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Spring book groups begin

Spring book groups have been announced, with three of them open to new members: one reading non-fiction about espionage, another reading new French fiction in the original language (with discussion in English), and one on race and slavery in America. From a winner of the 2014 Prix Goncourt to Solomon Winthrop to the story of Greta Garbo's spy work, this season's groups are a wealth of great reads. More information can be found on our [website](#).



There is no additional fee for the book groups, but you must be a member of the American Library in Paris to participate. To sign up for a book group, write to: rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org.

Author encounters, talking to kids, and celebrity fashion

[Tomorrow night](#), Livia Manera speaks about her interviews and friendships with novelists of renown, such as Philip Roth, Richard Ford, Mavis Gallant, David Foster Wallace, James Purdy, Paula Fox and Judith Thurman, the subjects of her upcoming book published in Italian. In it she also explores the problems -- but also the rewards -- that arise when one gets too close to one's subject.



On [Thursday 22 January](#), behavioral specialist and licensed social worker Keri Hicks will outline the basic strategies for managing discussions with your children about the recent attacks in Paris. The program will also address how parents and adults can talk about violence and terror in general to children and discuss the warning signs of stress and anxiety.



Teens



Scavenger Hunt

Friday 30 January

19h00-21h0 (ages 12-18)

Bring in a camera (or your phone) for a photo scavenger hunt in the Library! We'll place you in teams and set you up with a list of treasures to find throughout the Library. Prizes will be awarded to all participants.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Teen Writing Group

Saturday 7 February

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.](#)

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On [Wednesday 28 January](#), former *Wall Street Journal* fashion reporter Teri Agins explores how celebrities have taken over what until the last few decades was the domain of professionals of the craft in her latest book, *Hijacking the Runway: How Celebrities Are Stealing the Spotlight from Fashion Designers*. From Jennifer Lopez to Sean Combs, Agins discusses how many celebrities have created their own labels and put themselves in the driver's seat in a multi-billion dollar industry.



Master Shot Film Club

Saturday 14 February
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.](#)

Hot on Hemingway's trail

Registration is open for "A Visit to Papa's Places," a special seminar from 16h00 to 17h30pm on [Tuesday 24 February](#) in the conference room. Nancy Sindelar, author of *Influencing Hemingway: People and Places That Shaped His Life and Work*, will give a presentation on Ernest Hemingway's locales. This seminar will take audiences on a visual tour of the places Ernest Hemingway lived and worked, including: Oak Park, Illinois; Paris, France; Chamby, Switzerland; Key West, Florida; San Francisco de Paula, Cuba; and Ketchum, Idaho. Sindelar will consider the impact these places had on the life and work of the legendary author.



To take part in the seminar, please send your RSVP to Grant Rosenberg at rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org. Free for Library members, and non-members can attend by purchasing a 15€ day pass.

Kids

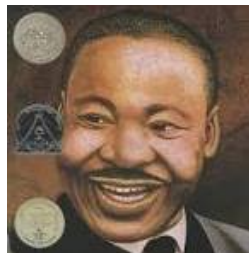


Who Was Martin Luther King, Jr.?

Saturday 24 January
15h00-16h00 (ages 5+)
Don't know much about Martin Luther King, Jr.? Join us for some great stories about this important American figure whose birthday was on 19 January.
No sign-up required!
Parents welcome!

Dare to have a dream: books celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr.

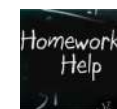
In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, we have put together a reading list of books about King and the American civil rights movement to remind us about the importance of fighting for freedom and equality. The list includes historian Taylor Branch's epic three-volume biography on Martin Luther King, Jr. beginning with the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Parting the Waters: America in the King Years, 1954-1963*, which follows the transition of King from young Southern minister to his triumphant March on



Washington.

There are books for young adults and children that tell the little-known story of thousands of African-American school children voluntarily marching into jail in *We've Got a Job: The 1963 Birmingham Children's March* and the superbly poetic and lyrical *Boycott Blues: How Rosa Parks Inspired a Nation*.

For the full reading list of books celebrating Martin Luther King Jr., check out our [Library blog](#).



English Tutoring & English Homework Help

Thursday 29 January
16h30-18h00 (ages 5-18)
Do you need help with your English? Former educator Patrice Morley will be offering tutoring in English and English homework help in the conference room on Thursday afternoons.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 21 January | 19h30

Livia Manera - *Evenings with an Author*

Livia Manera discusses her friendships and works with major authors such as Philip Roth, Mavis Gallant, David Foster Wallace, and others.

Thursday 22 January | 19h30

Keri Hicks - *Helping children talk about terror and cope with anxiety*

Behavioral specialist Keri Hicks discusses ways in which parents can discuss violence and acts of terror with children.

Wednesday 28 January | 19h30

Teri Agins - *Evenings with an author*

Teri Agins explores how celebrities have taken over the fashion industry in her book *Hijacking the Runway: How Celebrities Are Stealing the Spotlight from Fashion Designers*.

Wednesday 4 February | 19h30

Ta-Nehisi Coates - *Evenings with an Author*

Visiting fellow Ta-Nehisi Coates returns for his second evening evening to read from and discuss his new book which will be released next October. It is his attempt to talk to his teenage son about the killings of Trayvon Martin, Jordan Davis, Eric Garner, Tamir Rice and Michael Brown.

Tuesday 10 February | 19h30

What We Write About When We Write About Paris

A panel discussion featuring four permanent and part-time Paris residents— Debra Finerman, EJ Simon, David Benjamin, and Meg Borstin.

Wednesday 11 February | 19h30

Vincent Giroud - *Evenings with an Author*

Author Vincent Giroud joins us to talk about his book *Nicolas Nabokov: A Life in Freedom and Music*. The event will be in a form of a discussion between the author and Nicolas' son, Ivan Nabokoff.

Tuesday 17 February | 19h30

Jake Lamar - *Evenings with an Author*

Author and playwright Jake Lamar will conduct an interactive conversation, exploring the creative process behind his play "Brothers in Exile" - the focus of this year's Black History Month exhibit at the Library.

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.

[Sign-up required.](#)



Away to Neverland!

Saturday 31 January
15h00-16h00 (ages 5+)

Join us for a trip to Neverland, where you'll find all of your favorite characters from the Peter Pan stories, including Wendy, the Lost Boys, and that famous, hook-handed pirate.

No sign-up required!

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) 22 January (10h30 full)

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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