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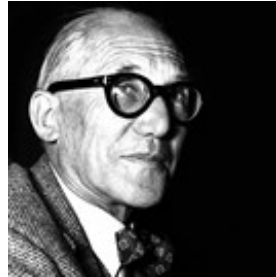
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1 October 2013

## Library's first Visiting Fellow explores Le Corbusier

This week the Library welcomes its first Visiting Fellow, Anthony Flint, who is taking up residence with us for most of October as he continues to research and work on his book-in-progress, *The Raven: The Life of Le Corbusier, Maker of the Modern*. Flint will be using this time at the Library to further explore Le Corbusier's work and his reputation in Europe.



Tonight, [1 October](#), Flint will take us on a tour of the process of his writing, going step-by-step through the formation of this biography of the famed French architect with a slideshow of Le Corbusier's work. It promises to be a unique presentation precisely because of the still-ongoing nature of the project, and Flint has expressed an interest in using feedback from the response to his presentation towards the completion of the book. Check out his essay on "Deconstructing Le Corbusier" on the [Library blog](#).

## A digesting duck, the *rentrée littéraire*, and the life of Cézanne

[Tomorrow night](#), novelist and historical fiction writer Max Byrd will speak about his new book *Paris Deadline*, taking us back to 1920s Paris, where an American newspaperman follows the intrigue surrounding the "digesting duck," an automaton constructed by inventor Jacques de Vaucanson in 1738 that comes into his possession. This whimsical and weird historical mystery novel promises to be great fun, particularly for



## Kids and teens

### Attention teens!

**Friday 4 October**  
**19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)**

*X-Factor Insiders with Johannes Steinray*

Come for a music master



class with

Paris-based coach and composer Johannes Steinray.

Test your talent and get some inside *X-Factor* pointers for your next school play, musical or concert performance. [Sign-up is required](#).

**Saturday 5 October**  
**12h00-13h00 (ages 9-12)**

*BOOKWORMS Book Club*

Beginning on Saturday 5 of



October, we will be reading and discussing the

history buffs and fans of the Lost Generation era, and Byrd's presentation no less so.

Next week, Tuesday [15 October](#), noted journalist and author Pierre Assouline will discuss the French phenomena of the *rentrée littéraire*, when publishers release their major books at the end of summer.

On Wednesday [16 October](#), brings Alex Danchev, author of the acclaimed new biography *Cézanne: A Life*. Danchev will illustrate his talk with images of the 19th-century artist's work. His book, the first to take a comprehensive look at the tormented painter in decades, is one of the five works shortlisted for the Library's 2013 Book Award.



### **Art on View: Portraits of Writers by Yousuf Karsh** Tuesday 1 October to Sunday 8 December

The extraordinary career of Yousuf Karsh produced some of the most iconic images of the twentieth century. The Library is pleased to have [on display](#) the portraits of eight prominent American and French writers: Ernest Hemingway, Helen Keller, Tennessee Williams, John Steinbeck, Marguerite Yourcenar, Francois Mauriac, Elie Wiesel, and Albert Camus.



Join Jerry Fielder, Curator and Director of The Yousuf Karsh Estate, on Tuesday [8 October](#) for a special presentation about the photographer's life and career. This exhibition at the Library is in collaboration with the Mona Bismarck American Center and their [Yousuf Karsh: Icons of the Twentieth Century](#) exhibition on display from October 16, 2013 through January 26, 2014.

### **Are you reading our magazines?**

fabulously creepy novella, *Coraline*, written by Newbery Award-winning author Neil Gaiman.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

**Saturday 5 October**  
**15h00-16h00 (ages 5+)**

*Fall Photo Adventure*  
Bring in a camera (or your parent's phone) for a special fall scavenger hunt! We'll set you up with a list of seasonal treasures to find throughout the stacks. No sign-up necessary! Parents welcome!



**Attention teens!**  
**Saturday 5 October**  
**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. Participants are asked to bring in a favorite poem.



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## The October Used Book Sale

The Library's first-weekend-of-the-month book sales are back! Make a note to come to the next edition on **Saturday 5 October** and **Sunday 6 October** during regular operating hours. Most books cost €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.



## Upcoming Events and Programs

### Tuesday 1 October 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Anthony Flint presents his upcoming narrative biography *The Raven: The Life of Le Corbusier, Maker of the Modern*.

### Wednesday 2 October 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Max Bryd talks about his best-selling crime novel *Paris Deadline*.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

**Saturday 26 October  
10h00-19h30 (all  
ages)**

*The Library's Annual  
Halloween*

*Extravaganza*

Join us for  
our Annual  
Halloween



event! Enjoy seasonal arts and crafts, games, and spooky music. Trick-or-treaters and costumes welcomed! There'll be Halloween portraits, pumpkin carving contest, and special seasonal Storytime and lap-sit. [Check here](#) for the full schedule of events for kids of all ages.

**And always...**

**Important Update!**

**Wednesday Story**

**Hour** sessions, for

children ages 3-5, are  
back with two

sessions at 10h30

and 14h30. Please

[check here](#) for the full  
schedule.

**Mother Goose Lap**

**Sit**

**10h30 and**

**Saturday 5 October 10h00-19h00**

**Sunday 6 October 13h00-19h00**

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

**Tuesday 8 October 19h30**

Curator Jerry Fielder presents the life of famed portrait photographer Yousuf Karsh.

**Tuesday 15 October 19h30**

Evenings with an Author: Pierre Assouline talks about the French tradition of the *rentrée littéraire*.

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.

**17h00 (ages 1-3)**

3 & 17 October

Rhymes, songs, and stories in English on

Thursdays. All

children must

be accompanied by

an adult lap and

[registration is](#)

[required.](#)

Unless otherwise stated, all children and teen

programs are free for

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euros for non-members.

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