

The American Library in Paris

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The Library by night

In response to frequent suggestions from our members, especially our student members, as of March the Library is adding evening operating hours every Thursday from 19h00 to 22h00. The stacks and circulation desk will be open and the reading and conference rooms available for use as during the rest of the week. The Children's Library, Teen Mezzanine and basement will be closed; however books can be retrieved from these areas upon request. This is an experiment through the month of June. If the response is positive, we will resume the Thursday *nocturnes* in September.



March Madness

Book lovers and those who like a deal take note! During the 7-8 March weekend book sale, take advantage of a special deal on used books. Buy a Library tote bag (12€) and fill it with sale books for only 3€ more - that's right, the all-cotton, long-handled Library tote bag and as many books as the bag will carry for just 15€. A small selection of specially-priced books, marked clearly at the book sale, are not included in this offer.



The Library's [monthly book sales](#) are one way we discard books as we keep our collection lean and help fund purchases of new books to add to the collection. Come to our sale and expand your collection of mystery novels, children's books or gardening how-to's, in turn helping the Library continue to renew the permanent collection.

Fashion victims and memoirs

[Tomorrow night](#), acclaimed journalist Dana Thomas returns to the Library to speak about her new double biography *Gods and Kings: The Rise and Fall of Alexander McQueen and John Galliano*, about these troubled, famed fashion designers. In so



Teens



Rock U with Matt Black: That Thing You Do

Friday 6 March

19h00-21h30 (ages 12-18)

Join us for another Rock U night with Matt Black. We'll be showing the film *That Thing You Do!* Matt will teach you how to play an acoustic version of the hit song from the movie, so bring your instrument if you play one!

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Teen Writing Group

Saturday 7 March

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.](#)

doing, she reveals the relentless world of couture—and the price it demanded of the very ones who saved it.



On [Wednesday 11 March](#) Ben Watt, of the British band Everything But the Girl, will discuss his career in music and his two powerful, award-winning memoirs, *Patient: The True Story of a Rare Illness* and *Romany and Tom*. This is a rare opportunity to hear from a notable pop culture figure going back three decades. His most recent book, *Romany and Tom*, a memoir of his parents' lives, was long-listed for the 2014 Samuel Johnson Prize.



[Sign-up is required.](#)



Master Shot Film Club

Saturday 14 March

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.](#)

Seminars on the American Revolution and African-American writers

Beginning [Thursday 5 March](#), Mary Jo Padgett returns to the Library for four seminars (5, 12, 19 and 26 March) from 14h00 to 16h00 on the subject of the American Revolution in the Library conference room. On three Thursdays group members will discover the Paris traces of John and Abigail Adams, Thomas Jefferson, the site of the signing of the Treaty of Paris ending the struggle of American colonists for independence from England — and much more. Space is limited, please RSVP to rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org to reserve a spot.



On [Saturday 21 March](#) at 14h00, Jake Lamar also returns to the Library for a literary discussion on four books written by four major African American authors: James Baldwin, Ralph Ellison, Chester Himes and Richard Wright. Each of these authors published a landmark first book in the 1940s and 50s. Jake will lead a discussion about the protagonists as literary and social creations in each of these books. Space is limited, please RSVP to lemasson@americanlibraryinparis.org to reserve a spot.



As always, these seminars are free for Library members and guests with a day pass.

Kids



Brains in Paint

Saturday 7 March

12h00-13h30 (ages 8-12)

Have you ever wondered how your brain really works? Join Shannon Connelly and discover how the brain works and then get creative by making your own brain art with our supplies.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

Digital Literacy Days

Digital Learning Day was established in 2012 to help educators integrate new learning technologies in the classroom. As an institution that promotes life-long learning, the Library plans to celebrate [Digital Learning Days](#) on 13-14 March. Library staff will be on hand to teach members to use all the [digital resources](#) including the JSTOR and EBSCO databases, Zinio, Mango Languages, World Book Online, and NovelList. Staff will show you how to log into and navigate these products, set up personal accounts, and enable email alerts. Come drop by and learn more!



Magic Class with Eric the Magician

Saturday 14 March

12h00-13h30 (ages 8-12)

Join Eric the Magician for an afternoon introduction to magic. During this workshop, you'll learn some amazing magic tricks you can perform with everyday objects.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Hot off the press: March Ex Libris

The March edition of *Ex Libris* is brimming with the latest Library news and program updates for annual favorites such as Word for Word (this year performing Alice Munro) and the Gala Dinner (with honored guests Michael Chabon and Ayelet Waldman). There is a special focus on the Library's digital offerings such as JSTOR, Zinio and NoveList. Be sure to pick up your copy at the Library or [download it here](#).

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 4 March | 19h30

Dana Thomas - *Evenings with an Author*

Author Dana Thomas talks about the rise and fall of two fashion icons in *Gods and Kings: The Rise and Fall of Alexander McQueen and John Galliano*.

Thursday 5 March | 14h00

Mary Jo Padgett - *Paris's American Revolution*

Mary Jo Padgett leads this first session, as part of a four-part history series, that traces the American Revolution in Paris and France.

Saturday 7 March | 10h00 - 19h00

Sunday 8 March | 13h00 - 19h00

Used Book Sale

This weekend's used book sale is a special March Madness edition. Fill up a Library tote bag with all the books it can carry for 15€.

Wednesday 11 March | 19h30

Ben Watt - *Evenings with an Author*

Author and musician Ben Watt talks about his two award-winning memoirs: *Patient: The True Story of a Rare Illness* and *Romany and Tom*.

Friday 13 March | 11h00 - 17h00

Saturday 14 March | 11h00 - 17h00

Digital Learning Day

Library staff will be on-hand to help explain how to sign-up and make best use of our many digital resources and databases.

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.



BOOKWORMS (ages 9-12)

Esperanza Rising

Saturday 21 March

12h00-13h00 (1st session)

Saturday 28 March

12h00-13h00 (2nd session)

In March, we will be reading and discussing *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan. Esperanza thought she'd always live with her family on their ranch in Mexico. When their new life is threatened, Esperanza must find a way to rise above her difficult circumstances.

[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!

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

5 March (10h30 full)

19 March

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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