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## A writing workshop with Megan Mayhew Bergman

The Library welcomes Megan Mayhew Bergman as our [Visiting Fellow](#) in April. Bergman is associate director of Bennington College's MFA program and the author of two short story collections, *Birds of a Lesser Paradise* and *Almost Famous Women*. She will be speaking at the Library on [Wednesday 13 April](#) about the critical need for artistic support for women in the Modernist era



Bergman will also be leading a two-part creative writing workshop open exclusively to Library members. The workshops will be limited to 15 participants who will commit to attending both sessions to be held in April. For full details, including the cost, check [here](#).

## Spies, war, poetry, and Nabokov

[Tomorrow](#) at 19h30, join Andrew Lownie as he presents his book *Stalin's Englishman: The Lives of Guy Burgess* about the notorious Cambridge Five spy ring member.

On [Tuesday 22 March](#), Anthony Lacoudre, the author of *L'incroyable Histoire des Mots Français en Anglais*, explores the historical context that gave 25,000 French words to the English language.

On [Wednesday 23 March](#), seasoned international correspondent Janine di Giovanni, Middle East bureau chief for *Newsweek*, discusses her book, *The Morning They Came for Us: Dispatches from Syria*, which looks at how the war has affected ordinary people in the country. What emerges is an extraordinary picture of the devastating human consequences



## Teens



### Rock U. with Matt Black: Rock of Ages

**Friday 18 March**

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

Join us for another evening of rock in the Library. We'll watch the movie *Rock of Ages*, starring Tom Cruise and Julianne Hough. Afterwards, teacher and musician Matt Black will teach you how to play a song from the movie! Bring an instrument if you play one.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



### Master Shot Film Club

**Saturday 19 March**

**17h00-18h30 (ages 12-18)**

**(workshop full)**

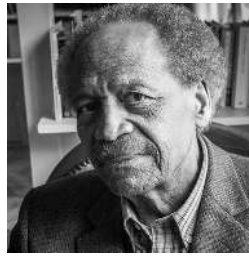
Aspiring filmmakers are invited to join the Master Shot Film Club led by filmmaker and writer Clarence Tokley.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

extraordinary picture of the devastating human consequences of conflict.



On [Tuesday 29 March](#), writer Jake Lamar and other guests will gather for an evening of poetry and music in conjunction with the Library's exhibition *Black Man Abroad: The Poetic Life of James A. Emanuel*. Poems will be read from many of Emanuel's books including *Deadly James*, *Panther Man*, *Jazz From the Haiku King* and *Black Man Abroad*.



On [Wednesday 30 March](#), Robert Roper presents his book *Nabokov in America* which explores the years Vladimir Nabokov spent traveling the United States and how his peregrinations informed his writing of *Lolita*. Reading Roper, we feel anew the mountain breezes and the miles logged, the rich learning and the romantic mind behind some of Nabokov's most beloved books.



On [Saturday 9 April](#) at 19h30, join us for a panel discussion with Marc Aronson, Anne Chassagnol and Tioka Tokedira, moderated by children's and teens' services manager Celeste Rhoads. We'll look beyond the best-seller lists as these three panelists discuss how to seek out great children's literature and how to explore and discuss literature with children.



On [Saturday 16 April](#) at 10h30, join David Siefkin as he leads a practical workshop on how Wikipedia works. He will show participants how to contribute to existing articles, create new ones, and build a readership. Both experienced editors and those new to Wikipedia are welcome. RSVP to programs manager Grant Rosenberg at [rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org](mailto:rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org).

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## Library Culture Picks: March

The Library is pleased to share our selection of cultural events in the city each month. For art lovers, we recommend *Wasteland: New Art from Los Angeles* exhibition at the Mona Bismarck American Center and the retrospective on Henri Rousseau at the Musée d'Orsay. Fans of Marguerite Duras can explore artwork of the famed author at Galerie Impressions.



