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Does the Library appeal to you?

"In the 21st century, a library never rests." That's the first sentence in a letter to members of the Library that went out two weeks ago. The letter goes on to describe some of the exciting plans for the years ahead at the American Library, and concludes by asking for a demonstration of support in the form of a donation.

We've been heartened by the early response of many generous members and patrons. We thought our larger community of **e-Libris** readers – more than 5,000 of you – might like a chance to [read the letter](#) and [make a donation](#) to the Library too.

Financial contributions to the Library are a key measure of our value to you and our vitality as an institution. If you appreciate the role the Library plays in this city and in your life, you're invited to join hundreds of others who include the Library in their annual giving. Thank you in advance for your support.

Mary Lee Turner
Chairman of the Board

Charles Trueheart
Director

Authors at the Library tonight, tomorrow night and into November

Don't miss Mimi Thorisson [tonight at 19h30](#) as she presents her highly anticipated cookbook *A Kitchen in France: A Year of Cooking in My Farmhouse*. Check out our [Library blog](#) where Thorisson shares a recipe for galette Pérougienne from her book. Join Emmanuel Carrère [tomorrow](#) to hear him talk about a fascinating figure of post-war Russia in *Limonov* with programs manager Grant Rosenberg.

On [Tuesday 4 November](#), Celso Gonzalez-Falla will discuss his first novel *My Lost Cuba* and the Cuba of his youth. Dramatic scenery and a colorful cast transport us to the time of Cuba's turning point—the late 1950s. Set against the tropical landscape of Cuba's countryside and the glamour of 1950s Havana, this moving story of Cuban life at a pivotal time



Teens



Teen Writing Group

Saturday 8 November

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.](#)



Writing from the Heart:

Gratitude - with Jane Mobbille

Friday 14 November

19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)

Join life coach and memoir writer Jane Mobbille as she encourages you to take a

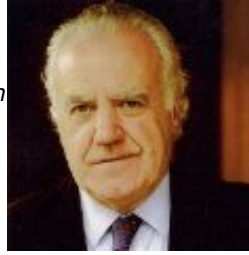
break from your fast paced life, breathe, and think about all the good things you've got going on.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

1950s Havana, this moving story of Cuban life at a pivotal time will resonate with anyone who has experienced the loss of family or homeland.



The Library welcomes renowned author Peter Watson on [Wednesday 5 November](#) who will discuss his latest book, *The Age of Atheists: How We Have Sought to Live Since the Death of God*. *The Washington Post* declared the book "for anybody who has wondered about the meaning of life, and that pretty much covers everyone past the age of 12, discovering *The Age of Atheists* will be an enthralling and mindexpanding experience."



On [Tuesday 11 November](#), the Library is pleased to collaborate with Agence VU' to bring photographers Jean-Christian Bourcart and Victoria Schultz for a panel discussion on reportage. Bourcart will present his Nadar Prize-winning photographic series on Camden, NJ, one of the poorest and most dangerous cities in the U.S., and Schultz will discuss her process of documenting Occupy Wall Street activists in New York from 2011-2013. This event is in celebration of Paris Photo Month, now in its 18th edition.



On [Wednesday 12 November](#), join Alexandre des Isnards, author of the *Dictionnaire du nouveau français*, as he talks about the words that probably should have been in the official French dictionary. His book details the lively, slangy, as well as quite proper words, that don't make it into the official volumes, many of which come from English. This event promises to be a lively discussion about words and how languages evolve - both French and English.



Thanks for an extraordinary Halloween event!

This past Saturday the Library welcomed close to a thousand people for our annual Halloween Extravaganza. Throughout the day we had performances by [Amanda Ford](#), [Charlotte Chiew](#) of Little Tykes Theatre and the [Improfessionals](#), children and teens created fall crafts and over a hundred people visited the Haunted Library.



An event of this size would not be possible without the help of many, many people. We would like to give a great big thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out throughout the day, to the Library's Teen Writing Group for helping to write the Haunted Library script, to our neighborhood businesses for welcoming trick-or-treaters and to [Marks & Spencer Beaugrenelle](#) and Starbucks Coffee on rue St. Dominique for providing wonderful refreshments and candy.

For more photos from our Halloween Extravaganza, check us out on [Facebook](#) and be sure to like us!

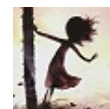


Master Shot Film Club

Saturday 15 November
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



BOOKWORMS: *Inside Out & Back Again*

Saturday 8 November
12h00-13h00 (ages 9-12)
(first session)

In November our book group will be reading and discussing *Inside Out & Back Again* by Thanhha Lai. The story is based on the author's experiences of fleeing Vietnam after the fall of Saigon and immigrating to Alabama.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



A Grimm, Grimm Storytime

Saturday 8 November
15h00-16h00 (ages 5+)

Think you know fairytales? Join us for an afternoon of stories by the Brothers Grimm and discover the original versions

Holiday closures

The Library will be closed on the following days in November:

- Saturday 1 November (All Saints Day)
- Sunday 2 November (All Saints Day)
- Tuesday 11 November (Armistice 1918)

As well, the Library will be closed for the Christmas holidays from Wednesday 24 December 2014 through Thursday 1 January 2015. We will reopen to normal business hours on Friday 2 January.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 28 October | 19h30

Mimi Thorisson - *Evenings with an Author*

Mimi Thorisson, writer of the awarding-winning blog Manger, will present her first cookbook *A Kitchen in France: A Year of Cooking in My Farmhouse*.

Wednesday 29 October | 19h30

Emmanuel Carrère - *Evenings with an Author*

French writer Emmanuel Carrère discusses *Limonov*, his latest book to be translated into English.

Tuesday 4 November | 19h30

Celso Gonzalez-Falla - *Evenings with an Author*

Cuban-born writer Celso Gonzalez-Falla presents his first novel, *My Lost Cuba*, which recalls the Cuba of his youth in the 1950s.

Saturday 8 November | 10h00 - 19h00

Sunday 9 November | 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 11 November | 19h30

Jean-Christian Bourcart and Victoria Schultz - *Evenings with a Photographer*

In celebration of Paris Photo Month, join Jean-Christian Bourcart of Agence VU' and Victoria Schultz as they talk present their photographic works.

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No sign-up necessary!

Parents welcome!



Harry Potter Haiku

**Saturday 15 November
15h00-16h00 (ages 6+)**

We'll help you take your favorite stories and turn some lines into a haiku - and of course, we'll create a few examples using the Harry Potter novels. Children who are not yet reading and writing on their own must be accompanied by an adult who is willing to help!

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)

6, 20 November

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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