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"Rebels" and other book groups at the Library



Participating in a Library book group is one of the many privileges of membership, and signups for three winter-spring book groups are starting now.

A new book group leader, Dutch novelist Annette Pas, is exploring an eclectic group of fictional "Rebels" in *Catcher in the Rye*, *L'Etranger*, *Notes from Underground* and *Woman at Point Zero*. Don and Ann Morrison, who led a popular group in the fall on the death of the book, are going for another big theme, "The making of the modern world," starting with Steven Goldblatt's *The Swerve*.

Peter Fellowes returns with another fascinating exploration of turn-of-the-century memoirs portraying V. S. Naipaul, Iris Murdoch, Graham Greene and Kingsley Amis – written from the privileged but hardly impartial perspective of a friend, child or spouse.

Joining a book group is easy. [Find out how](#) you can sign-up today. Not a member? This is another reason [to join!](#)

Grown-up Game Night and the Civil War

On Wednesday [6 February](#) join curator Naida Culshaw for a slide presentation exploring the stories featured in the



Kids and teens

Attention writers!

Friday 8 February
19h30-21h00 (all ages)

How to Get Published

Experienced
writers and



amateurs,

adults and teens alike, are welcome to join in this informative session about getting published, hosted by young adult author Anne Heltzel.

[Find out more.](#)

Saturday 9 February
15h00-16h30 (ages 6+)

We Heart Valentine's Day

Come in for
the Library's
annual



Valentine's Day celebration and enjoy an afternoon of great stories and cool crafts! We'll learn all about the history and traditions surrounding this fun holiday. Parents

Library's "Blue, Gray and Black: African Americans in the Civil War." Learn more about the [exhibit](#) and view the list of resources consulted during its development.



On Friday [15 February](#), the Library is celebrating readers and thinkers with a special game night for gamers in their 20s and 30s and older. We will play as many American board games as we have players. Director Charlie Trueheart is challenging all comers in Scrabble. Please come for fun with games, a keg of beer, and a chance to test your wits with like-minded people. Players should bring any board games that they have on hand. Contact Programs Manager [Margot Boyer-Dry](#) to discuss game options.

Save the Date: Word for Word performs *You Know When the Men are Gone*

Returning to Paris for the eighteenth year, the Word for Word Performing Arts Company presents *You Know When the Men are Gone*, short stories by Siobhan Fallon and directed by Joel Mullennix and Amy Kossow. Performances are scheduled for **April 3** and **April 4**. Reservations will open in early March.



Winter sale on memberships continues!



Join the American Library in Paris in any of our annual categories by 28 February, and benefit from a thirteenth month free. Already a member? Bring us a new annual member, and we'll add a thirteenth month to your existing membership. [Find out more.](#)

Upcoming Events and Programs

Tuesday 19 February 19h30

welcome and no sign-up necessary.

**Saturday 16 February
12h00-13h30 (ages 8-12)**

Friendship Circle with Mimi McCracken

Calling all kids ages 8-12 and their parents!



Join us on 16 and 23 February, from 12h00 to 13h00 for a friendship circle hosted by Mimi McCracken. It's a great opportunity to get to know each other and build friendships. [Sign-up is required.](#)

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

Black History Month Celebration!

Come celebrate Black History Month at the Library as we



recognize the achievements of African Americans. We've got great stories and games to test your historical knowledge. Parents welcome and no sign-up necessary.

Attention writers!

Artist Max Mulhern discusses his Aqua Dice sculpture that was launched out to sea on 12 November and is crossing the Atlantic propelled by natural forces.

Wednesday 6 February 19h30

Curator Naida Culshaw will present the stories featured in the Art on View exhibition *Blue, Grey and Black: African Americans in the Civil War*.

Friday 8 February 19h30

Experienced writers and amateurs, adults and teens alike are welcome to join in this program about getting published with young adult author Anne Heltzel.

Friday 15 February 19h30

Join us for board games at the Library's Game Night for grown-ups. Compete with your friends or try to beat Director Trueheart at Scrabble!

Tuesday 19 February 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Theasa Tuohy captures the essence of what drives those who go into war in *The Five O'Clock*.

Wednesday 20 February 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Tracy Metz explores the special relationship that the Dutch have with the sea in *Sweet&Salt*.

Tuesday 26 February 19h30

Kristin Duncombe leads a seminar to help parents communicate effectively with their kids about substance abuse and chemical dependency. This program is open to **adults only**.

Tuesday February 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Fred Coleman discusses German-occupied France in *The Marcel Network*.

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

**Saturday 16 February
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.

This meeting will be hosted by Anne Heltzel, author of *Circle Nine* and *The Ruining*. No sign-up necessary.

And always...

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

7 February (10h30 full)

21 February

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)

6 & 13 February

Drop-in sessions on Wednesdays. Spend an hour with friends and some good books. No sign-up necessary!

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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.

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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