In celebration of the opening of *Wasteland*, the Mona Bismarck American Center invites Library members to view the exhibition for free. Upon showing a valid Library

membership card at the entry, Library members receive one complimentary entry (10€ value). For more information on the exhibition, please visit [here](#).

As always, we've picked out a few books to go with these cultural visits. You can check out these books displayed at the front of the Library and on our [blog](#).

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## Spring Egg-Stravaganza!

On [Saturday 2 April](#), the Library will hold two spring events:



### Flash Fiction with Jane Mobile

**Friday 25 March**

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

Flash fiction is a complete story, written in as little as six and no more than 1000 words. Using Sandra Cisneros' *The House on Mango Street* for inspiration, join us as we experiment with flash fiction in a creative setting. Snacks will be provided!

[Sign-up is required.](#)

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## Kids



### Brain Art, Brain Games

**Saturday 19 March**

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

Join neuroscientist Seta Kazandjian, Ph.D. for a workshop where you'll find out about the brain and how it works. Then you'll have a chance to get creative and create some art inspired by all you've learned about your brain.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



### Your Amazing Brain

**Saturday 19 March**

**15h00-16h00 (ages 5-9)**

Have you ever wondered how your brain really works? Which parts of the brain allow you to see, draw, or solve math

11h00 for ages 0-5 and 15h00 for ages 6+. Come celebrate spring with some fun stories followed by an egg-tastic hunt in the Library. Learn about spring symbols and celebrations during a story time full of fact, fiction and fun all about spring. Bring a basket for an egg hunt throughout the Library with chocolate and prizes!



problems? We'll talk about the brain and then we'll make some artwork inspired by the amazing, incredible brain!  
*No sign-up necessary!*  
*Parents welcome!*

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## Keep up the writing for YAFF!

The deadline for the [Young Authors Fiction Festival](#) is fast approaching!

On Saturday 26 March at 12h00, join us for a workshop dedicated to helping you revise and edit your story submissions for the 2016 YAFF. Participants should come with a printed 1-2 page story, then we'll work together on revising and editing your story and preparing it for submission. [Sign-up](#) is required for this workshop.



The Library is the organizer of YAFF, a city-wide writing initiative that aims to strengthen community among English-speakers in the Paris area through storytelling. YAFF is free of charge and open to all students ages 5-18 in the greater Paris area. The deadline for submission is 1 April.

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## Upcoming Events

Wednesday 16 March | 19h30

### Andrew Lownie - *Evenings with an author*

Andrew Lownie presents his book *Stalin's Englishman: The Lives of Guy Burgess* about a member of the Cambridge Five spy ring.

Tuesday 22 March | 19h30

### Anthony Lacoudre - *Evenings with an etymologist*

Anthony Lacoudre dives into the history of French words in the English language in his book *L'incroyable Histoire des Mots Français en Anglais*.

Wednesday 23 March | 19h30

### Janine di Giovanni - *Evenings with a journalist*

Janine di Giovanni, Middle East bureau chief for Newsweek, will present her book *The Morning They Came for Us: Dispatches from Syria*.

Tuesday 29 March | 19h30

### James A. Emanuel Poetry Night

Author Jake Lamar and other guests will read poems by James A. Emanuel in conjunction with the exhibition *Black Man Abroad: The Poetic Life of James A. Emanuel*.

Wednesday 30 March | 19h30

Robert Beyer - *Evenings with an author*



### Crazy Inventions: a writing workshop

Sunday 20 March

14h00-15h30 (ages 8-12)

We're celebrating Einstein's birthday with a short story workshop dedicated to inventors and inventions! Join assistant children's and young adults' librarian Kirsty McCulloch Reid for a workshop where you'll pretend you're a scientist or inventor and then write a story about your latest creation!

[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 March (10h30 full)

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.**

**Robert Roper - Evenings with an author**

Robert Roper explores the years Nabokov spent in the U.S. in his book *Nabokov in America*.

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

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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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