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Patricia Highsmith, forgotten expats and French food writing

Tomorrow night, [Wednesday 1 October](#), author, playwright, and part-time Paris resident Joan Schenkar discusses her award-winning book, *The Talented Miss Highsmith: The Secret Life and Serious Art of Patricia Highsmith* (a *New York Times* Notable Book and the definitive work on the Dark Lady of American Letters), in an evening of secret Paris histories and Schenkar's innovations in the art of biography.



On [Wednesday 8 October](#), Nancy L. Green, professor of history at EHESS, presents her new book *The Other Americans*. It's all about the early and largely anonymous American expatriates in Paris from the Belle Epoque through the 1930s. The amazing stories she has unearthed speak to the expatriate experience as it was lived by the vast majority of Americans here, who were not writers and artists but rather fortune seekers, entrepreneurs, aristocrats, lost souls, and the flotsam and jetsam of any expatriate enclave.



On [Tuesday 14 October](#), Alexander Lobrano returns to the Library along with Clotilde Dusoulier, writer of the award-winning blog [Chocolate & Zucchini](#), to discuss their latest respective books, *Hungry for France: Adventures for the Cook & Food Lover* and *Edible French: Tasty Expressions and Cultural Bites*. This panel discussion will explore writing about food in France, reviewing restaurants and the different food movements in France now, picking up the thread from Patricia Wells and Ann Mah's event last season.



Autoficcion writing workshop

On [Saturday 11 October](#) at 14h00, the Library offers a two-hour writing workshop with fiction writer Shannon Cain. Participants will explore autoficcion, through a presentation by Cain,



All ages



The Library's Annual Halloween Extravaganza Saturday 25 October

Join us for our Annual Halloween event! Enjoy events throughout the day, including seasonal arts and crafts, games, Halloween performances by special guests and trick-or-treating! Costumes welcome! This year marks the return of the Haunted Library. For a full schedule of the program and to reserve a Haunted Library tour, please check our [website](#).

Teens



Teen Writing Group Saturday 11 October

followed by group discussion, a writing exercise, and a discussion of a text that will be assigned in advance. Cain is the author of the short story collection *The Necessity of Certain Behaviors*. Workshops are free for Library members and non-members can attend by purchasing a 15€ day pass.



To participate in the workshop, please RSVP by sending an email to Grant Rosenberg at rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org.

Eastern France wine tasting workshop

Joshua Adler returns to the Library on [Tuesday 22 October](#) at 19h30 to talk and share his passion and knowledge of wine. His last wine-tasting workshops focused on Rhône wines, and this time he will be offering artisanal wines from Eastern France including Jura, Savoie and Alsace. There is a 35€ fee per person for the wine, cheese and charcuterie, payable to Paris Wine Company by credit card or cash upon arrival at the event. RSVP is required, and to sign up, please email programs manager Grant Rosenberg: rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org.



Banned Books Week: Celebrating the freedom to read

Banned Books Week brings together the entire book community (including librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers of all types) in celebration of the freedom to read. It's an annual event held during the last week of September with the intent of highlighting the value of free and open access to information. Come and check out the banned books on display in the Teen Mezzanine and in the reading room at the Library. For more information about banned books week, visit our [Library blog](#). For a list of the most frequently challenged books, check [here](#).



Thank you for a great Fall Open House

The Library would like to thank all those who came out for the Fall Open House on Sunday 21 September. Nearly 600 people enjoyed the different activities all afternoon

long. Our deepest gratitude to the many volunteers and organizations who shared their time and talent by showing our guests a new hobby or providing advice and information. We also thank Starbucks Coffee for the coffee, tea and cookies; Marks & Spencer for their wonderful selection of sweet and savory snacks; Nubio for their cold-pressed fruit and vegetable juices; and Edition de la Martinière for hosting the mixed cocktails in the evening. For photos of Fall Open House, check them out on our [Facebook album](#).

Upcoming Events

Saturday 11 October
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.](#)



Master Shot Film Club

Saturday 18 October
17h00-18h30 (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



Family Game Day

Saturday 4 October
15h00-16h00 (all ages)

Challenge one of the Library's volunteers to a game of Scrabble, Boggle or Battleship, or bring in your own team and use one of the Library's many fun board games.

No sign-up necessary!

Parents welcome!



BOOKWORMS: *The Giver*

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.

Saturday 4 October | 10h00 - 19h00

Sunday 5 October | 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.

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*.

Saturday 11 October | 14h00

Shannon Cain - *Autofiction writing workshop*

A two-hour writing workshop with fiction writer Shannon Cain. Free for Library members and guests with a day pass. RSVP is required at rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org.

Tuesday 14 October | 19h30

Alexander Lobrano and Clotilde Dusoulier - *Panel Discussion*

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.

Thursday 16 October | 10h30

Keri Hicks - *Toddler Talk workshop*

Join our discussion with behavioral therapist Keri Hicks to get tips for surviving your toddler. Free for Library members and guests with a day pass. RSVP is required at

rhoads@americanlibraryinparis.org.

Tuesday 21 October | 19h30

Todd Gitlin and Victoria Schultz - *Panel Discussion*

Come for a unique presentation at the Library on the legacy of the Occupy Movement with author Todd Gitlin, joining us live via Skype from New York, and photographer Victoria Schultz.

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.

**Saturday 11 October
12h00-13h00 (ages 9-12)
(first session)**

In October our book group will be reading and discussing *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. The story tells of a twelve-year-old boy named Jonas, who lives in a seemingly ideal world - his world is devoid of color.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Pop-up Book Making

**Saturday 11 October
15h00-16h00 (ages 5+)**

Join us for a reading of some three dimensional pop-up book stories and then get some tips and tricks to create your own pop-up book to take home. Book making materials will be provided.

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)**

9 October (10h30 full)

23 October

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](#).

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