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Summer hours at the Library

The Library will be going into summer hours in just over a week, with the following schedule:

- Thursday late-nights will resume in September.
- Beginning Wednesday 15 July until Tuesday 18 August, the Library will be open on weekdays from 13h00 to 19h00 and on Saturdays from 10h00 to 16h00.
- The Library will be closed on Sundays in July and August.

The Library will also be closed on Tuesday 14 July (Bastille Day) and Saturday 15 August (Assumption).

Care to take a few books on vacation? The Library is happy to extend due dates. Please call the circulation desk for more details.

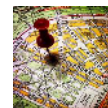
Programs on World War II and the Civil War

The Library has just a handful of evening programs left for this season before we take a summer break and prepare for fall offerings.

On [Wednesday 1 July](#), best-selling author and award-winning filmmaker Rick Beyer speaks about his book (co-authored by Elizabeth Sayles) and documentary *The Ghost Army*. They recount the fascinating, yet relatively unknown, true story of how the Allies in World War II created a phony military division, complete with inflatable tanks, sound effects, and



Teens



10 Book Challenge

Saturday 20 June - Friday 18 September (ages 12-18)

The Library is organizing a 10 Book Challenge for teens as part of the Summer Reading Program. Win a brand new book for every challenge you complete. Fill out a rating card and turn it in at the Children's and Young Adults' Services desk to collect your book. All books need to be read between 20 June and 18 September.

Kids



Summer Reading Program
Saturday 20 June - Saturday

division, replete with imitable tanks, sound effects, and illusion, as a counter-intelligence maneuver to deceive German forces.



On [Wednesday 8 July](#), history professor Don Doyle discusses his latest book *The Cause of All Nations* which tells the story of the American Civil War as it was viewed in Paris, London, Rome and elsewhere abroad. Doyle explores how the American conflict evolved from regional interests into a worldwide struggle for the democratic gains born in the French and American revolutions — notably the abolition of slavery.



There are still spots left for the poetry appreciation workshop on W.B. Yeats on Saturday 27 June at 13h00. To RSVP, please send an email to rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org.

95 Years of the Library exhibit

The Library was founded on 20 May 1920 with a core collection of books donated by the American Library Association's Library War Service during the closing years of World War I. In celebration of the 95th anniversary of the Library, we are pleased to present a [special exhibit](#) (on display from 23 June to 5 September) featuring scenes from our remarkable history.



Highlights from the exhibit include: books bearing the Library War Service stamp; an architectural rendering of our Champs-Élysées location; a Dewey Decimal cataloging tool; books donated by Sylvia Beach's Shakespeare and Company; and books from our special and rare books collection signed by Langston Hughes, Ernest Hemingway, and Marlene Dietrich.



As our centennial year looms closer, we're thinking about ways to continue to record our extraordinary history. We are seeking memories and memorabilia of the Library from the 1950s to 1970s. In addition, we are looking for an experienced oral historian who will help us launch an oral history project. For all inquiries, please contact Pauline Lemasson at lemasson@americanlibraryinparis.org.

Saturday 20 June - Saturday 19 September
(ages 1-12)

Stop by the Children's and Young Adults' Services desk to pick up your summer reading club card. Check off one of the boxes on the card for each day that you read 30 minutes or more. When all of the boxes are checked off, drop the card off in the Children's Library, tell us all about the books you read, and pick up a new card.



Heroes

Saturday 27 June
15h00-16h00 (ages 5+)

This year's Summer Reading Program theme is heroes: every hero has a story! Come in for a special storytime with Children's Library volunteers and interns as they read stories about their favorite heroes.

No sign-up necessary!
Parents welcome!



Presidential Pets: A visit from Julia Moberg

Saturday 4 July
15h00-16h00 (ages 5+)

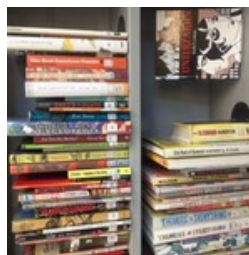
Join us for a very special reading with author Julia Moberg as she reads from her

book *Presidential Pets* - a picture book that will give you an inside look at some of the animals that have lived with US presidents. We'll also do some 4th of July crafts after the reading.

No sign-up necessary!
Parents welcome!

Collections shift to better serve you

For over a week we have been using the combined efforts of several interns to move and improve the sections near the entrance of the Library. The most noticeable difference for Library patrons is that the cookbooks have been shifted to where the reference books were, and vice versa. We sorted through the reference section so that some titles in this collection now circulate, and are shelved in the main collection.



In addition to making our cookbooks more accessible for browsing, we moved our graphic novels and comics out of the reading room and into the front area of the

Library. The books in this collection all have the call number 741.5 and are marked in the catalog as being in the Graphic Novel section. We plan to acquire some of the most popular graphic novels published in recent years; let us know if there are specific artists or titles you would like us to add to our collection.

We hope you find that these shifts make the layout more inviting.

10 Book Challenge for teens

The Library is organizing a [10 Book Challenge](#) for our teens as part of the Summer Reading Program. From 20 June to 18 September, win a brand new book for every challenge completed. To participate, fill out a rating card and turn it in at the children's and teens' services desk to collect your book. This challenge is open to all teen Library members.



Some of the challenges include reading a book that you've been afraid to read, a book with a color in the title, a book based on a true story, and a book set in Paris, among others. As a bonus, teen Library members and non-members alike are invited to post a photo of your book on Instagram, Twitter or Facebook and tag the American Library in Paris to win a free pass for a teen event of your choice. Happy reading!

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 23 June | 19h30

Jessica Levine and Sonya Chung - *Evenings with an author*

Authors Jessica Levine and Sonya Chung will discuss how to turn real-life events into fiction.

Saturday 27 June | 13h00

Poetry workshop on W.B. Yeats with Michael McCaughley

Irish poet Michael McCaughley will lead a poetry appreciation workshop centered on W.B. Yeats.

Wednesday 1 July | 19h30

Rick Beyer - *Evenings with an author*

Author Rick Beyer discusses his latest book *Ghost Army* about an Allies-led phony counter-intelligence scheme during World War II.

Wednesday 8 July | 19h30

Don Doyle - *Evenings with an author*

History professor Don Doyle speaks about his book *The Cause of All Nations: An International History of the American Civil War*.

All evening events at the Library are free and open to the public unless otherwise

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)

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

Note: There will be no Lap Sits at the Library in July and August. They will resume in September, please check the schedule at that time.

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.

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

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.

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