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Right this way to your Gala Table...

Places still remain for the [annual gala dinner](#) on Monday 26 May, so if you're still hesitating, now's the time to act.

The esteemed historian Antony Beevor will be the guest of honor and principal speaker, and award-winning author and illustrator Mo Willems will treat us to his own discovery of the American Library in Paris.



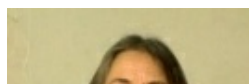
Music, cocktails, a sumptuous dinner at the Automobile Club de France, and a chance to talk to authors and two hundred other Library lovers: Please give in to the temptation and join us, and help the Library stay strong. Contact Krista Faurie if you'd like to attend at 01 53 59 13 10 or at gala@americanlibraryinparis.org before Tuesday 20 May.

And a reminder: If you'd prefer to take your chance in the raffle for a pair of gala tickets, a 725€ value, please stop by the Library soon. At 20€ per ticket, you can buy several and increase your chances. The drawing happens on 20 May. See you at the gala.

Moving up to CP, creative writing workshop and Joshua Ferris' comic-existentialist novel

Within the French education system, the transition from maternelle or pre-school to CP or first grade is an exciting and huge step for children. The CP year begins their formal education and the learning of reading and writing in French. On [Tuesday 20 May](#), the Library is pleased to collaborate with AAWE on a panel discussion with a CP teacher and parents who will offer developmental insights into this age group and practical advice for thriving in this next stage of your child's education.

With a photograph as your muse, this two-hour workshop on [Saturday 24 May](#) at 14h00 will let you explore your imagination



Teens



2nd Annual Literary Reaping

Friday 16 May

19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)

Join fellow teen lit fans for an evening of challenges to the death (or until 21h) at the 2nd Annual Literary Reaping. Show off your fabulous memory of all things related to YA literature during this hands-on competition.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Finding Your Voice: Writing a College Application Essay

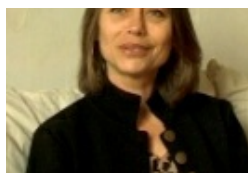
Saturday 17 May

16h30-18h00 (ages 12-18)

Finding your own voice and unique content for your essay will not only help your

application rise to the top, it will improve your writing overall. Come in for some essay help and interview tips with writer and tutor Cathy Altman Nequist

in writing. What creative story can come from a single, personal photograph? Led by Françoise Khoury, who has been leading creative writing workshops related to photography for more than 15 years, participants will share comments, impression and feelings about the images as they write about them. This workshop is free for members and 14€ for non-members and sign-up is required at rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org.



National Book Award nominee Joshua Ferris, author of *Then We Came to the End* and *The Unnamed*, speaks on [Monday 9 June](#) about *To Rise Again at a Decent Hour*, his new tour-de-force, comic-existentialist novel about religion, baseball, and dentistry. Ferris, an entertaining, engaging speaker, was also selected in 2010 by *The New Yorker* as one its 20 Under 40 who capture the inventiveness and the vitality of contemporary American fiction.



Pop-up Book as Art exhibit

We love books in every shape and form at the Library! This special exhibition called [Pop-up Book as Art](#) is a display of pop-up books created by children ages 7-10 during a hands-on workshop led by illustrator and designer Ann Bruce Hénaff. Participants in the workshop created a pop-up book, using a theme of stripes and dots, and original characters to accompany the structure. The pop-up structures can be read like a book and also disassembled and reconfigured as a 3D architectural piece.



Access to the exhibit is free to Library members, as well as users with a [Library day or week pass](#). Come and visit the exhibit from now until Sunday 8 June.

2nd Annual Literary Reaping

Teens are invited for an evening of challenges to the death (or until 9pm!) during this hands-on competition featuring all-new new challenges and great prizes at our [2nd Annual Literary Reaping](#) on Friday 16 May.



For this event, you'll be divided into teams and given several tasks to complete based on some of your favorite YA reads including *Divergent*, *Harry Potter*, *Percy Jackson* and *The Fault in Our Stars*. Prove

that you're as dauntless as Tris and Four, decorate a cake that's up to Peeta's standards and try to cast the perfect spell faster than Hermione. Wands, cakes, and other reaping accessories will be available on site.

Be sure to RSVP to rroads@americanlibraryinparis.org in advance, as the reaping will be conducted prior to the event to place you in your teams.

Upcoming Events

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Spelling Hornet Replay

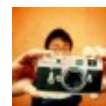
Friday 23 May

19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)

Show off your mad skillz on during this slammin' eve of language and slang with our special guest Miz Milla (a.k.a Ashley Miller Benz). Friday night has never been so cray-cray!

[Sign-up is required.](#)

Kids



Library Adventure

Saturday 17 May 15h00-16h00 (ages 5+)

Bring in a camera (or your parent's phone) for a special photo scavenger hunt in the Library! We'll place you in teams and set you up with a list of mysteries to solve throughout the stacks. Prizes will be awarded to all participants.

No sign-up necessary! Parents welcome!



Cupcake Crazy

Saturday 24 May 15h00-16h00 (ages 5+)

Join us for some sweet stories and then create your own delectable cupcakes. We'll have all the supplies you need

Tuesday 13 May | 19h30

Chris Boïcos lectures on Robert Mapplethorpe

Chris Boïcos of Paris Art Studies will present a lecture and slide presentation on Robert Mapplethorpe, one of the great masters of art photography.

Tuesday 20 May | 19h30

Moving up to CP

A special presentation in collaboration with AAWE on the important transition from maternelle or pre-school to CP or first grade.

Wednesday 21 May | 19h30

Rhône Wine-Tasting Workshop

Joshua Adler returns to the Library to talk and share wine. A fee of 35€ is requested per person for the wine, cheese, and charcuterie, payable to him in cash or by credit card upon arrival at the event. RSVP is required at rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org.

Saturday 24 May | 14h00

Creative writing workshop

This creative writing workshop will be led by Françoise Khoury. Free for Library members and non-members with a day pass. RSVP is required at rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org.

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.

to decorate your cupcake - but bring your own Tupperware if you plan on taking some home!

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) 15 May (10h30 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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