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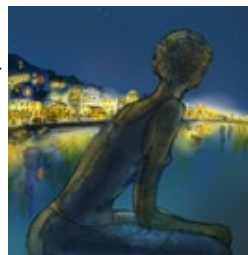
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Happy New Year!

Happy New Year and *bonne année*, on behalf of all of us at the Library! 2014 is off to a great start, thanks in no small part to your generous donations. We've almost made it to our goal for the fall appeal, and every donation gets us that much closer. Remember, the Library [counts on you](#) to strengthen its role as a center of literature, learning, culture, and community. We are grateful for your support and wish you an excellent start to the new year.

New year, new programs

The Library rings in the new year with a full schedule of evening programs, beginning with *A Marker to Measure Drift*, a powerful new novel selected by *The New York Times* as one of its 100 notable books of 2013. On Wednesday 15 January, author [Alexander Maksik](#) will read from and discuss this book, which recounts the simple yet harrowing day-to-day life of a Liberian refugee who has found her way to the Greek Isles.



On Tuesday 21 January, [Justin E. H. Smith](#), professor of history and philosophy of science at the University of Paris VII, will discuss and expand on his recent provocative [opinion piece](#) for *The New York Times*, "Does Immigration Mean France is Over?" exploring the different ways that foreigners are treated in France depending on their origins.

The Library is pleased to offer a couple of workshops this month. On Thursday 23 January at 19h30, a wine-tasting workshop will be led by Joshua Adler, the former wine manager of Spring restaurant and founder of the Paris Wine Company. Adler will introduce participants to the new generation of Loire vintners, with an emphasis on natural



Teens



Saturday 11 January 17h00-18h30 (ages 12-18)

Master Shot Film Club

Aspiring filmmakers are invited to join the new Master Shot Film Club led by filmmaker and writer Clarence Tokley. This club allows budding filmmakers the opportunity to produce high quality short films.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

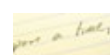


**Friday 17 January
19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)**

Rock-U with Matt Black

Join us for an evening of rock in the Library. We'll watch the Beatles' first film, *A Hard Day's Night*, and then musician and teacher Matt Black will teach you how to play a song from the movie.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



generation of Loire vintners, with an emphasis on natural wines. This workshop is limited to 15 people and the fee is €25.



Another workshop - for history buffs - is offered Saturday 25 January at 14h00: a research workshop entitled, "Using the Internet to Research American Cultural History," with a focus on 19th-century resources available online. Led by Skip Moskey, a Washington, DC-based historical researcher.

To reserve a spot for either of these workshops, contact programs manager Grant Rosenberg to [sign up](#).

2014 Young Authors Fiction Festival and writing workshops

The Library's Young Authors Fiction Festival (YAFF) is in full swing with a complete schedule of writing workshops dedicated to helping you discover, draft, revise, and edit your story submissions for YAFF.



Join Sarah Towle, award-winning author and co-coordinator of YAFF, on Saturday 18 January for the second part of the workshop series. In this workshop – [drafting](#) – you will take the ideas that you uncovered from the first workshop (or on your own) and start assembling them into a story skeleton.

The workshop is offered to 8-11 year-olds at 12h00 and for 10-14 year-olds at 15h00, a newly added timeslot due to the popularity of this series. All YAFF writing workshops will take place in the Children's Library and registration is required. For a full schedule, please see [here](#) and contact Celeste Rhoads to [sign-up](#).

YAFF is free of charge and open to all students ages 5 to 18 in the greater Paris area who write in English. The deadline to submit an original story is 1 April 2014.

Shhhhh...

A Library patron writes:

"Obviously, one cannot expect children to be completely silent (this is not realistic). Nevertheless, there are parents who make no attempt at all to encourage their children to be quiet (and not run around) pointing out that others use the Library to study. Italian parents would say *basta*. French parents say *ça suffit*. Library personnel should tactfully say something in extreme cases when this gets out of hand rather than doing nothing."



Thanks for this excellent reminder to parents. Library personnel in fact tactfully *do* say



Saturday 18 January 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. Experienced writers and amateurs are all welcome to join these meetings.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

Kids



Saturday 11 January 12h00-13h30 (ages 8-12)

Ordinary/Extraordinary with Ann Nesbet

Participants will work hand-in-hand with author Anne Nesbet in exploring ways to find the extraordinary in everyday objects, places and people. Then, try your hand at bringing extraordinary elements to life.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Saturday 18 January 12h00-13h30 (ages 8-11) 15h00-16h30 (ages 10-14)

Young Authors Fiction Festival: Tips and Tricks with Sarah Towle

Join Sarah Towle, author and co-coordinator of YAFF, for the second workshop of a four-part series dedicated to helping YOU discover, draft, revise,

something. The children's librarian and volunteers say it to children and parents many times a day. But as the patron observes, parents are the ones who can best reinforce the message of civility and respect for one's surroundings.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 15 January | 19h30

Alexander Maksik - *Evenings with an Author*

Alexander Maksik tracks the haunting story of a survivor of Charles Taylor's Liberia in *A Marker to Measure Drift*.

Tuesday 21 January | 19h30

Justin E. H. Smith - *Immigrants and expatriates*

Professor Justin E. H. Smith will expand on his recent opinion piece in *The New York Times* about immigration in France.

Thursday 23 January | 19h30

Joshua Adler - *Wine-tasting workshop*

Adler will introduce the new generation of Loire vintners, with an emphasis on natural wines. This workshop is limited to 15 people and the fee is €25.

[Sign-up](#) is required.

Saturday 25 January | 14h00

Skip Moskey - *Internet research workshop*

Skip Moskey will lead a workshop on "Using the Internet to Research American Cultural History." [Sign-up](#) is required.

Tuesday 28 January | 19h30

Selden Edwards - *Evenings with an Author*

Selden Edwards will speak about both *The Little Book* and its sequel *The Lost Prince*.

Wednesday 29 January | 19h30

Mary Louise Roberts - *Evenings with an Author*

Mary Louise Roberts explores the unblinking truth about U.S. soldiers and sexual predation during WWII in *What Soldiers Do: Sex and the American GI in World War II France*.

Tuesday 4 February | 19h30

Art for Art's Sake? The Impact of Arts Education

A panel discussion on the impact and importance of arts education in collaboration with OECD.

All evening events at the Library are free and open to the public otherwise noted. We are grateful to the Annenberg Foundation for its continuing support of Evenings with an Author.

Program dates and speakers are subject to change.

Please check the website for updates, see the [Events and Programs](#) page.

and edit YOUR story submissions for the YAFF.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Saturday 18 January
15h00-16h00 (ages 5+)
Happy Birthday Martin Luther King, Jr.!

Don't know much about Martin Luther King, Jr.? Join us for some great stories about this important American figure. We'll also talk about what you can do for the MLK day of service.

No sign-up necessary! Parents welcome!

And always...

Wednesday Story Hour
for children ages 3-5

Story Hour takes place at 10h30 and 14h30 every Wednesday.

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

No sign-up necessary!

Mother Goose Lap Sit
10h30 and 17h00 (ages 1-3)
9, 23 January

Rhymes, songs, and stories in English two Thursdays a

month.

All children must be accompanied by an adult lap and [registration is required.](#)

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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