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Presenting War and Peace

Our next Evening with an Author is on Monday 3 June, rather than the middle of the week. Andrew Nagorski will present *Hiterland: American Eyewitnesses to the Nazi Rise to Power*. Nagorski's fascinating book



explores a new aspect of this period in European history through the perspectives of American diplomats, reporters, Olympic athletes and even U.S. citizens living in Germany who saw firsthand the construction of the Reich in real-time.



On Wednesday 12 June Paris Art
Studies lecturer Chris Boïcos returns to
the Library to present the works of artist
Marc Chagall reflecting themes from the
exhibit Marc Chagall: Between War &
Peace, now on view at the Musée du
Luxembourg through 21 July.

From his Russian period in his hometown of Vitebsk during the First World War to the biblical paintings evoking the rise of the Nazism and onto his post-WWII life as a refugee in the U.S., Chagall has embodied the decades of strife that defined the 20th century. Boïcos will take us on a tour through Chagall's art of these periods, both dark and hopeful.

The Library's discovery channel

In the next few days a search of the Library's online catalog will

Kids and teens

Attention teens!

Friday 31 May 19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)

Theater of the Absurd: A Comedy Acting Workshop with Jim Denison Join us for a night of acting and comedy with performer Jim Denison. Jim will give you some tips on creative comedy acting and all participants will be invited to create their own characters with ther props provided. Sign-up is required.

Attention teens!

Friday 7 June 19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18) Who Are You? A writing workshop with author Pedro de Alcantara be an entirely new experience, thanks to a dramatic new interface supplied by Polaris.

When you go on the Catalog Search button, you'll enter a new world of possibilities – in addition to browsing the collection, you will be able to see book covers, read *New York Times* book



reviews, scan tables of contents and first pages as made available by Google Book Search, etc. In fact, the Polaris system – called a "discovery tool" instead of a catalog – provides an experience more like an Amazon search.

In addition, as a member, when you log onto My Account, you will be able to not only manage the items on your account, such as placing requests and viewing fees, but also choosing to view your reading history and creating custom searches, title lists and notification methods.

Please explore the new catalog beginning **30 May** and let us know if you have any questions or comments. You can phone or email us if you're experiencing problems, or ask at the circulation desk for a handy printed guide to the new system.

Giving to the Library



Many thanks to all who supported our spring appeal for funds to support the ongoing mission of the Library. These semiannual appeals are vital components in our

institutional health.

The Library is also blessed with gifts of other kinds – to underwrite the new Polaris system described above, for example, or to support Children's Library books and programs. How would <u>you</u> like to support the Library? <u>Email</u> our Development Manager, Samantha Gardner, to discuss your ideas.

The June Used Book Sale

In this writing workshop we'll explore the sense of self: where you come from, the languages you speak, the things that you love and the things that you hate, and how it all fits together in literature and in life. Sign-up is required.

Saturday 8 June 15h00-16h0 (ages 6+)

An Afternoon of
Poetry with William
Jay Smith

William Jay Smith, former Poet

Laureate of
the United States, is
pleased to offer a
program of light verse
and comic poetry to
children and their
parents at from his
collection, Laughing
Time: Collected
Nonsense. No signup necessary! Parents
welcome!

Saturday 8 June 12h00-13h00 (ages 9-12) BOOKWORMS Book



The Library's first-weekend-of-the-month book sales are getting bigger and bigger. Make a note to come to the next edition on Saturday 1 June and Sunday 2 June during regular operating hours. Most books at €3, €2, and €1! Come to our sale and expand

your collection of mystery novels, children's books or gardening know-how, in turn helping the Library continue to renew the permanent collection.

Please note that this will be our last Used Book Sale until the next one on the first weekend of September. Be sure to drop by!

For details on how to donate books to the Library, see the **Book** Bags & Book Donations page on our website.

Upcoming Events and Programs

Tuesday 28 May 19h30

A special evening with French-American actor Jean-Marc Barr, who will talk about being Jack Kerouac in the upcoming film Big Sur.

Wednesday 29 May 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Fanny Howe reads poetry from her latest collection Come and See.

Saturday 1 June 10h00-19h00 Sunday 2 June 13h00-19h00

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

Monday 3 June 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Andrew Nargoski talks about the rise of Hitler and the Reich in Hitlerland.

Saturday 8 June 19h30

Artist Serene Wise will talk about the inspirations behind her exhibition Homage to Daniel Buren.

Tuesday 11 June 19h30

Club: Fantasy **Favorites** During this month's book club for 9-12 yearolds, we'll be exploring fantasy reads - classic and contemporary. Bring in a fanasy book that you've loved to share with the group! Signup is required.

Attention teens!

Saturday 22 June 17h00-18h30 (ages 12-18)

Master Shot Film Club

Aspiring filmmakers are invited to join the new film club led by Paris-based film-maker and writer Clarence Tokley. The purpose of this club is to allow budding filmmakers the opportunity to produce high-quality short films. Sign-up is required.

And always...

Mother Goose Lap Sit 10h30 & 17h00 (ages 1-3) 6 & 20 June

The Library holds its Annual General Meeting with a slate of nominees for the Board of Trustees for election and re-election. Winston Tabb will speak on libraries in the information age.

Wednesday 12 June 19h30

Paris Art Studies lecturer Chris Boïcos will discuss and present art work from exhibition *Marc Chagall: Between War and Peace.*

Tuesday 18 June 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Stephane Kirkland talks about the making of a modern city in *Paris Reborn*.

Program dates and speakers are subject to change. Please check the website for updates, see the <u>Events and Programs</u> 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)
29 May
5, 12, 19 & 26 June
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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