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Best wishes for 2015

All of us at the American Library in Paris – staff, volunteers, trustees – wish you the very best for the holiday season. The 5,000-plus people who read *e-Libris* every two weeks, the nearly 5,000 people who attended free programs and events during the year, the dynamic membership of 2,500 families and individuals: this is the community we are proud to serve.



The holiday season is a key moment in the American Library's year: the time when all the enthusiasm and engagement we hear year-round, and appreciate, are given substance by donations, small and large. For more on what the Library is and has been working on, pick up or download the [December 2014 Ex Libris](#). On behalf of the Library, thank you in advance for your support.

Bonnes fêtes et bonne année!

Charles Trueheart, Director

The Library is closed during the holidays

The Library will be closed for the winter holidays from 24 December 2014 to 1 January 2015. We will reopen on Friday 2 January 2015 with regular operating hours. Please be reminded that you can always renew your books online with [My Account](#) and you can return books through our book slot, seven days a week and at any hour.

Program highlights for 2015

The new year kicks off with our monthly used book sale on 3 and 4 January. Come browse through our selection of new, lightly used and well-loved books for all ages and interests.

Teens



Teen Writing Group

Saturday 10 January
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 17 January
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.](#)

The Library is pleased to have John Muller on [Tuesday 6 January](#) as he talks about his book *Mark Twain in Washington D.C.*, which explores the impressions the nation's capitol made on de Tocqueville and Dickens in the context of Twain's first visit in 1854.

On [Wednesday 7 January](#), Didier Fassin examines how law enforcement in France and elsewhere interacts with populations facing discrimination in his book *Enforcing Order: An Ethnography of Urban Policing*. Fassin explores the daily aspects of policing, public security, and injustice. A French expert working in the U.S., Fassin has perspectives on these issues and the respective polices in both nations.



January also brings with it the arrival of the Library's third Visiting Fellow, Ta-Nehisi Coates, a national correspondent for *The Atlantic* and one of the most widely-read writers and thinkers on race in America today. He will be speaking first on [Tuesday 13 January](#), expanding on his June 2014 article "A Case for Reparations" and the unfinished work of the Civil Rights movement.



Exhibits on speakers at the Library and Black History Month

The Library is pleased to present [Speakers at the Library: A special exhibit](#) featuring portraits of authors and other guests who have recently spoken at the Library. More than seventy authors and other public figures make evening appearances at the Library every year, and we've been taking their pictures in the stacks (author Reza Aslan on the right). This exhibition will be on display from 6 January to 1 February 2015.



In celebration of Black History Month, come and discover the *Brothers in Exile: Three African-American Writers in Paris* exhibit - an intriguing triptych portrait of three American literary giants of the mid-twentieth century based on a play written by Paris author Jake Lamar. Richard Wright, James Baldwin (pictured here) and Chester Himes were joined by the destiny of identity and expatriation. As strangers in a strange land, they were linked by fraternal affection and fratricidal impulses. The [Brothers in Exile exhibit](#) will be on display from 3 February to 22 March 2015.



Access to the exhibit is free to Library members, as well as users with a day or week pass.

Upcoming Events

Saturday 3 January | 10h00 - 19h00

Sunday 4 January | 13h00 - 19h00

Kids



Intro to Spelling Bees

Saturday 10 January

12h00-13h30 (ages 8-12)

Join us for an introduction to spelling bees and learn more about the 2015 Paris Spelling Bee in English. We'll discuss bee history and logistics, and learn how to register for this year's competition.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Pizza and Movie Night

Akeelah and the Bee

Saturday 10 January

19h30-21h30 (ages 8-18)

Join the Paris Spelling Bee team for an introduction to American-style spelling bees! We will be screening the film *Akeelah and the Bee*. After the movie, you can register for the 7th Annual Paris Spelling Bee.

[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!

Please note: There is no Story Hour on Wednesday 24 December.

Used Book Sale

The first Used Book Sale of 2015! Come and pick up a few books at our monthly used book sale, and grab one of our Library tote bags, now in new colors.

Tuesday 6 January | 19h30

John Muller - *Evenings with an Author*

John Muller discusses his latest book *Mark Twain in Washington D.C.: The Adventures of a Capitol Correspondent*.

Wednesday 7 January | 19h30

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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.

Mother Goose Lap Sit 10h30 and 17h00 (ages 1-3)

8, 22 January

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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