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Annual Halloween Extravaganza

Put on your costumes and join us for our Annual [Halloween Extravaganza](#) on Saturday 31 October. Enjoy events for children and teens of all ages throughout the day, including seasonal arts and crafts, games, Halloween performances by special guests and trick-or-treating!



In the evening, join us for "Horrors of the 7th" Walking Tours (reservation required). Anyone over the age of 12 is welcome to stick around for our Horror Fest at 20h00 - an evening of performances, short films, and a costume contest.

Day fee for Halloween events: €5 Library members and €15 for non-members. Free entrance for adult chaperones accompanying a child.

Popular speakers back at the Library

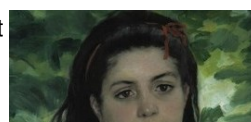
Many popular speakers return to the Library in the next two weeks as Susan Herrmann Loomis and David Downie come to talk about the pleasures of France, Chris Boïcos about 19th century and modern art, and John Morris on his WWII photography. All programs begin promptly at 19h30.

Loomis comes on [Tuesday 6 October](#) to talk about her new book *In a French Kitchen: Tales and Traditions of Everyday Home Cooking in France* focused on preparing meals from start to finish and what that means in the truest sense.

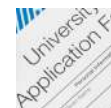


Downie speaks the following night, on [Wednesday 7 October](#), about his book *A Passion for Paris: Romanticism and Romance in the City of Light*, written from the point of view of a veteran resident and travel guide of this city.

On [Tuesday 13 October](#), art historian Chris Boïcos of Paris Art Studies will present and talk about the masterpieces from the *Villa Flora: Hahnloser-Buehler Collection* exhibition on display



Teens



U.S. College Admissions Saturday 3 October

17h00-18h30 (ages 15-18)

Join Cathy Altman Nocquet and Caroline Bouffard for a presentation on the U.S. college application process, from school selection to the all important essay.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Teen Writing Group

Saturday 10 October

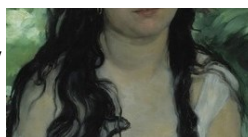
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Join fellow aspiring writers in a relaxed and creative setting where you can share your ideas, get feedback and work on your technique.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



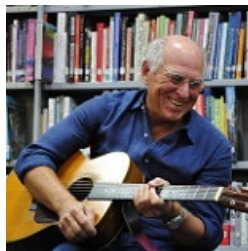
at the Musée Marmottan Monet. This is a great opportunity to take part in a Boïcos art lecture and discover chefs-d'œuvre by Bonnard, Cézanne, Manet, Manguin, Matisse, Marquet, Renoir, Vallotton, Vuillard, van Gogh and more.



On [Wednesday 14 October](#), photo editor and nonegenarian Library icon John Morris along with Robert Pledge, founder of Contact Press Agency in New York, discuss how they came to select the photos in their new book *Quelque Part en France* about Normandy in 1944 after the D-Day landings.

Thanks for the photo memories

The month of September was an unprecedented month of programs, both in number and stature. In case you missed, or want to relive them, here are some photos from our evening events with [Marianne Faithfull](#), [Jimmy Buffett](#), and [Gary Shteyngart](#).



We also have the full program with Marianne Faithfull on the [Library YouTube](#) Channel, filmed and edited by Clarence Tokley of Master Shot Film Club. More videos will be forthcoming.

The Library Fall Open House this past Sunday was a fun afternoon of learning and discovery with our talented volunteers and staff members showing guests how to do a new trick or game. A big thanks goes out to Marks & Spencer Beaugrenelle and Starbucks Coffee on rue Saint Dominique for their donations of refreshments. Photos of our open house are [here](#).

A MacArthur "genius" grant to Ta-Nehisi Coates

Congratulations to the winter 2015 Library [Visiting Fellow](#), Ta-Nehisi Coates, for winning one of the coveted MacArthur Foundation "genius" awards on the strength of his extraordinary success with this year's most important American book, *Between the World and Me*.



Here's a provocative [new interview](#) with Coates by the Paris-based *Financial Times* columnist Simon Kuper. His view: "The most radical aspect of Coates's work may be its lack of hope. He breaks with a longstanding American narrative: the arc of racial progress, the inevitable triumph of justice."

His first public reading of his book was at the Library on 4 February 2015, which you can see [here](#).

Want to be a Wikipedian?

Led by David Siefkin, contributor of over 300 Wikipedia articles, the Library is offering a four-part workshop at 10h00 with the remaining dates: 21 October, 18 November and 16



Master Shot Film Club Screening

Saturday 17 October
17h00-18h30 (ages 12-18)

Aspiring filmmakers are invited to join the Master Shot Film Club led by filmmaker and writer Clarence Tokley.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Halloween Decorating Party

Friday 9 October

19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)

Get in the mood for Halloween by helping to decorate the Library, then make some of your own decorations to take home.

Sign-up is required.

Kids



Ignacio and the Mysterious Egg: A visit with illustrator Milkaya Laijah

Saturday 3 October
11h00-12h00 (ages 3+)

Ignacio and the Mysterious Egg, written by Joselyne Arnell and illustrated by Milkaya Laijah, is about a little iguana named Ignacio. Come meet Milkaya as she shows us how she created some of her

illustrations.

No sign-up necessary!

Parents welcome!



Halloween Scavenger Hunt

Saturday 3 October

15h00-16h00 (ages 5+)

December. Siefkin will explain Wikipedia and how to write for it. There are still spaces for this workshop, and to sign up, send an email to rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org.



New mysteries and thrillers

The Library has just received a load of new mysteries and thrillers into the collection, just in time for the Halloween season! We will be continuing to add many new titles to its collection in the coming weeks and months. We'll also be featuring some of these new books on our Library blog as part of a series for *la rentrée littéraire*. Now you can check out mysteries and thrillers on our [Library blog](#). Check back again for new non-fiction, cookbooks, and much more!

Upcoming Events

Saturday 3 October | 10h00 - 19h00

Sunday 4 October | 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.

Tuesday 6 October | 19h30

Susan Loomis - *Evenings with an author*

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John Morris and Robert Pledge - *Evenings with a photographer*

John Morris and Robert Pledge talk about how their latest book *Quelque Part en France* about Normandy in 1944 after the D-Day landings.

Tuesday 20 October | 19h30

Panel discussion on writing

Cara Black and M.L. Longworth, both novelists, discuss how they use France as the backdrop to their murder mystery novels.

Join us for a fall scavenger hunt in the Library and outside in the neighborhood! This hunt is intended for children and their parents or for teens (ages 12+). Meet up at the Library beforehand.

No sign-up necessary!

Parents welcome!



Halloween Pop-up Book Making

Saturday 10 October
15h00-16h30 (ages 5+)

Join us for a reading of some stories in pop-up form and then get some tips to create your own haunted, funny, silly or scary Halloween pop-up book to take home.

No sign-up necessary!

Parents welcome!



Scary Stories: A Writing Workshop

Sunday 11 October
14h00-15h30 (ages 8-12)

Join children's and young adults' service intern Kirsty McColluch Reid for a writing workshop dedicated to scary

stories created by you!

No sign-up necessary!

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

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.

10h30 and 17h00 (ages 1-3)

1, 15 October

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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