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Better World Books affiliation

The Library's partnership with Better World Books is now in its seventh year. We send this literacy-minded organization thousands of books annually - mostly titles we receive as donations that we do not add to our collection. Better World Books resells the books online, and divides the proceeds among international literacy causes, operating costs, and donating libraries. Last quarter the Library earned more than 1,000€ through this partnership. We use those funds to renew our own collection with brand-new books.



Better World Books has just launched its Affiliate Program, which will allow us to earn additional funds. If you plan to purchase a used book online, we invite you to click from [our website](#) to the Better World Books bookstore. By using the link on our website, a percentage of the sale will be earmarked for the Library.

Thank you for supporting both the Library and Better World Books, whether directly through your donations, or indirectly by purchasing used books online through this new program.

A friendship with Gore Vidal and the prequel to Peter Pan

Michael Mewshaw comes to the Library on [Wednesday 3 June](#) to share his reminiscence of a long friendship with iconoclastic writer Gore Vidal. His memoir, *Sympathy for the Devil: Four Decades of Friendship With Gore Vidal*, tells us with great intimacy about the complex man over the course of four decades. It promises to be an evening getting beyond a



Teens



Master Shot Film Club

Saturday 16 May

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.](#)



3rd Annual

Literary Reaping

Friday 22 May

19h00-21h30 (ages 12-18)

Calling all demi-gods, wallflowers, wizards, and muggles to our 3rd Annual

Literary Reaping. This will be an evening of challenges to the death (or until we declare a winner) with hands-on competition featuring all-new challenges and great

four decades. It promises to be an evening getting beyond a writer's own words to discover the person conjuring the stories.



On [Sunday 7 June](#) at 19h00, join us for a family-friendly event with celebrated humorist Dave Barry and thriller writer Ridley Pearson as they talk about the series they have co-written, *Peter and the Starcatcher*. This saga of four books explores Peter Pan's life before the events of the J.M. Barrie story. This conversation promises to be a fun event for children and adults alike. Please note the 19h00 start time.



Library Culture Picks: May 2015

The Library is pleased to share our culture picks of events going on in the city each month and matching them up with books from our collection. These events include exhibitions, performances, food events, talks and conferences in Paris and close suburbs.



For the month of May, we are recommending the following exhibitions: an immersive experience on David Bowie, masterpieces from the SFMOMA collection, and a retrospective on Le Corbusier.

We've chosen a selection of books that can enhance these cultural events, which you can read before or after your visit. In this way, we hope to tie the Library's rich collection with the incredible cultural events going on in the city every month. For more details, read the [Library blog](#). Enjoy reading and visiting the city!

2015 Annual General Meeting

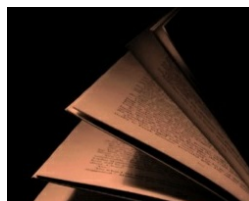
The [Annual General Meeting](#) of the American Library in Paris, Inc., a Delaware corporation, will take place this year on Tuesday 9 June from 19h30 to 21h00.



Members are invited to this meeting to hear reports on the year just past from Mary Lee Turner, chairman of the board of trustees, Rob Johnson, treasurer, and Charles Trueheart, the Library director. A slate of Library trustees will be elected. Librarians Ed Aguila, Abigail Altman, and Audrey Chapuis will discuss the Library's collections development approaches and new and future electronic resources for members.

3rd Annual Literary Reaping

Calling all demi-gods, wallflowers, wizards, and muggles to the American Library in Paris's [3rd Annual Literary Reaping](#) on Friday 22 May at 19h00.



Join fellow teen lit fans for an evening of challenges to the death (or until we declare a winner) during this hands-on

new challenges and great prizes.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



**Rock U with Matt Black:
It Might Get Loud**

Friday 29 May

19h00-21h30 (ages 12-18)

Join us for an evening of acoustic rock. We'll watch the movie *It Might Get Loud*, and then teacher and musician Matt Black will work with participants on the techniques of crafting a live band performance.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

Kids



**Mother's Day Card Making
Saturday 23 May**

15h00-16h30 (ages 5+)

Join us for some stories about all different types of moms, then make a card and an original gift for your mom with the help of the librarian and volunteers. We'll have all the supplies you'll need!

No sign-up necessary!

Parents welcome!



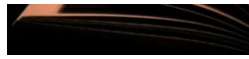
**Toddler Talk with
Keri Hicks**

Thursday 28 May

10h30-11h30

Parenting a 2 or 3-year-old can be funny, amazing and, sometimes, down-right

death (or until we declare a winner) during this hands-on competition featuring all-new challenges and great prizes. For this event, you'll be placed in teams and be given several tasks to complete based on some classic and contemporary teen reads. The Literary Reaping is open to all teens ages 12-18 and is free for Library members. Non-members can participate for a 10€ fee.



Upcoming Events

Tuesday 12 May | 19h30

Pat Oliphant - *Evenings with a cartoonist*

Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist Pat Oliphant will discuss his career and his piquant political cartoons, in conversation with writer Les Daly.

Wednesday 20 May | 19h30

Shakespeare's King Lear

Author Alan Riding discusses Shakespeare's 1606 play and actor Dominic Gould does a dramatic readings of the text.

Tuesday 26 May | 20h00

Annual Gala Dinner

Library's largest fundraising event with honored guests Ayelet Waldman and Michael Chabon at the Automobile Club de France.

Thursday 28 May | 10h30

Toddler Talk with Keri Hicks

Join our discussion with behavioral therapist Keri Hicks to get tips for surviving your toddler. Children are welcome!

Wednesday 3 June | 19h30

Michael Mewshaw - *Evenings with an author*

Michael Mewshaw discusses his long friendship with iconoclastic Gore Vidal in his new book *Sympathy for the Devil: Four Decades of Friendship with Gore Vidal*.

Saturday 6 June | 10h00 - 19h00

Sunday 7 June | 13h00 - 19h00

Used Book Sale

Library used book sales typically occur during the first weekend of every month. April's used book sale will be held on the second weekend of the month due to Easter holidays.

Sunday 7 June | 19h00

Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson - *Evenings with an author*

Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson talk about their collaboration in creating *Peter and the Starcatcher*, the prequel to Peter Pan.

frustrating. Join our discussion with behavioral therapist Keri Hicks to get tips for surviving your toddler. Bring your questions and children are welcome!

[Sign-up is required.](#)



BOOKWORMS (ages 9-12) *Flora and Ulysses*

Saturday 30 May

12h00-13h00 (1st session)

Saturday 6 June

12h00-13h00 (2nd session)

We'll be reading and discussing the 2014 Newbery Medal winner *Flora and Ulysses*, a story of a cynical, (and comics-obsessed) girl who meets a squirrel – a squirrel with superpowers.

[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 9h15 and 17h00 (ages 1-3)

21 May

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.

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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