Happy rentrée!

This rentrée edition of e-Libris gives you a taste of what's in store this fall as our activities resume – a new lineup of book groups, another season of outstanding evening programs, a whirlwind of children's and teen activities, and a massive book sale next weekend…

Celebrating books and films

Our event season kicks off Tuesday 9 September with a behind-the-scenes program about the Library's book award. Join Library director Charles Trueheart and others involved in the Library book award for a celebration of all 94 entries this year – all featured in a special new exhibit at the Library – and an informal discussion of the continuing fascination with books, written in English, about France and the French.

On Wednesday 10 September, come hear Whit Stillman, the writer and filmmaker of Metropolitan and The Last Days of Disco, as he discusses the pilot for his new online series The Cosmopolitans, about a group of Americans and other foreigners living in Paris. Known for his piercing explorations of upper-class manners and etiquette in his films, the man that The New Yorker calls “cinema’s novelist of manners,” continues his “underlying quest to clearly see the way in which the world works.”

A week after the fictional exploration by Whit Stillman, come join us on Tuesday 16 September for a screening of the documentary Welcome To the Feast by John McNulty. The film explores the lives of several expatriate artists - writers, musicians, filmmakers, actors and dancers - who came to Paris with myths in mind. What happens after a few years...

Teens

Writing with Power with author Mandy Hager
Friday 5 September
19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)
Join author Mandy Hager for a writing workshop dedicated to writing with power and creating a powerful emotional experience using examples from Mandy’s new novel, Singing Home the Whale. Sign-up is required.

Teen Writing Group
Saturday 6 September
17h00-18h30 (ages 12-18)
Join fellow aspiring writers in a relaxed and 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 with the group. Sign-up is required.
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. From 13h00 to 16h00, the Library will be hosting "Learn 20 Things at The Library" with talented volunteers and organizations teaching people a new skill such as: how to fold origami, do a counted cross-stitch, hold a yoga position, make a sushi roll, juggle, improve your CV, register to vote for U.S. elections, draw with shapes, use a large-format camera, and much more.

Don't miss the behind-the-scenes tour of the Library with director Charles Trueheart at 17h00.

At 18h00, stay for a special reception with award-winning photographer Carrie Solomon as she presents her new cookbook, Une Américaine à Paris, featuring 100 recipes of classic American cookery. Tasty samples will be on-hand to be enjoyed! Book sales and signing follows.

The Library’s Fall Open House is free and open to everyone, so bring the friends and the whole family!

Fall Book Groups

Sign-ups are open for this fall's books groups! From sports to tech start-ups to Dreyfus and political whistleblowers to brain science to new French novels en français, there is something for all kinds of readers. For more details and to sign up, click here.

Best books for fall 2014

With the rentrée littéraire in full swing, it's time to trade in our summer reads for some great books for the new season. We've compiled our list of the most anticipated books coming out this fall, including The Bone Clocks by David Mitchell, Stone Mattress by Margaret Atwood, Lila by Marilynne Robinson, and Let Me Be Frank by Richard Ford.

Some of these books are already in the Library collection, and the rest are either on order or backordered by our extremely thorough collections librarian Simon Gallo. We encourage you to check back regularly at the Library. For the full list of the best books for fall 2014, read the Library blog.
Upcoming Events

Wednesday 3 September | 19h30
Garrison Keillor - Canceled
We are woebegone to report...Garrison Keillor unfortunately had to cancel his plans for an appearance at the Library tomorrow evening as well as the rest of a trip to Paris to record two sessions, at the American Church, of the “Prairie Home Companion” public radio program. We’ll let you know if and when Keillor reschedules.

Saturday 6 September | 10h00 - 19h00
Sunday 7 September | 13h00 - 19h00
Used Book Sale
You can never have enough books! Come and pick up a few books at our monthly used book sale, and grab one of our new Library tote bags, now in new colors.

Tuesday 9 September | 19h30
Choosing a prizewinner
Join Library director Charles Trueheart for a celebration of all 94 books submitted for the Library book award.

Wednesday 10 September | 19h30
Whit Stillman - Evenings with a filmmaker
Director and writer Whit Stillman discusses the pilot of his new online series The Cosmopolitans.

Tuesday 16 September | 19h30
Welcome to the Feast - Evenings with a movie
Come for a screening of the documentary Welcome to the Feast and stay for a discussion with director John McNulty and novelist Alexander Maksik.

Sunday 21 September | 13h00 - 19h00
"Learn 20 Things at the Library" - Fall Open House
The Library becomes a one-stop learning spot for those who want to learn a new skill or gain new information. Bring the whole family and friends for an afternoon of fun and discovery! Free and open to the public.

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.

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)
4, 8 September
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's and teen's programs are free for Library members and 10 euros for non-members.

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