Paris.

[Registration](#) for the 2013 Paris Spelling Bee is now open until 17 January and limited to the first 100 participants on a first come, first served basis. Students in CE2 through 4eme (3rd through 8th grade) are invited to participate. On 12 January at [15h00](#), the Library will present a program to introduce spelling bees to children ages 8+. At [18h30](#), the Paris Spelling Bee will screen the award-winning film *Akeelah and the Bee*.

## 2013 Young Authors Fiction Festival

Is there a young author in your house? The American Library in Paris is proud again this year to be the organizer of the [Young Authors Fiction Festival](#), in collaboration with the [Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators](#) (SCBWI) France.



The Fiction Festival aims to strengthen community among English-speakers in the Paris area through the art and craft of storytelling. The Fiction Festival is open to all students ages 5 to 18 in the greater Paris area who write in English. It offers

### 15h00-16h00 (ages 6+)

*Let's Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.!*

Martin Luther King Jr Day is celebrated



on the third Monday in January in America, so it's time to talk about this important figure in American history. We have stories to share, and games to test your historical knowledge! Parents welcome and no sign-up necessary.

### Attention Teens!

**Saturday 19 January**  
**17h00-18h00 (ages 12-18)**

*Teen Writing Group*

Join fellow aspiring writers in a relaxed and creative



setting where you can share your ideas, get feedback and work on your technique. Author Anne Heltzel will host these meetings twice monthly on Saturday afternoons. [Sign-up is required.](#)

### Attention Teens!

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

a wonderful opportunity for educators to encourage creative writing among their students.

Deadline for submissions to the Fiction Festival is 1 April 2013 — no fooling. If you'd like to receive the electronic announcement, write to [yaff2013@gmail.com](mailto:yaff2013@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Events and Programs

### 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 - 21h00

Join us for the screening of the award-winning film *Akeelah and the Bee* and get inspired for the 2013 Paris Spelling Bee. Space is limited and RSVP is required. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

### Wednesday 16 January 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Philippe Labro talks about fifty notable Americans he has admired in *Mon Amérique*.

### Tuesday 22 January 19h30

Elizabeth Milovidov and Samantha Woolfe explores teens, the internet, and social media.

### Wednesday 23 January 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Kati Marton narrates a story of love, loss, and life after loss in *Paris: A Love Story*.

### Tuesday 29 January 19h30

Evenings with Gardens: Amy Kupec-Larue discusses Parisian parks created under Napoleon III and Baron Haussmann.

### Wednesday 30 January 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Lisa Reznik and Cynthia Morris celebrate the life of Sylvia Beach in film and prose.

## 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.](#)

## 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)

9, 16, 23 & 30 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

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.

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