

# The American Library in Paris

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## Happy rentrée!

This rentrée edition of *e-Libris* gives you a taste of what's in store at the Library this fall – another season of outstanding evening programs, a whirlwind of children's and teen activities, and a massive book sale this weekend. During this busy time, we also [remember a good friend](#) of the Library, William Jay Smith, who passed away on 18 August. We wish you a *bonne rentrée*!

## Stars of literature and music

Library evening programs kick off on [Wednesday 9 September](#) with Tash Aw, a Malaysian-born writer who lives in London and writes in English. His latest novel, *Five-Star Billionaire* was longlisted for the Man Booker Prize in 2013. His first book, *The Harmony Silk Factory*, won the Whitbread Book Award for First Novel Award. Since then, Aw has also published the acclaimed book *Map of the Invisible World*.



On [Wednesday 16 September](#), the Library is thrilled to welcome the legendary British singer and actress Marianne Faithfull for a conversation with programs manager Grant Rosenberg about her career, her music and her love of literature. As a British music scene icon going back to the 1960s, Faithfull has recorded 20 albums over the last four decades. Due to space limitations, all attendees must reserve a seat. Please send an email to [rsvp@americanlibraryinparis.org](mailto:rsvp@americanlibraryinparis.org).



## Fall Open House: "Learn 20 Things at the Library" in one day

As part of our annual [Fall Open House](#), the Library will be a one-stop learning spot on Sunday 27 September for people looking to learn all kinds of new things.



## Teens



### Make Art, Not Trash

Friday 11 September

19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)

Free your imagination and forget the rules as we compete to make original and beautiful art out of destroyed, damaged and mistreated books. We'll have all the supplies you need to make awesome works of art out of overused and abused books.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



### Rock U. with Matt Black: The Rocker

Friday 18 September

19h00-21h30 (ages 12-18)

Join us for another evening of rock in the Library. We'll watch

the movie *The Rocker*, starring Rainn Wilson, Christina Applegate and Emma Stone, and then musician Matt Black will teach you how to play a song from the soundtrack

From 14h00 to 17h00, the Library will be hosting "Learn 20 Things at The Library" with talented volunteers and organizations teaching people a new skill such as: how to do magic tricks, play card games, make a sushi roll, play hopscotch, do Pilates, and much more.



Be sure to also join artist Sabrina Albiero as she conducts a hands-on "De-stress by Coloring" workshop for adults at 14h30 and again at 16h00 in the conference room. Participants will learn more about how coloring intricate drawings can release stress and bring forth creativity. Sign-up is required for the workshop. Please send RSVP to [lemasson@americanlibraryinparis.org](mailto:lemasson@americanlibraryinparis.org) and indicate which time (14h30 or 16h00) you prefer.

Light refreshments will be provided courtesy of Starbucks and Marks & Spencer. The Library's Fall Open House is free and open to everyone, so bring friends and the whole family!

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## Book groups and workshops

On [Thursday 24 September](#) at 11h00, the Library will be hosting a discussion group for anyone interested in homeschooling resources and in meeting others in Paris who are homeschooling their children. You can also find out more about the Library's resources from the children's and young adults' services librarian, who will be present for this discussion. Sign-up is required.

Many of us use Wikipedia each day, but who are the people who write for this online encyclopedia and how can you contribute? Led by David Siefkin, contributor of over 300 Wikipedia articles, the Library is offering a four-part workshop that will explain Wikipedia and how to write for it. Check [our website](#) for dates and how to sign up.



Registration is now open for this fall 2015 books groups! From Marcel Proust to the French-American encounter to slavery and racism in the U.S. to tech and science to new French novels *en français*, there is something for all kinds of readers. For more details and to sign up, click [here](#).

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## Library Culture Picks: September

The Library is pleased to share our selection of cultural events going on in the city during the month of September, as Paris comes back into full cultural life with new exhibitions, literary events and performances to kick off the fall season.



As always, we have selected books from the Library collection that can enhance your visit to these cultural events. Read the Library Culture Picks for September on [our blog](#). Happy reading and visiting!

song from the soundtrack.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



### Teen Writing Group

**Saturday 19 September  
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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## Kids



### The World in Black and White: Art with Pen and Ink

**Saturday 5 September  
15h00-16h30 (ages 5+)**

Explore the amazing things artists can do with a pen, charcoal and scratchboard in this program dedicated to art in black and white. We'll read some picture books by different artists and then try your hand at writing your own story in black and white.

*No sign-up necessary!*

*Parents welcome!*



### There's a Babirusa in my Bath tub: A visit with author Maxine Rose Schur

**Saturday 12 September  
15h00-16h00 (ages 5+)**

## Mega book sale this weekend

The Library's first-weekend-of-the-month book sale is this [Saturday-Sunday 5-6 September](#).

Choose from thousands of titles from a summer buildup of used and nearly-new books of all genres and interests, including classics, cookbooks, fine arts and new releases. All but a few treasures are priced at 1€ (pocket books), 2€ (softcover), and 3€ (hardback).



Bring a bag to take home your purchases - or buy one from our just-refreshed selection of Library tote bags for 12€ in six colors.

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## Upcoming Events

[Saturday 5 September | 10h00 - 19h00](#)

[Sunday 6 September | 13h00 - 19h00](#)

### Used Book Sale

This is a big one! Come and pick up many books at our monthly used book sale, and grab one of our new Library tote bags, now in six colors, to carry them away.

[Wednesday 9 September | 19h30](#)

### Tash Aw - *Evenings with an author*

Author Tash Aw will talk about his latest book *Five-Star Billionaire* about intertwining lives in Shanghai.

[Wednesday 16 September | 19h30](#)

### Marianne Faithfull - *Evenings with a pop icon*

Singer and actress Marianne Faithfull will discuss her long career in music and film, as well as the books she loves.

[Wednesday 23 September | 10h00 - 12h00](#)

### Wikipedia writing workshop (1 of 4)

David Siefkin leads a Wikipedia writing workshop, the first of four sessions. Sign-up is required.

[Thursday 24 September | 11h00 - 12h30](#)

### Homeschooling: a discussion space for parents

Join other parents as they discuss and share resources and experiences about homeschooling their children.

[Thursday 24 September | 19h30](#)

### Panel discussion: Nabokov's *Lolita* at 60

The Société Française Vladimir Nabokov co-sponsors a panel discussion exploring the novel's legacy sixty years after its publication.

With humorous rhymes and magical illustrations, award-winning author Maxine Rose Schur reveals some of our world's little-known animals. Through a variety of witty, lively poems, we'll make it fun learning about these unsung animals a lot of fun!

*No sign-up necessary!*

*Parents welcome!*



### BOOKWORMS (ages 9-12)

#### Grimm's Fairy Tale

**Saturday 12 September**

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

**Saturday 19 September**

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

**Saturday 26 September**

**12h00-13h00** (3rd session)

We'll be reading the original *Grimm's Fairy Tales* and we'll compare the originals to other stories based on the tales over three Saturdays. Grimm's fairy tales are not for the faint of heart, so if you like adventure, brave heroes and a bit of bloody action, this is for you!

[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)**

**4, 8 September**

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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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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**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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