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e-Libris

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E-Libris going on summer hiatus

Please note that e-Libris will be taking a short break, returning with our rentrée issue on 2 September. Be sure to check the Library website regularly for all upcoming programs and updates. Have a great summer!

Evenings with American masters: Michael Gorra and Garrison Keillor

Our final event of the season is [Wednesday 9 July](#), as Smith College professor Michael Gorra joins us to discuss his book *Portrait of a Novel: Henry James and the Making of an American Masterpiece*. Gorra "has written the kind of patient, sensitive, acute study that gifted teachers should write but rarely do. *Portrait of a Novel* is effectively a new biography of Henry James, with *The Portrait of a Lady* at its center," writes James Wood in the *London Review of Books*.



Evening programming resumes [Wednesday 3 September](#) with Midwestern chronicler and humorist Garrison Keillor talking about his writing and career. The event is free and open to the public, but due to limited space, reservations are required. If you would like to reserve up to two seats, please send an email to: rsvp@americanlibraryinparis.org with "Garrison Keillor" as the subject.



Keillor is in Paris for two live recordings of his radio show, *A Prairie Home Companion*, at the American Church in Paris on the evening of 5 September and the afternoon of 6 September. Tickets to these performances must be purchased in advance, which can

be done [here](#).

Other fall highlights include food writing with Alexander Lobrano and Clotilde Dusoulier; Jake Lamar and *Posthumous*; Joan Schenkar on Patricia Highsmith; Nancy Green and *The Other Americans in Paris*; and many other offerings. Stay tuned for more.

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 off to enter to win one of our weekly prizes, then pick up a new card and begin again. One winner will be selected every Saturday through 13 September. Everyone will receive a prize at our summer reading club finale on 13 September.



On Linden Square: A visit

with author Kate Sullivan Saturday 12 July

14h00-15h00 (ages 5+)

Come meet Kate Sullivan and all the characters from her book *On Linden Square*. We'll

Fall Open House: Learn 20 Things at the Library in one day

As part of our annual [Fall Open House](#), the Library will be a one-stop learning spot on Sunday 21 September for people looking to learn all kinds of things, such as how to fold origami, register to vote, hold a yoga position, or roll sushi. From 13h00 to 16h00, the Library will be hosting “Learn 20 Things at Your Library” as part of Fall Open House. Many parts of the Library will be filled with organizations, local hobbyists, and volunteers teaching people a new skill.



The setup for the event will be informal, with those in attendance having the opportunity to go from table to table to learn or try something new. Some of the other lessons include how to improve your resume, navigate our databases, say a sentence in Portuguese, name a tool, write a short poem, make a friendship bracelet, and much more.

In addition to exposing our guests to new skills, Fall Open House will help showcase all the Library has to offer. If you learn how to knit and enjoy it, then you can join as a member and check-out books about knitting. This event is free and open to everyone, so bring the whole family.

Reminder of summer hours

The Library summer operating hours begin next Tuesday 15 July. We will be open from 13h00 to 19h00 Tuesdays to Fridays, 10h00 to 16h00 on Saturdays, and closed all day on Sundays.

Normal hours will resume Tuesday 19 August. Sunday hours will resume on Sunday 7 September. Thank you for your understanding, and have a great summer.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 9 July | 19h30

Michael Gorra - *Evenings with an Author*

Michael Gorra's *Portrait of a Novel* provides a brilliant account of one of the greatest American novels of expatriate life ever written.

Saturday 2 August | 10h00 - 16h00

Used Book Sale

The Library will be holding a special summer used book sale in August. Support the Library and pick up some new books for you and the bookworms in your life. Books make excellent companions on summer vacations!

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

BOOK ON LINCOLN SQUARE: we'll read to each other. Then we'll draw. If you've got a journal or favorite writing pen or markers, bring 'em!

No sign-up necessary!

Parents welcome!

Kids



Art Party! (ages 5+)

Saturday 26 July
14h00-15h00

Learn about some famous artists and illustrators and listen to the stories of how their masterpieces were created and then try your hand at making your very own work of art.

No sign-up necessary!

Parents welcome!

And always...

Wednesday Story Hour for children ages 3-5

Please note: In July and August, sessions are held every Wednesday from 14h30–15h30. Please [check here](#) for the full schedule.

No sign-up necessary!

Mother Goose Lap Sit

17h00 (ages 1-3)

17 July

Rhymes, songs, and stories in English two Thursdays a month.

Please note: There will be one Mother Goose Lap-sit session at 17h00 on Thursday 17 July. There will be no Mother Goose Lap-sit sessions in August. Regular 10h30 and 17h00

Evenings with an Author.

Program dates and speakers are subject to change.

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

sessions will resume on 4 September.

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.

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