

# The American Library in Paris

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25 June 2013

## Join our Summer Reading Clubs 2013! Saturday 22 June to Sunday 22 September



This year the Library is hosting three separate summer reading clubs - for children, teens and adults. Stop by the Library anytime after 22 June to sign up for the reading club. This year, we're encouraging everyone to read (or re-read) the timeless adventure story *Peter Pan*. During our community celebration and Summer Reading Club Finale on 22 September, we'll be screening Steven Spielberg's homage to this classic tale: *Hook*.

For our first ever Grown-up Summer Reading Club (ages 18+), everyone is invited to submit a review of a book you've read this summer and be automatically entered into our drawing to win a gift bag full of prizes including a bottle of champagne, gift certificates, and much more! Drop off your review at the Library or email our Programs Manager [Grant Rosenberg](#) anytime before 22 September at 17h. Visit our [website](#) for full details.

Ever wondered what the Library staff reads? To get you inspired for your summer reading, some Library staff have written about their recent good reads. Find out which books Director Charlie Trueheart, Collections Manager Simon Gallo, Circulation Assistant Samy Langerart and others recommend for you on our [Library blog](#).

### Kids and teens

**Saturday 29 June  
15h00-16h00 (ages  
6+)**

*Treasure Map Making*

Join us for  
some stories  
of treasure-



hunters and use the  
tools and tricks  
provided to make your  
very own treasure  
map. We'll have all  
the supplies you need  
to create your own  
map to take home and  
keep. No sign-up  
necessary! Parents  
welcome!

**Attention teens!**

**Saturday 29 June  
17h00-18h00 (ages  
12-18)**

*Teen Writing Group*

Join fellow  
aspiring  
writers in a



relaxed and creative  
setting where you can  
share your ideas and

## Art on View: New World by Jeremy Massa

Tuesday 9 July to Sunday 15 September



When Paris-based photographer Jeremy Massa visited New Zealand, a passage from the novel *Ask the Dusk* by John Fante came to his mind: "It was the absolute silence, nature completely indifferent to the city, desert under the streets and the road." That's when the idea for the exhibition *New World* became obvious. It had to be created in a spontaneous way without editing or preparing a vision of this country in clichés that might seem trivial, which could be used for postcards.

Massa wanted to transmit the truth of a country through which he was passing, far from the picture postcard bought in a shop during a trip. Join him on Monday [8 July](#) for a special evening as he talks about photography and the literary inspirations behind his *New World* exhibit.



### A couple more evening programs in June...



[Tonight](#), **Lan Samantha Chang**, who is Director of the prestigious Iowa Writers' Workshop, will discuss the art of writing and teaching at the Library. She is also the 2013 Distinguished Writers-in-Residence with

WICE, and will be teaching the fiction/novel course for the WICE 2013 Summer Writing Course. Chang is the award-winning author of a collection of short fiction, *Hunger*, and two novels, *Inheritance* and *All Is Forgotten, Nothing Is Lost*. Read a recent interview with Chang on our [Library blog](#).

get feedback. This meeting will be hosted by Anne Heltzel, author of *Circle Nine* and *The Ruining*. [Sign-up is required](#).

### Saturday 6 July

11h00-11h30 (ages 1-3)

*Baby Jamming*

11h30-12h00 (ages 3-6)

*Toddler Jamming*

KidJam

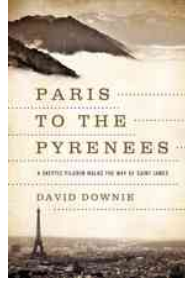
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a great introduction to singing for babies and children. During this special morning program, kids and their accompanying adults will join Valerie Beatson and learn international songs, lullabies and finger-plays while expressing themselves with percussive instruments, props and musical games. No sign-up necessary! Parents welcome!

**Attention teens!**  
**Submission**

[On Wednesday](#), Evenings with an Author event features **David Downie**, author *Paris to the Pyrenees: A Skeptic Pilgrim Walks the Way of Saint James*. Downie and his wife, photographer Alison Harris, leave behind their smartphones and stresses from the daily grind in Paris to take a 72-day trek along the famed path to the Spanish city of Santiago de Compostela.



The journey reveals much about the author, who writes intimately about his religious skepticism, political convictions and health. Come listen to the always-entertaining Downie recount his adventure of body and spirit.

### Hot off the Presses: June Ex Libris

More 2013 Gala photos, new trustees, nominees of the Book Award, 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 can be downloaded from our [website](#).



### Upcoming Events and Programs

#### Tuesday 25 June 19h30

A special evening with Lan Samantha Chang, author and Director of the Iowa Writers Workshop, as she shares about the art of writing.

#### Wednesday 26 June 19h30

Evenings with an Author: David Downie will present his book *Paris to the Pyrenees: A Skeptic Pilgrim Walks the Way of Saint James*.

#### Wednesday 10 July 19h30

At the Movies: filmmakers Marie-Dominique Montel and Christopher Jones will showcase their documentary *The Birth of The Blue Angel*, starring the young Marlene Dietrich.

**deadline is midnight**

**1 September**

*Get Caught Reading*

*Photo Contest*

Show off your  
photography



skills this summer!

Take a literary themed photo and enter it in our contest for teens (ages 12-18). All photos must contain a book. We'll select one winning photo that will appear on the Library website, blog and Facebook page this fall. For more information on how to enter this contest, check our [website](#). Good luck!

**And always...**

**Mother Goose Lap  
Sit**

**10h30 & 17h00 (ages  
1-3)**

11 & 25 July

Rhymes, songs, and  
stories in English on

Thursdays. All

children must

be accompanied by  
an adult lap and

[registration is  
required.](#)

**Wednesday Story  
Hour**

## Wednesday 17 July 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Ta-Nehisi Coates presents his memoir *The Beautiful Struggle*.

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.

## 10h30 & 14h30 (ages 3-5)

3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 July  
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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