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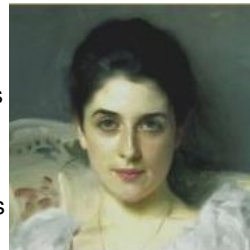
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Re-reading *The Portrait of a Lady* and David Lebovitz in his kitchen

Join us on [Tuesday 8 April](#) for a one-night book club. Read or re-read *The Portrait of a Lady* and come hear Diane Johnson and Laura Furman discuss the Henry James novel. The story's protagonist, Isabel Archer, is a legendary figure in her own right, and its themes of clashing New World and Old World values resonate in expatriate life today. This program promises to be a lively evening exploring the 19th-century literary classic.



There is a special treat on [Wednesday 9 April](#) as famed food blogger and pastry chef David Lebovitz comes to talk about his favorite recipes after more than a decade living in France. His latest book, *My Paris Kitchen*, also has stories with his trademark wit and humor and beautiful photos in and around Paris. The Library is suggesting a 10€ donation (and 5€ for students) at the door to help us host our evening programs. Check out the [Library blog post](#) featuring an interview with David in his Paris kitchen.



The first-ever Paris Book Flash Mob!

Inspired by this [video](#) created by Improv Everywhere, the American Library in Paris staff decided that with all of the book lovers in Paris, we should try to create our own version of a frozen flash mob in a picturesque setting right next door - on the Champ de Mars.



We're inviting all readers and book lovers to join us on Saturday 12 April at 17h30 for a Paris Book Flash Mob. Clarence Tokley and the Library's own group of teen filmmakers from the Master Shot Film Club will shoot footage which will then be turned into a video to promote reading, literature and the Library!

Find out more details about how to participate and where to meet [on our website](#)

Teens

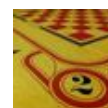


[Rock U with Matt Black: The Blues Brothers](#)

Friday 4 April 19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)

Join us for an evening of acoustic rock in the Library. We'll watch one of the greatest music movies of all time, *Blues Brothers*, and then teacher and musician Matt Black will work with participants on the techniques of crafting a live band performance.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



[Teen Writing Group](#)

Saturday 5 April 17h00-18h00 (ages 12-18)

Join fellow aspiring writers in a creative setting where you can share your ideas, get feedback and work on your technique. Participants are asked to bring in a sample of their writing to share.

Find out more details about how to participate and where to meet [on our website](#). Follow #parisbookmob for updates and spread the word!

Another great Word for Word performance

Thanks to Word for Word for bringing the Library and the city of Paris another outstanding performance of classic American short fiction. Over 500 people thronged to the Théâtre Adyar last Thursday and Friday for "In Friendship," adapted from stories by the early 20th-century American writer Zona Gale.



The San Francisco-based cast of the show included Word for Word's co-founder, Susan Harloe, who had worked tirelessly to strengthen the company's connections to France. She is pictured here on the far right in a post-performance discussion with the rest of the cast and the director, Joel Mullennix. More photos can be found on the Library's [Flickr albums](#).

Thanks to all who attended and donated so generously to the work of Word for Word and to the American Library in Paris, and continuing thanks for the support of the Florence Gould Foundation, Search Foundation, Annenberg Foundation, and the Fondation Jeannine Manuel for making these annual touring productions possible.

Got classic DVDs?

As many of you cinephiles know, the Library has a wonderful collection of DVDs of all genres. While we have many great dramas, action-thrillers and comedies, we have a dearth of international classic films. If your copies of films by Fellini, Lean, Huston, Truffaut, Godard, Melville, Renoir and other titans are just gathering dust on your shelf, why not donate them to the Library?



We would be delighted to improve our collection of classic French films with English subtitles for those members who are not quite ready to see French films in VO.

At the April Used Book Sale: Return of the tattered pages

Spring has finally arrived! What better way to start a fresh new season than with some books for reading during spring break? Better yet, pick up some new or gently used books, invite some friends, and come and join us for the Paris Book Flash Mob on Saturday 12 April at 17h30!



We were all saddened by the passing of Hilda Cabanel-Evans, owner of Tea and Tattered Pages, on June 2012. Ms. Cabanel-Evans frequently turned up at our used book sales to scour the latest offerings. She would often take a cab with several hundred euros worth of books back to her store for resale. At the invitation of the family, collections manager Simon Gallo and fellow book-loving friend, Arthur

share.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Master Shot Film Club
Saturday 12 April 17h00-18h30 (ages 12-18)

Aspiring filmmakers are invited to join the 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.](#)

Kids



BOOKWORMS Book Club
Saturday 5 April

12h00-13h00 (ages 9-12)
In April, our book group will be reading and discussing the book *No More Dead Dogs* by Gordon Korman about a school football hero who gets suspended from the team for writing a harsh book report.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Poetry Party
Saturday 5 April 15h00-16h00 (ages 5+)

Join us for an afternoon of fun with poetry. We'll read the rhymes of some of our favorite poets then do some creative poetry writing of our own. If you have a poem that you'd like to share, bring it along!

Marchet, cleaned out her store and brought back eight carloads of books back to the Library.

We are dedicating the April used book sale in honor of Hilda Cabanel-Evans. Come and help us unload these well-traveled books this weekend!

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 1 April | 19h30

PISA 2012 Results: Creative Problem Solving (vol. V)

OECD discusses the results of the PISA 2012 studies given to more than 500,000 students from 65 countries.

Saturday 5 April | 10h00 - 19h00

Sunday 6 April | 13h00 - 19h00

Used Book Sale

Support the Library and pick up some new books for yourself and the bookworms in your life.

Tuesday 8 April | 19h30

Diane Johnson and Laura Furman on *Portrait of a Lady*

Diane Johnson and Laura Furman convene a special discussion of Henry James' *The Portrait of a Lady*.

Wednesday 9 April | 19h30

David Lebovitz - *Evenings with an Author*

David Lebovitz presents his latest book *My Paris Kitchen*, which features over 100 of his favorite recipes that he makes in his kitchen in Paris.

Saturday 12 April | 17h30

Paris Book Flash Mob

Bring a book and some friends and join us on the Champs de Mars for a frozen book flash mob!

Tuesday 29 April | 19h30

Parenting in the Digital Age

A special presentation with Elizabeth Milovidov and Jenny Wallier on the challenges and solutions of raising children in the digital age.

All evening events at the Library are free and open to the public unless 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.

No sign-up necessary! Parents welcome!



Spring Egg-Stravaganza!

Saturday 12 April 15h00-16h00 (all ages)

Join us for an egg hunt throughout the Library with chocolate and prizes! We'll wrap up the afternoon by making some cool spring crafts that you can take home and keep.

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) 3, 17 April (3 April full)

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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