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The holidays at the Library: 5 ideas

1. A gift membership to the Library brings joy and enlightenment to a loved one throughout the year. Choose the membership category and pick up a gift card at the circulation desk.
2. An all-cotton, American-made, long-handled Library tote bag, now in five colors, a useful gift that declares your attachment to a beloved institution.
3. A stack of fine used or nearly-new books found on specially marked shelves at the front of the Library.
4. Get a Library postcard (or two) featuring scenes from our glorious past and use them as holiday greeting cards.
5. Put the membership certificate, the postcards, and the books in a Library tote bag and offer it as a complete gift to all the bookworms in your life!



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.

Teens



Mock Caldecott

**Wednesday 9 December -
Saturday 9 January**

17h00-18h30 (ages 12-18)

Join us for the Library's first Mock Caldecott event. You can read a book from our selection and fill out a ballot to rate the story and illustrations and then cast your vote for your favorite picture book of 2014. Ballots can be found just outside the Children's Library.



Master Shot Film Club

**Saturday 19 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.](#)



Speakers at the Library in December

Tonight, 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 the U.S. and France as sibling democracies facing a common threat in the form of terrorism.

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 historical photos of Paris's 10th and 11th arrondissements in order to put the neighborhoods in greater context. He explores the history of daily life and transformation in these parts of town to examine the continuities since the nineteenth century.



Continuing our focus on Parisian streets, Elaine Sciolino returns to the Library on Wednesday 16 December to present her new book, *The Only Street in Paris: Life on the Rue des Martyrs*, about the famous street in the French capital's ninth arrondissement, and its colorful history and status. She will discuss the street and present images of it over the years.



The 2016 Young Authors Fiction Festival opens

The Library is launching another season of creative writing with the Young Authors Fiction Festival (YAFF). We are proud to be the organizer of the YAFF, the only city-wide writing initiative that aims to strengthen the community among English-speakers in Paris through the art and craft of storytelling. YAFF is free of charge and open to all students ages 5-18 in the greater Paris area who write in English.



The deadline for submissions is 1 April 2016. For more information about YAFF guidelines check our [website](#). For a full list of all 2015 YAFF winners, read the [Library blog](#). Photos from the celebration event in last June are on the [Library Flickr](#).

We've got the 10 best books of 2015

The Book Review editors of *The New York Times* have selected their 10 best books of 2015, and the Library is pleased to have all of them in our collection. Our reference and collections managers Abigail Altman and Audrey Chapuis, with the help of retiree-turned-volunteer Simon Gallo, diligently read through the many reviews of new books as part of their process of choosing which titles to add to our collection.



Crack the Code: Cryptography & Code-breaking

Friday 15 January

19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)

Come try your hand and code-breaking and cryptography through games and challenges we've prepared for you.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

Kids



The Art of Letter Writing

Saturday 19 December

15h00-16h30 (ages 5-9)

Enjoy a few stories, then learn about the art of letter writing. We'll have all the supplies you need to write your own letter to someone special far away or to a friend nearby. Children who are not able to write on their own will need an adult to help out!

No sign-up is necessary!

Parents welcome!



Intro to Spelling Bees

Saturday 9 January

12h00-13h30 (ages 8-12)

Join the Paris Spelling Bee team during this Saturday afternoon workshop and discover the keys to spelling like a champ! We'll discuss bee history and logistics, and learn how to register for this year's competition.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



It's likely many of these books are already checked out, but Library members can place holds on their favorite titles and perhaps be lucky to have them just in time for the holidays. Read more about these selected titles on the [Library blog](#). Happy reading!

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 8 December | 19h30

Jelani Cobb - *Evenings with an author*

Jelani Cobb speaks about democracy and terrorism.

Wednesday 9 December | 19h30

Alex Toledano - *Evenings with an author*

Alex Toledano explores the locations of the 13 November attacks through historical photos of those Parisian neighborhoods.

Tuesday 15 December | 19h30

Old and new wine-tasting workshop with Joshua Adler

Joshua Adler returns to the Library to talk and taste new and old vintages of the same wines. Only a couple spaces left. RSVP is required at rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org.

Wednesday 16 December | 19h30

Elaine Sciolino - *Evenings with an author*

Elaine Sciolino presents her new book, *The Only Street in Paris: Life on the Rue des Martyrs*.

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.



Pizza and Movie Night

Akeelah and the Bee

Saturday 9 January

19h00-21h30 (ages 8-12)

Join the Paris Spelling Bee team for a screening of the film *Akeelah and the Bee*. After the movie, you can register for the 8th Annual Paris Spelling Bee. Pizza and refreshments will be served before the screening.

[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) 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.

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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