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Introducing Visiting Fellow Alex Danchev

Visiting Fellow Alex Danchev has been in residence at the Library since his arrival in Paris on the first weekend of the month. During the daytime he's been hard at work on his book about René Magritte, often in the Library conference room or, to make way for book sales, book groups, and exam proctoring, finding a spot to work in the reading room.



Alex and his wife, Dee Danchev, also attended the Book Award ceremony on 3 November, the Celso Gonzalez-Falla event on 4 November, and the Peter Watson event the day after. This kind of active engagement in the life of the Library is just what was envisioned by the [Visiting Fellow program](#) when it was inaugurated in 2013 thanks to a gift from The de Groot Foundation.

Alex Danchev will speak about his work- in-progress and Magritte's Paris years in a slide presentation [Wednesday 19 November](#). He'll also participate in a panel discussion on [Wednesday 26 November](#) drawing on his other expertise, as a scholar of international relations: Danchev will join *Daily Beast* foreign editor Christopher Dickey and France 24 news reporter Leela Jacinto to discuss fighting terrorism today.



Incidentally, the first Visiting Fellow, Anthony Flint, has just published the book he was working on when he spent a month in Paris last fall. *Modern Man: The Life of Le Corbusier, Architect of Tomorrow*, has just come out from Amazon Publishing.

Art talks galore at the Library

Don't forget [tonight's event at 19h30](#) with photographers Jean-Christian Bourcart and Victoria Schultz. Bourcart will present his award-winning photo series on Camden, NJ, one of the most dangerous cities in the U.S. and Schultz will discuss her portraits of Occupy Wall Street activists taken in New York.

Teens



English Tutoring & Homework Help

**Thursday 13 November
16h30-18h00 (ages 10-18)**

The Library is trying out a new service for our members! Patrice Morley will be offering tutoring in English and homework help on Thursday afternoons (except on Thanksgiving 27 November) at the Library. This is a drop-in service, so stop in and take advantage of the extra help! *No sign-up necessary!*



Writing from the Heart: Project 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

At [tomorrow night's event](#): Alexandre des Isnards will delight us in a discussion of the words and phrases that thanks to the Internet and the ubiquity of English have entered the French language without permission - colorful ones like *surkiffer*, *fangirl*, *backuper*, and *zlantaner*.

On [Tuesday 18 November](#), famed French photographer and director Stéphane Sednaoui, known for his work as a music video director for Madonna, U2, R.E.M., The Red Hot Chili Peppers, and Bjork, shows, will discuss the photos from his new book *Search and Rescue at the Ground Zero: September 12th to 16th, 2001*, chronicling the work of first responders in the days just after the 9/11 attacks in New York.



The Library welcomes back popular art history teacher Chris Boïcos of Paris Art Studies with a lecture and slide presentation of Marcel Duchamp on [Tuesday 25 November](#). Boïcos will provide a fresh reading on Duchamp who, along with Pablo Picasso and Henri Matisse, is regarded as one of the three artists who revolutionized developments in painting and sculpture in the early twentieth century. Duchamp is the subject of an exhibition *Marcel Duchamp. La Peinture, Même* at the Centre Pompidou through 5 January 2015.



On [Saturday 22 November](#) at 14h00, Linda Stratford will lead a talk on art and religion that examines Christian subjects, themes and contexts in well-known works of art from the Renaissance period to the present. Pertinent examples from her co-edited book *ReVisioning: Methodological Studies of Christianity in the History of Art* will be explored along with imagery to support discussion, including discussion of a work of art currently on display at the Louvre.



Reservations are required and space is limited for the art and religion talk, which is free for Library members. Non-members can participate by purchasing a day pass. RSVP at lemasson@americanlibraryinparis.org.

An Officer, a Spy and an Award

In case you missed the news -- either here or in the *International New York Times* - Robert Harris won the 2014 American Library in Paris Book Award for his novel *An Officer and a Spy*. There's more information about the [Book Award](#), [citations](#) from the judges, and a [photo gallery](#) of the award ceremony on the Library website.

The historical fiction novel by Harris recounts the conspiracy at the heart of the Dreyfus Affair and centers on French army officer Georges Picquart, who discovered that Dreyfus was innocent. For more books on the Dreyfus Affair, check out these other books in the [Library collection](#).

The Library is closed...then later opens

me, breathe, and think about all the good things you've got going on.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



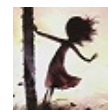
Master Shot Film Club

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 15 November
12h00-13h00 (ages 9-12)

(second session is full)

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.](#)



Harry Potter Haiku

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

We'll help you take your favorite stories and turn some

Program dates and speakers are subject to change.
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