

# The American Library in Paris

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## Security at the Library

Following the tragic attacks of 13 November, the Library closed for the weekend as a precaution to our members, volunteers, and staff, and reopened its doors again the following Tuesday morning. To our knowledge, all in the Library family are safe.

Visitors to the Library for the last week have been greeted by a uniformed security guard outside the entrance, who checks bags and asks for proof of Library membership. We'll maintain that security presence, for regular operating hours and evening activities alike, for the time being.

We've been heartened that the Library has continued to receive the same number of visitors as it always does, and if anything has welcomed even more people in recent days - perhaps a sign that the Library provides refuge in uncertain times.

All of us at the Library thank you for your patience and understanding, and of course for the financial support you provide throughout the year to keep us strong.

Charles Trueheart, Director

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## Winter Wonderland for children of all ages

This year the Library's annual [Winter Wonderland](#) event will be held on Saturday 12 December from 15h00 to 18h30, and we've planned a few surprises for those who will be in attendance. Children of all ages and their families are invited to attend for stories, crafts, snacks and refreshments as well as a rockin' musical performance by our special guest Matt Black. Each child will go home with a special winter treat courtesy of



the Library.

We hope you'll come celebrate with us. Winter Wonderland is free for Library members and 10€ per child for non-members.

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## Teens

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### Flashback Friday: Best of the '90s

**Friday 27 November**

**19h00-21h30 (ages 12-18)**

Come watch a classic movie from the '90s and try your hand at some '90s trivia! We'll also have a craft or two inspired by the decade. RSVP by 25 November and cast your vote for which film to watch!

[Sign-up is required.](#)



### Teen Writing Group

**Saturday 5 December**

**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.

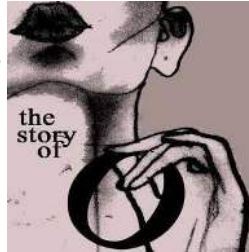
**This workshop is full.**

## Speakers at the Library in December

On [Tuesday 1 December](#), Atossa Abrahamian, opinion editor at Al Jazeera America, will speak about her book *The Cosmopolites: The Coming of the Global Citizen*, which explores how citizenship is becoming a marketable commodity that's challenging meaningful connections between person and place, citizen and community. Her examination of global citizenship comes at a time when more refugees are displaced than any time since World War II.



Long before *Fifty Shades of Grey*, there was *The Story of O*. On [Wednesday 2 December](#), filmmaker Pola Rapaport screens her documentary *Writer of O*, followed by a discussion with the audience. The film explores the reputation and the effect on society of the 1954 erotic French novel *L'Histoire d'O*, by pseudonymous author Pauline Réage, whose identity was only revealed forty years later.



On [Tuesday 8 December](#), Jelani Cobb, staff writer at *The New Yorker* and associate professor of history and director of the Africana Studies Institute at the University of Connecticut, speaks about race and citizenship in 21st-century America.

On [Wednesday 9 December](#), Alex Toledano, author of a recent *New York Times* article "The Uncommon Resilience of Parisian Street Life," about the locations of the 13 November terrorist attacks, looks closely at a number of historical photos of Paris's 10th and 11th arrondissements in order to put the neighborhoods of the recent attacks in greater context.



## The Paris Spelling Bee is back!

The Annual Paris Spelling Bee, organized by Gifted in France in collaboration with the Library, is launching its 8th season. Registration for the Paris Spelling Bee is open to all English-speaking students who are in CM1-6ème (4th-6th grades). Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and limited to 90 applicants. Registration deadline is 13 January 2016. More information can be found on the [Paris Spelling Bee blog](#).



On Saturday 9 January, join the Paris Spelling Bee team at the Library for an introduction to spelling bees for kids 8-11 years old at 12h00. Join us later at 19h00 for our [Family Pizza and Movie Night](#). We'll be screening *Akeelah and the Bee*, a movie about a precocious 11-year-old girl from south Los Angeles with a talent for words. Pizza and refreshments will be served. A donation of 5€ is suggested per child.

RSVP is required for the Pizza and Movie Night *Akeelah and the Bee*, so click [here](#) to sign-up.

## Wine-tasting workshop



### Master Shot Film Club

**Saturday 12 December**

**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.](#)

## Kids



### Cupcake Crazy

**Saturday 28 November**

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

Join us for a few fun stories about bakers and cupcake-makers and then let your imagination run wild as you decorate your own delectable cupcakes to take home. We'll have all the supplies you need to decorate - bring your own Tupperware!

*No sign-up necessary!*

*Parents welcome!*



### Language Comes to Life

**Saturday 5 December**

**12h00-13h30 (ages 8-12)**

Join the Paris Spelling Bee team for a fun event learning prefixes and suffixes, guaranteed to help you unlock some of the mysteries of the English language! Space limited to 12 children.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



## WINE-TASTING WORKSHOP

There are still places at the wine-tasting workshop led by Joshua Adler at the Library on [Tuesday 15 December](#). This time, rather than explore a specific region, the focus will be new and old vintages of the same wines to see how wines change over time. You will have a chance to taste recent and older vintages to see which you prefer and decide for yourself if it's worth it to cellar your wines. The cost for the workshop is 45€ per person for the wine, cheese, and charcuterie. Please email [rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org](mailto:rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org) to reserve.

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## So very thankful...

In this season of giving thanks, the Library would like to share how gratitude can come in many guises. Read about circulation assistant Eric Hengesbaugh's [recounting](#) of a 40-foot fall that he endured during a recent vacation in the Eastern Sierra Mountains.



And for those not sure if they want to cook that all-important meal, consider heading over to the Café de Mars, one of our cherished neighborhood bistros, for a family-style Thanksgiving dinner. Read more about what they're preparing for Thanksgiving [here](#).

If you're looking for more inspiration, check out our [Thanksgiving board](#) on Pinterest, which is always a visual feast!

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## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday 25 November | 19h30**

### **Tom Parker - Evenings with an author**

Tom Parker explores the history and methodology behind tasting French food and wine in *Tasting French Terroir*.

**Saturday 28 November | 14h00**

### **Hands-on art workshop with Amélie Barthélemy**

Artist Amélie Barthélemy leads a print-making art workshop for adults. All materials will be provided. RSVP to [lemasson@americanlibraryinparis.org](mailto:lemasson@americanlibraryinparis.org).

**Tuesday 1 December | 19h30**

### **Atossa Abrahamian - Evenings with an author**

Atossa Abrahamian will speak about her book *The Cosmopolites: The Coming of the Global Citizen*, which explores how citizenship is becoming a marketable commodity.

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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.



## Monsters & Mythical Creatures

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

Join us for an afternoon all about dragons, griffins, unicorns, fairies, Medusa and more. Where did these creatures come from? What do they look like? We'll read stories featuring some of your favorite monsters and mythical creatures. Then we'll create some creatures of our own!  
*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 10h30 and 17h00 (ages 1-3) 3, 17 December

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.**

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

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