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The Library in renewal

The Library is in construction mode and big changes are underway. The bulk of our collection are temporarily in storage off-site. Our mezzanine level has been dismantled and the lower level is completely cleared. If you would like to see photos of the renovation, you can check out the [Library's Flickr](#).



The Library staff thanks our members for their support and understanding during our closure, and we look forward to showcasing the newly renovated spaces in the fall.

The 2016 Gala in photos

More than 225 Library supporters and their guests attended the 2016 Gala Dinner, our principal fundraising event of the year, at the Automobile Club de France on 17 May. Guest of honor John Irving delivered an enthusiastically-received speech on the craft of fiction. For a glimpse of the scene at the Gala Dinner, please view our [photo gallery](#), and plan on attending our next Gala Dinner in May 2017.



Library programs at Reid Hall

NOTE: The remainder of Library evening programs will be held off-site at Reid Hall, home of Columbia Global Centers, in the Montparnasse neighborhood, located [here](#). These off-site Library events are free and open to the public, although a 10€ donation is suggested.

[Tomorrow](#) at 19h30 at Reid Hall, journalist Joshua Hammer presents his book *The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu and Their Race to Save the World's Most Precious Manuscripts*, which is part caper, part geo-political exploration, as a group of librarians sought to save 350,000 ancient Arabic volumes from Al Qaeda militants who had taken over much of Mali.



Teens



Paris Youth Film Showcase: deadline for submissions

Friday 10 June at midnight (ages 12-18)

Calling all teen filmmakers! Submit your films by 10 June at midnight to participate in the Paris Youth Film Screening, hosted by the Library and held at the Mona Bismarck American Center.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Teen Writing Group (off-site)

Saturday 11 June (full) 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.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

Al-Qaeda militants who had taken over much of Iraq.



The final event of the season will be on [Wednesday 15 June](#) at 19h30 at Reid Hall, an event honoring Bloomsday the following day, 16 June, which marks the day that the novel *Ulysses* takes place. The Paris Bloomsday Group will celebrate James Joyce and perform readings and songs from his work.

Thank you to our volunteers!

The Library is deeply grateful to all of our dedicated volunteers who help with many tasks from greeting guests at the circulation desk to boxing books for Better World Books to assisting with one of many children's programs. Not to mention all the shelving of books and pouring of wine at our evening events. Without the input of volunteers, we would not be able to do nearly as much as we do for Library members and visitors.



Many of our volunteers are taking a break while the Library is closed for renovation. We hope that most will return in the fall in time for *la réntree*. In the meantime, check out some [photos](#) from the volunteer appreciation party on the Library's Flickr account.

Annual General Meeting

On [Tuesday 14 June](#) at 19h30, all Library members (and interested non-members, too) are invited to the Annual General Meeting of the American Library in Paris, Inc. Due to Library renovations, the Annual General Meeting will be held at the American Cathedral in Paris at 23 avenue George V, 75008.

Mary Lee Turner, chairman of the Board of Trustees and Charles Trueheart, the Library Director, will report to the membership on the Library activities since the last general meeting and sketch the prospects and plans for the year ahead. A slate of nominees to the Board of Trustees will be proposed for election and re-election.

As seating is limited, reservations are recommended, please send your RSVP on this [online form](#).

Upcoming Events

[Wednesday 1 June | 19h30 \(at REID HALL\)](#)

Joshua Hammer - *Evenings with an author*

Joshua Hammer speaks about his book *The Bad-ass Librarians of Timbuktu*, which recounts the story of the people who raced to save precious Arabic texts of antiquity from destruction by Al Qaeda militants.

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Bloomsday Celebration

In honor of Bloomsday the following day, which marks the day that the novel *Ulysses* takes place, The Paris Bloomsday Group will celebrate James Joyce and perform



Paris Youth Film Showcase (at the Mona Bismarck American Center)

Saturday 18 June

16h30-18h30 (ages 12-18)

This Library event held at the Mona Bismarck American Center will showcase selected films created by Paris teens. Winners will be selected in four categories and audience members can cast a vote for a favorite film. Please note: this event is free for Library members. First come, first serve seating!

[More information here](#)

Kids



Summer Reading Program Kick-off Party!

**(at the American Church in
Paris)**

Saturday 11 June

15h00-16h30 (all ages)

The Library's 2016 Summer Reading Program is for readers of all ages! This year's theme is: Read the World. Come for the kick-off party and we'll explain how the summer reading program works and we'll have lots of fun activities to get you started on your summer reading adventure.

No sign-up necessary!

Parents welcome!

And always...

**Wednesday Story Hour
for children ages 3-5**

NOTE: From 18 May until 22

readings and songs from his work.

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.

June we will hold one Story Hour session each Wednesday at 14h30 in the park (weather permitting).

Please [check here](#) for the full schedule and details.

No sign-up necessary!

Mother Goose Lap Sit will resume in September.

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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