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YAFF celebrates young authors

The 2014 [Young Authors Fiction Festival](#) culminated with a celebration event on Friday 6 June 2014. More than 240 people attended the celebration event, including the finalists, parents and teachers. Each finalist was awarded a certificate and many of them also received a bookmark with some comments from the judges about their stories.



This year, we received over 340 entries coming from more than 25 schools, homeschooling programs and writing classes located in and around Paris.

The Library thanks the forty-four judges who participated this year, as well as the YAFF 2014 committee that includes Elizabeth Fay, Eric Hengesbaugh, Pauline Lemasson, Olympia MacKendree, Robin Motheral, Celeste Rhoads, Sarah Towle and Sarah Woolley. Special thanks also goes to Charles Trueheart, Naida Kendrick Culshaw, and Hadley Seward for their support and guidance.

YAFF celebration booklets, especially designed by Claire Livingston, that include the stories of all the 1st to 5th place winners in all grade levels are available at the Library for 10€ each. For a full listing of the 2014 YAFF winners, please see our [Library blog](#). Preparations for the 2015 YAFF will begin in the fall, so until then, happy writing!

Starstruck with APOD, Julia Child rules, and a memoir of Paris

On [Tuesday 17 June](#), the Library is treated to a special astronomy presentation by Robert Nemiroff, one of the co-founders of the truly spectacular Astronomy Picture of the Day (APOD) website. Since 1995, APOD has been showcasing on a daily basis some of the most striking astronomy images of our time. From the Grand Canyon of Mars to distant spiral



All ages



Summer Reading Club Through 13 September

Stop by the Children's Library to pick up your summer reading club card. Check off one of the boxes on the card for each day that you read 30 minutes or more. Drop the card off when all the boxes are checked to enter to win one of our fabulous prizes, then pick up a new card and begin again. A winner is selected every Saturday through 13 September. Everyone will receive a prize at our summer reading club finale on Saturday 13 September.

Teens



Master Shot Film Club Screening

our time. From the Grand Canyon of Mars to distant spiral galaxies, Nemiroff will offer stories and insights behind these amazing pictures. Reservations are highly recommended for this event. Send your RSVP to rsvp@americanlibraryinparis.org.



In the latest volume of her *Kick Ass Women* series, Karen Karbo joins us on [Wednesday 18 June](#) to discuss Julia Child's life, the focus of her book *Julia Child Rules: Lessons on Savoring Life*. There is much more to this icon of French cooking, and Karbo will share all at the Library. You can get a taste from her recent [blog post](#) about the ongoing fascination with Julia Child.



On [Thursday 19 June](#), famed novelist and essayist Edmund White joins us to discuss his memoir of his years living in Paris in the early 1980s, *Inside a Pearl*. This is a rare opportunity to meet an iconic chronicler of gay life over the past four decades.

America in 1914 exhibit

The Library is pleased to present [America in 1914](#), an exhibit that offers a glimpse into American society on that fateful year that will forever be remembered in history as the start of World War I.

America in the early 20th century was decidedly modern and global in ways that would appear familiar to the 21st century observer. America in 1914 saw the emergence of important cities such as New York, Chicago, and Washington D.C., and the shift from rural communities to urban dwelling. Transportation, telecommunications, and manufacturing were advancing rapidly and offered middle-class Americans unprecedented opportunities for travel, leisure, consumption, and convenience.



When WWI broke out on 28 July 1914, President Woodrow Wilson would declare neutrality with a public appeal that the United States "must be neutral in fact as well as in name."

Drawing primarily from the Library's extensive collection of early 20th century periodicals, the exhibit offer viewers a look back at what America was like during the year that changed the course of history. Check out a Library blog post by co-curator John Gridley on his experiences in [researching for this exhibit](#), on view through Sunday 31 August. Access to the exhibit is free to Library members, as well as users with a



Library day or week pass.

New features on your online account

The Library's new Polaris system now makes it possible to manage your account remotely with direct electronic payments. By going to the "My Account" page (accessed with your membership card), you may now pay late fees, establish credit for photocopying, and (soon) renew your membership from anywhere. In the fall, you will also be able to make donations to the Library directly through the website and Polaris.

Club Screening

Saturday 21 June

19h00-21h30 (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



Toddler Troubles: a Workshop for Parents

Thursday 12 June

10h30-11h30

Join our discussion with behavioral therapist Keri Hicks to get tips for surviving your toddler. Bring your questions!

Children are welcome.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



BOOKWORMS Book Club: Doll Bones (ages 9-12)

Saturday 14 June

12h00-13h00 (full)

(second session)

Saturday 21 June

12h00-13h00

(final session)

In June, our book group will be reading and discussing the 2014 Newbery honor book *Doll Bones* by Holly Black (author of *The Spiderwick Chronicles*).

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Questions? Ask a Library staff or volunteer or call 01 53 59 12 60.

Summer reads for music lovers

There are so many great reads for teens featuring music that we thought we'd highlight some this summer. Come into the Children's Library and pick up a bookmark, designed by Liz Journey, with a music inspired book list as part of the Summer is a Mix Tape reading club for teens.



Then, come up to the teen mezzanine and interact with our music wall by scanning a QR code and listening to Ed Sheeran's song "All of the Stars" for the film adaptation of John Green's *The Fault in our Stars* or the Beatles' "Rocky Raccoons" from Rainbow Rowell's *Eleanor Park*, among many others. Happy reading and listening!

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 11 June | 19h30

Dîner en Blanc screening - *Evenings with a movie*

Dîner en Blanc founder François Pasquier will be present at the Library for a discussion after the screening of this 40-minute documentary about this famous annual event in Paris.

Thursday 12 June | 19h30

David Hare - *Evenings with an Author*

As part of Wilde Days in Paris, the playwright Sir David Hare comes to the Library to discuss the life of Oscar Wilde and his own 1998 play *The Judas Kiss*.

Tuesday 17 June | 19h30

Starstruck - special presentation on astronomy

SRobert Nemiroff, co-founder of the Astronomy Picture of the Day website, will showcase and discuss some of the best astronomy images of our times.

Wednesday 18 June | 19h30

Karen Karbo - *Evenings with an Author*

Karen Karbo discusses all things Julia Child in her latest book *Julia Child Rules: Lessons on Savoring Life*.

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.

Monster Madness

Saturday 14 June

15h00-16h00 (ages 5+)

Ready for a scare? Listen to some stories of monsters throughout the ages, then let them inspire you as you create your own monster to take home and keep. Supplies are limited, so please arrive on time.

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)

19 June

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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