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Fall book groups have started, but it's not too late to join!

Places are still available in fall book groups including: Sports and Society: a Story of Fun and Power; The Dreyfus Affair and Whistleblowers; Ahead of the Translators (the book group that reads French novels and discusses them in English); and Four Startup Stories: Amazon, Apple, Facebook and Twitter. Have a look at the [details](#) and sign up today.

Try out Mango Languages

Over the years, many members have asked us about language lessons at the Library, especially English and French. We are considering offering language instruction through an online product called Mango Languages, which offers users practical conversation skills for more than 50 languages spoken all over the world. As part of a trial period, Library users can test out Mango Languages by clicking on this [link](#). This is for a limited time only, so try it out today. We will send out a short survey next month to find out if users find Mango Languages helpful and useful.



Paris expatriates and Jake Lamar's art

Tonight, the Library screens the documentary *Welcome To the Feast*. The film by director John McNulty 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 here? Do the myths remain for these foreigners making their lives in the City of Light? Are



Teens



**Rock U with Matt Black:
What's Behind Those Rock
and Pop Lyrics**

**Friday 19 September
19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)**

We'll explore the literary world of lyrics in pop and rock music, test your knowledge of some of rock's great lyricists, and try making some lyrics of our own with teacher and musician Matt Black and guest Jenny Stein.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

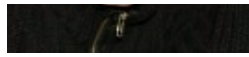


**Finding Your Voice: Writing
a College Application Essay
with Cathy Altman Nocquet**

**Saturday 20 September
16h30-18h00 (ages 12-18)**

Join Cathy Altman Nocquet at the Library for a writing workshop exploring personal anecdotes, moral dilemmas, world issues, self-branding and surviving the university essay

these foreigners making their lives in the City of Light? Are they disillusioned? Still in love with the city? Both? A Q&A with McNulty and two of the people profiled in the film, novelist Alexander Maksik and actress/filmmaker Sharaz Shakeri, follows the film.



Next Wednesday 24 September, local author Jake Lamar's new book, *Posthumous*, is being published in France (under the title *Postérité*) by Rivages. The novel is about Toby White, an art historian, and his effort to write the story of the turbulent life of the Dutch painter Femke Versloot. The story takes place from Nazi-occupied Rotterdam to Greenwich Village at the height of the Abstract Expressionist revolution of the 1950s to 21st century Northern California in the tense days after the September 11 attacks. Jake will also speak about being an English-language novelist living in France, where his books are best known, albeit in translation.



Save the Date for the Annual Halloween Extravaganza

This year's Annual Halloween Extravaganza will take place on Saturday 25 October. There will be seasonal arts and crafts, games and spooky music! As well, there will be two separate Story Time and costume contests from 11h30 to 12h30 for 0-5 year-olds and 15h00 to 16h30 for children ages 6+. Our local neighborhood merchants will welcome trick-or-treaters in costumes. This year also marks the return of the hugely popular Haunted Library event at 18h00. Reservations for the Haunted Library will open on Wednesday 1 October. More [details](#) to follow, so stay tuned!



Don't miss our Fall Open House

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.



There are still a few spots left for the "[How to draw still life](#)" workshop at 14h00 with Sandrine Courau from St. Germain des Arts. Send your RSVP to lemasson@americanlibraryinparis.org.

Be sure to catch 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



surviving the university essay and interview. Just a few spots left!

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Teen Writing Group

**Saturday 27 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.](#)

Kids



BOOKWORMS: *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*

**Saturday 20 September
12h00-13h00 (ages 9-12)
(full)**

Bookworms is back this fall! In September our book group will be reading and discussing *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein. We will be back next month with a new book to explore.



Mad Hatter's Tea

**Saturday 20 September
15h00-16h00 (ages 5+)**

Put on your maddest hat and join us for a reading of a picture book version of *Alice in Wonderland*, a few passages

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!

Ex Libris September 2014

Check out the latest issue of Ex Libris with news on the American Library in Paris Book Award, Visiting Fellowship, special report of the American Library Association (ALA) annual conference, programs and much more. Pick up a copy at the Library or download from our [website](#).

Upcoming Events

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.

Sunday 21 September | 18h00

Carrie Solomon - *Evenings with an author*

Award-winning culinary photographer Carrie Solomon talks about the 100 recipes in *Une Américaine à Paris* and demonstrates how to make BBQ sauce.

Wednesday 24 September | 19h30

Jake Lamar - *Evenings with an author*

Jake Lamar discusses his latest book *Posthumous* about the Dutch painter Femke Versloot.

Wednesday 1 October | 19h30

Joan Schenkar - *Evenings with an author*

Author and playwright Joan Schenkar discusses her book *The Talented Miss Highsmith: The Secret Life and Serious Art of Patricia Highsmith*, which is considered the definitive biography of the late fiction writer.

Wednesday 8 October | 19h30

Nancy L. Green - *Evenings with an author*

Nancy L. Green talks about her latest book *The Other Americans in Paris: Businessmen, Countesses, Wayward Youth, 1880-1941*.

Tuesday 14 October | 19h30

Alexander Lobrano and Clotilde Dusoulier - *Evenings with an author*

Food writers and bloggers Alexander Lobrano and Clotilde Dusoulier will explore writing about food in France, reviewing restaurants and the different food movements in France now.

from the original story and some tea, cookies and surprises.

No sign-up necessary!

Parents welcome!



Toddler Talk: Teaching safe boundaries without saying "NO"

Thursday 16 October

10h30-11h30

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

[Sign-up is required.](#)

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) (10h30 session full)

18 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.

Find out how to [become a member](#).

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.

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