

# The American Library in Paris

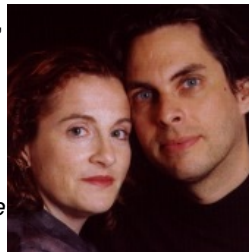
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## A literary couple for the 2015 Gala

The Library will welcome two distinguished American novelists, Michael Chabon and Ayelet Waldman, as the guests of honor and speakers at the [2015 Gala Dinner](#) on Tuesday 26 May at the Automobile Club de France on Place de la Concorde.



Chabon is the bestselling and critically-esteemed author of *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay*, which won the Pulitzer Prize in Fiction, and of such varied works of fiction as *Wonder Boys*, *The Yiddish Policemen's Union* and most recently *Telegraph Avenue*.

Waldman is the author of *Love and Treasure* and a bestselling and controversial memoir, *Bad Mother: A Chronicle of Maternal Crimes, Minor Calamities and Occasional Moments of Grace*. For a full listing of books by Chabon and Ayelet in our collection, check the [Library blog](#).

More than 200 people support the American Library by attending the Gala Dinner, our biggest fundraiser of the year. Members and non-members alike are invited to attend. Invitations are going out this week to 800 Library supporters. You can join them. You can download the Gala Dinner [invitation](#) and [reply card](#) from our website.

## Word for Word performs Alice Munro

The Library is delighted to welcome back the celebrated San Francisco theater company that puts great American short stories on stage - word for word. Returning to Paris for the 20th year, [Word for Word](#) will perform two short stories by 2013 Nobel Prize winner Alice Munro: "The Office" and "Dolly"—from Munro's first short story collection (*Dance of the Happy Shades*) and from her latest (*Dear Life*). These two stories showcase the irony, humor, and surprise found in Munro's heroines.



The performances will be held at the Théâtre Adyar (a block from the Library) on Tuesday 5 May and Wednesday 6 May at 20h00. A special reception with the Word for Word cast and crew will follow the 5 May performance at the Library.

## Teens



**Writing from Your Heart:  
Why we LOL! with  
Jane Mobbille**

**Friday 3 April**

**19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)**

Join life coach and memoir writer Jane Mobbille as we chuckle, giggle, guffaw, howl, snort, and explore why laughter is the closest distance between two people. This workshop will be about writing from our own experiences.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



**Master Shot Film Club**

**Saturday 4 April**

**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

[Reservations](#) for tickets will begin on 1 April 2015. Please note that all seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no reserved seating. Suggested donation at the door: 20€ (10€ students).

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## Mark Rothko, the Paris Commune and moving up to *collège*

French scholar, Annie Cohen-Solal returns to the Library [tomorrow](#) to discuss her new biography of the Russian immigrant who changed the American and international art world in *Mark Rothko: Toward the Light in the Chapel*. Cohen-Solal also will touch on her contributions to the new book *New York Mid-Century: 1945-1965*, which examines the cultural impact and legacy of the postwar art world in New York.



On [Wednesday 8 April](#), the distinguished historian and author of the new book *Massacre: The Life and Death of the Paris Commune*, John Merriman, probes the high hopes and grisly repression of the urban revolt. He concludes: "If the Paris Commune of 1871 may be seen as the last of the 19th-century revolutions, the murderous, systematic, state repression that followed helped unleash the demons of the twentieth century."



The transition from *Primaire*/Primary School into *Collège*/Middle School provokes questions and decisions for parents and students alike. Join our panel discussion on [Tuesday 14 April](#) that will cover the factors to consider when choosing a school and will offer practical advice to prepare your children for this next step in their education path. This event is presented in collaboration with [AAWE](#).



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## Spring Egg-Stravaganza!

Celebrate spring with some fun spring stories and an egg-cellent hunt on [Saturday 4 April](#) from 15h00 to 16h30. Learn about traditions and symbols from spring celebrations around the world during a colorful Saturday story time full of fact, fiction and fun. Then join us for an egg hunt throughout the Library with chocolate and prizes!



We'll wrap up the afternoon by making some cool spring crafts that you can take home and keep. Children of all ages are encouraged to bring along a basket to collect your egg-tastic spring eggs!

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[Sign-up is required.](#)



### Magic Class with Eric the Magician

**Friday 10 April**

**19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)**

Join Eric the Magician for an evening introduction to magic. During this two-hour teens only workshop you'll learn some amazing magic tricks you can perform with everyday objects.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

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## Kids



### Harlem Summer: Exploring Your History

**Saturday 4 April**

**12h00-13h00** (1st session)

**Saturday 11 April**

**12h00-13h00** (2nd session)

**(ages 8-12)**

Join Cheryl Bolden as she explores the concept of a personal narrative using the book *Harlem Summer* by Walter Dean Myers as a base. Bolden will show how to conduct an interview and collect photos to create a project.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



### Create Your Own Video Game with Magic Makers

**Saturday 4 April**

**14h00-15h30 (ages 8-12)**

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## American Revolutionary Walks in Paris

Mary Jo Padgett has returned to the Library this spring to lead her walking tour series based on the book *Paris: Birthplace of the U.S.A.* by Daniel Jouve that cover the statues, buildings, parks, and squares throughout Paris that reflect and confirm our Franco-American partnership.



The three-hour long walks will take place on Thursdays 9, 16, and 23 April from 14h00 to 17h00. Attendees should plan to take part in all three sessions of the walk.

There are just a few spots left, so to reserve a spot, email programs manager Grant Rosenberg at [rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org](mailto:rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org).

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## Wine workshop in April

Joshua Adler returns to the Library on Tuesday 28 April to talk and share wine, this time from the new generation of Languedoc-Roussillon vintners, with an emphasis on natural and biodynamic wines. The cost is 35€ per person for the wine, cheese and charcuterie. Send an email to programs manager Grant Rosenberg at [rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org](mailto:rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org) to reserve a spot.

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## Upcoming Events

Tuesday 31 March | 19h30

### **Eduardo Halfon - Evenings with an Author**

Eduardo Halfon will talk about two of his recently translated books *The Polish Boxer* and *Monastery*, exploring cultural identity.

Wednesday 1 April | 19h30

### **Annie Cohen-Solal - Evenings with an Author**

Annie Cohen-Solal will speak about her latest book *Mark Rothko: Toward the Light in the Chapel*.

Wednesday 8 April | 19h30

### **John Merriman - Evenings with an Author**

John Merriman will discuss the 1871 urban revolt in *Massacre: The Life and Death of the Paris Commune*.

Saturday 11 April | 10h00 - 19h00

Sunday 12 April | 13h00 - 19h00

### **Used Book Sale**

Library used book sales typically occur during the first weekend of every month. April's

Come and learn basic creative computing principles to create a mini video game with Sebastien Louit from the Paris-based Magic Makers. Participants are asked to bring in a laptop for this workshop. [Sign-up is required.](#)



### **Historical Animals: A visit with author Julia Moberg**

**Saturday 11 April**

**15h00-16h00 (ages 5+)**

Author Julia Moberg will read from her new book *Historical Animals* - a picture book that tells the stories of some of the famous historical animals who have helped shape the world as we know it.

No sign-up is 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)**

**2, 23 April**

Rhymes, songs, and stories in English two Thursdays a month.

All children must be accompanied by an adult lap and registration is required.

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**Unless otherwise stated, all children's and teen's programs are free for Library members and 10 euros for non-members.**

used book sale will be held on the second weekend of the month due to Easter holidays.

Find out how to [become a member](#).

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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.

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