



The American Library in Paris

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30 August 2016

We're open!

All of us at the Library are delighted to report that the renovations are complete (or [very nearly!](#)) and our doors are once again open to our members and anyone wishing to join.

Thank you for your patience during the months of renovation and for the enthusiasm you have shown for our plans. Now you can see for yourselves what all the effort has been about, and we hope you like what you see as much as we do.

While finishing touches are put on the construction in the coming days, certain zones in the Library and in the collections will be temporarily off limits. Our staff is here to help you find what you need. Members may have their new membership cards created and printed, as they will be essential for electronic access to the Library once that system is in place.

The September issue of *Ex Libris*, our quarterly newsletter, will be out soon and filled with details about the renovation and new systems and procedures that will be in place shortly for Library usage.

In the meantime, please plan to attend our official unveiling: an Open House on the afternoon and evening of [Sunday 25 September](#). This event is free and open to the public. All of us on the staff look forward to greeting you, and showing you the new Library.

Charles Trueheart, Director

Fall Program Preview

We kick off the new events season with Pulitzer-Prize winning novelist Jane Smiley on [Tuesday 13 September](#) at 19h30. She will discuss her most recent novel *Golden Age* in the new Florence Gould Reading Room.



On [Wednesday 21 September](#) Ann Katherine Schaffner

Teens



Locked in the Library!

**Friday 9 September
19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)**

We'll lock the Library doors at 19h00 and the game is on! We'll set you up in teams with a list of challenges to overcome and mysteries to solve in the Library. All participants will be released at 21h00.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Master Shot Film Club

**Saturday 10 September
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.](#)



On [Wednesday 21 September](#), Anna Katharina Schrammer, professor at the University of Kent, presents her intriguing book *Exhaustion: A History*, which explores exhaustion and burnout from Antiquity through today, in politics, culture, and the arts.



A week later, on [Tuesday 27 September](#), award-winning author Luc Sante will discuss his raved-about book exploring the grittier aspects of the French capital, just as much its reality as the *haute couture* and *gastronomie* clichés. In *The Other Paris*, short-listed for the Library book award, Sante writes about the underbelly of the city with details of rabble-rousers, criminals, and life on its mean streets. The *New York Times* describes the book as jampacked with "encyclopedic density."



On [Wednesday 28 September](#), the Library will show the [documentary](#) *Mona Lisa is Missing*. This globe-trotting look at the famed 1911 theft of the Mona Lisa from the Louvre is not a whodunit—we know that—but rather a *whydunit*. Director Joe Medeiros uses a light touch to illustrate what it meant for the most famous museum in the world to lose the most famous painting in the world. Medeiros and his wife and producer Justine Medeiros will be present for a discussion after the film.



Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program
Monday 12 September
Applications due at midnight (ages 14-17)

Want to build your confidence in front of a group? In partnership with Toastmasters 75 Paris, the Library is pleased to offer the Youth Leadership Program (YLP). The YLP will build communication and leadership skills for teens. For more information and how to submit an application, please see [here](#). Space is limited to 20 teens.

Kids

Library Grand Reopening and Fall Open House

Come celebrate the Library's Grand Reopening and Fall Open House on [Sunday 25 September](#) from 13h00-19h00. Come and see the beautiful newly renovated spaces and stay for the Story Hour, guided tours, hands-on tutorials on our digital resources, voter registration for the U.S. election, and a special opening ceremony.



Guided tours with architect Lia Kiladis and director Charles Trueheart will be offered at 14h00, 15h00 and 17h00. Space is limited and reservations are recommended and can be made to lemasson@americanlibraryinparis.

Refreshments will be provided by Starbucks Coffee, Marks & Spencer Beaugrenelle and Boneshaker Doughnuts. This event is free and open to everyone, so bring the whole family and plenty of friends who might want to join the Library!



Fall Book Fest
Saturday 3 September
15h00-16h00 (ages 6+)

Everyone is welcome to come in and enjoy a reading of some of favorite new picture books. New and returning members are invited to bring along photos of your vacations and tell us about some of your favorite summer reads.

No sign-up necessary!
Parents welcome!

Collection rearrangement

This summer's renovation afforded us the opportunity to rearrange sections of our collection in a more logical, coherent way. We hope you agree that books are easier to find now that we've done away with the labyrinthine shelving of the past. The front of the Library will house new books, cookbooks, audiobooks on CD, and periodicals. Fiction, biography, and travel are located on the main floor. Graphic novels and science fiction have joined mysteries in the mezzanine, which also houses



Your Sensational Senses!
Saturday 10 September
15h00-16h00 (ages 6+)

Join us for an afternoon all about the five senses: sight, sound, touch, taste, and smell! We'll learn about the five

non-fiction.

The Lower Level is dedicated to our extensive literature and literary criticism and history collections. The majority of our periodical archives are still located on the Lower Level and in the Conference Room. Please request issues at the front desk and a staff member will make them available for consultation.

Fall Book Groups now open

This fall's book groups have been [announced](#), and those that are accepting new members are listed on our website. Our two new groups are: mysteries set in Paris and another, led by returning group leader Ed Turner, looks at democracy, government and its alternatives. Also returning are groups reading about the effect of technology on our lives, new French fiction, and the French-American encounter.

Members may join group today by sending an email to [Grant Rosenberg](#). Details about the groups plus meeting times and reading lists can be found on our [website](#).

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 13 September | 19h30

Jane Smiley - Evenings with an Author

Jane Smiley discusses her most recent novel *Golden Age*.

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Mona Lisa is Missing - Documentary film screening

Join us for a screening of the documentary *Mona Lisa Missing* and stay for Q&A with director Joe Medeiros and producer Justine Medeiros.

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

senses and how they work, then you can try your hand at some of our interactive experiments and see how your senses measure up!

No sign-up necessary!

Parents welcome!



Roald Dahl Day with American Childrens Theatre

Sunday 11 September

15h00-16h00 (ages 4+)

We're celebrating 100 years of

storyteller Roald Dahl! The author would turn 100 on 13

September, so put on your

Dahl-ightful attire and join us

for an afternoon of all

things Roald Dahl - trivia,

games and surprises plus a

performance by actors from

American Childrens Theatre.

No sign-up necessary!

Grown-up human beans

welcome!

And always...

Wednesday Story Hour

for children ages 3-5

NOTE: Story Hour takes place

at 10h30 and 14h30 every

Wednesday.

Please [check here](#) for the full

schedule and details.

No sign-up necessary!

Toddler Time (formerly

Mother Goose Lap Sit)

10h30 and 17h00

(ages 1-3)

Rhymes, songs, and stories in

English two Thursdays a

month.

8, 22 September

All children must be

accompanied by an adult lap

and registration is required.

Unless otherwise stated, all

Evenings with an Author.

Program dates and speakers are subject to change.

Please check the website for updates, see the [Events and Programs](#) page.

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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