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Word for Word returns to perform *You Know When the Men Are Gone*

Wednesday 3 April and Thursday 4 April

"Captivating and necessary"
- *The San Francisco Chronicle*

The American Library is delighted to welcome back for the eighteenth year the celebrated San Francisco theater company that puts great American short stories



on stage. Word for Word Performing Arts Company presents two stories, "The Last Stand" and "Gold Star," from Siobhan Fallon's debut book *You Know When the Men Are Gone*.

These stories show another side of war – how those left behind must carry on in their daily lives in hope and fear, as well as what it's like for the wounded soldiers returning to normal life. Presented with the generous support of The Florence Gould Foundation and The Annenberg Foundation.

Both performances begin at 20h00. Suggested donation at the door: €20 (€10 students). Please note that all seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. [Seats are still available. reservations are required.](#)

Urban sensations and parenting the French way

Kids and teens

Saturday 6 April
12h00-13h00 (ages 9-12)

Advice for Zombies and More: An Exercise in Point of View

Join us as we brainstorm

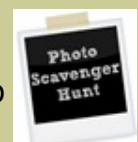


problems and possible advice for animal and fantasy characters, then write letters from the point of view of both the advice seeker and the columnist. This workshop will be led by author Michelle Markel. [Sign-up is required.](#)

Saturday 6
April 15h00-16h00
(ages 6+)

Library Adventure

Join us for a Library photo scavenger





[Tonight](#) at 19h30, take a virtual walk on the High Line, New York City's newest, most original, and most talked-about park, built on an elevated railway bed on the lower west side of Manhattan. Ranked #10 on a list of the world's most popular landmarks, the Highline opened in 2009 to overnight success. **Annik Lafarge**, the author of a new illustrated book, *On the High Line*, will show a slide presentation that along the way pays tribute to the Promenade Plantée in Paris as an inspiration.

Pamela Druckerman, a best-selling author on parenting the French way, will be at the Library on [10 April](#) to present *Bébé Day By Day: 100 Keys to French Parenting*. Druckerman is an American journalist and author whose 2012 book, *Bringing Up Bébé: One American Mother Discovers the Wisdom of French Parenting*, was a top 10 *New York Times* bestseller. The U.K. edition of the same book, *French Children Don't Throw Food*, debuted at #1 in *The Sunday Times*.



On [17 April](#), join us for a lively discussion on moving from Primaire/Primary School to Collège/Middle School. **Jude Smith** of AAWE and educator **Marie Gaynor** will explore the decisions and questions for parents and students during this important transition. This program is presented in cooperation with AAWE and Message.

Savvy Shopper Alert: April Used Book Sale



Bargain hunters and book lovers take note! The Library's [book sales](#) are getting bigger and bigger. Come to this weekend's used book sale during regular operating hours, featuring hundreds of gently used adult and children's fiction and nonfiction books in hardcover and paperback. Pick out some new-to-you books and in turn, help the Library continue to renew its permanent collection. Most books at €3, €2, and €1! As a reminder, used book sales at the Library take place on both days of the first weekend of the month.

hunt through the stacks! Bring in a camera (or your parent's phone) for a special treasure hunt in the Library! Prizes will be awarded to all those who participate. No sign-up necessary! Parents welcome!

Attention teens!

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

Really, Really Bad Art Night

Calling all talented artists,



amateurs and anyone who just wants to come make a big mess with paint, clay, glitter, decoupage and pastels. Free your imagination and forget the rules as we compete to make the worst art possible.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

**Saturday 13 April
15h00-16h00 (ages
6+)**

Art Party

Join us for an afternoon of fact,



For details on how to donate books to the Library, see the [Book Donations & Book Bags](#) page on our website.

Jackhammers overhead

During the month of April, Library patrons in the reading room and elsewhere will have their concentration tested by the sound of jackhammers overhead. This is the beginning of the long-overdue resurfacing and leak-proofing of the terrace roof on the courtyard side of the premises. Patrons may also see members of the work crew passing through the Library. The work is expected to last six to eight weeks.



Upcoming Events and Programs

Tuesday 2 April 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Annik La Farge talks about *On The High Line: Exploring America's Most Original Urban Park*.

Wednesday 3 April 20h00

Thursday 4 April 20h00

Word for Word performs *You Know When the Men Are Gone* by Siobhan Fallon at the Salle Adyar. Reservations required.

Saturday 6 April 10h00-19h00

Sunday 7 April 13h00-19h00

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

Tuesday 9 April 19h30

Artist Jan Olsson will talk about the art of printmaking in conjunction with her *Recontres: Words and Images* exhibit.

Wednesday 10 April 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Pamela Druckerman will share insights on her latest *Bébé Day by Day*.

fiction and fun all about artists and illustrators! We'll take a look at some well-known works of art, then you can try your hand at making your very own pastel pieces, collages and sculptures. No sign-up necessary! Parents welcome!

Attention teens!

Saturday 13 April
17h00-18h00 (ages 12-18)

Teen Writing Group

Join



aspiring

writers in a

relaxed and creative setting where you can

share ideas, get

feedback and work on your technique. This

meeting will be

hosted by young adult author Anne

Heltzel. [RSVP is requested.](#)

And always...

Mother Goose Lap Sit

10h30 & 17h00 (ages 1-3)

4 & 18 April (both

10h30 sessions are full)

Tuesday 16 April 19h30

Jude Smith moderates an important discussion with parents and teachers on "Moving up to collège," in cooperation with AAWE and Message.

Wednesday 17 April 19h30

Leslie Taubman presents movies as an influential art form over the past century in "Cinema as Art: An Intro to Film History and Appreciation."

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.

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)

3, 10, 17 & 24 April
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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