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See you at the grand reopening!

Don't miss 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 story time, guided tours, hands-on tutorials, and voter registration for the U.S. election. Reservations for the guided tours of the Library at 14h00, 15h00, and 17h00 can be made to lemasson@americanlibraryinparis.



This event is free and open to everyone, so bring the whole family and plenty of friends who might want to join the Library.

End of a saga, exhaustion, Paris underbelly, and a stolen painting

Tonight, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jane Smiley speaks about her latest novel, *Golden Age*, the last book on the trilogy that began with *Some Luck* and *Early Warning*, about the Langdon family spanning generations.



On [Wednesday 21 September](#), Anna Katharina Schaffner, 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.

On [Tuesday 27 September](#), author Luc Sante will discuss his raved-about book, *The Other Paris*, exploring the grittier aspects of the French capital, just as much its reality as the *haute couture* and *gastronomie* clichés.



On [Wednesday 28 September](#), the Library will show the

Teens



Teen User Survey (ages 12-18)

We'd love to hear your thoughts on our programming for ages 12-18. Let us know what you like about the American Library in Paris, what you think can be improved and what you would like to see more of! Here is the [link](#).



2 Hour Film School with Clarence Tokley

Saturday 16 September 19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)

Acting coach Clarence Tokley will lead us through some creative exercises and teach us methods for acting on screen that can help us achieve greater expressiveness in everyday situations. Beginners and

On [Wednesday 20 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 *how* and *why* unit. Director Joe Medeiros and his wife and producer Justine Medeiros will be present for a discussion after the film.



Situations. Beginners and budding actors and filmmakers are welcome!

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Walking tour: American revolutionary walks in Paris

Mary Jo Padgett returns to the Library this fall to lead her walking tour series based on the book *Paris: Birthplace of the U.S.A.* by Daniel Jouve. It covers the statues, buildings, parks, and squares throughout Paris that reflect and confirm Franco-American partnership. The three-hour long walks will take place on the Thursdays 13, 20, and 27 October from 14h00 to 17h00. Attendees should plan to take part in all three sessions of the walk.



For those who would prefer to learn the details indoors, Padgett will lead four 2-hour sessions on 27 September, and 4, 11 and 18 October, 14h00 to 16h00. Attendees will visit each site (and more) in photos and discuss the intriguing connections of the American Revolution in Paris and America.

To sign up, make a request to Programs Manager Grant Rosenberg: rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org.

Teen Writing Group

**Saturday 17 September
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.

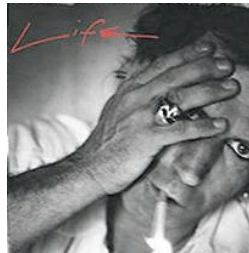
This workshop is full.

Kids



Book groups for fall

Book groups are filling up, but there is still space in all of them for those interested. We just added a new group: Rock 'n' Roll Memoirs. There have been a number of rock 'n' roll musicians who've written memoirs in recent years that happen to also be examples of great prose style and master storytelling, not just of these lives of rock stars we know to varying degrees, but also are human stories about the 20th century in all its glory.



Beyond--or in some cases far from--the clichés of rock excess, these memoirs reveal their writers' passions, creative process, and history and what it is to be at the forefront of popular culture. The group will read works by Keith Richards, Kristin Hersh and others--perhaps even Bob Dylan (the group will choose the final book together).

See the website for more details on book groups, and to signup, email rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org.

BOOKWORMS: The B.F.G. (part 1)

**Saturday 17 September
12h00-13h00 (ages 9-12)**

In September, we'll be reading *The B.F.G.* by Roald Dahl, which is about Sophie who gets snatched from her orphanage one morning by the Big Friendly Giant (the B.F.G.). We'll start reading the book as a group and then discuss this novel together.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



A Library card for every member

All members will receive new membership cards, and they will be essential to access the Library premises, check out books, and log onto our digital databases. Patrons with family memberships will be issued cards for each member of the family.

Summer Reading Program Finale!

**Saturday 17 September
15h00-16h30 (all ages)**

Did you keep track of your reading over the summer break

Be sure to stop by the Member Services desk during your first visit to the newly renovated Library to pick up your new card. New and easy-to-use self-service checkout kiosks are available in the front of the Library and outside the Children's Library. Ask a staff member or volunteer for a one-minute tutorial to learn how to return and borrow books easily and quickly using the kiosks.

Bye-bye book drop

Like the entire Paris municipal library system, and on the advice of local law enforcement, the American Library has sealed its after-hours book drop for security considerations. Library members are requested to return their books during operating hours, at one of the new kiosks. If you aren't able to return items by the due date, please renew them online, by email, or by phoning the Library. If you're traveling, you can also request an extended due date at the time of check-out. Please inquire at the Members Services desk.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 13 September | 19h30

Jane Smiley - *Evenings with an Author*

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

Wednesday 21 September | 19h30

Anna Katharina Schaffner - *Evenings with an Author*

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Sunday 25 September | 13h00-19h00

Library Grand Reopening and Fall Open House

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Tuesday 27 September | 19h30

Luc Sante - *Evenings with an Author*

Luc Sante explores the underbelly of the city in *The Other Paris*.

Wednesday 28 September | 19h30

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.

Tuesday 4 October | 19h30

Thad Carhart - *Evenings with an Author*

Thad Carhart presents his memoir *Fontainebleau: An American Boy in France* about his childhood growing up in post-war France.

Saturday 29 October | all day

reading over the summer break (being read to counts too)? Then come in and collect a prize and certificate of completion if you participated in our summer reading program.

No sign-up necessary!

Parents welcome!



Pirate Talk (a writing workshop)

**Sunday 18 September
14h00-15h30 (ages 8-12)**

To celebrate International Talk Like a Pirate Day, join us for a writing workshop focused on the use of similes and metaphors where you'll pretend that you're a pirate or kidnapped by a pirate!

No sign-up necessary!

Parents 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

10h30 and 17h00

(10h30 full)

(ages 1-3)

Rhymes, songs, and stories in English two Thursdays a month.

22 September

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

Annual Halloween Extravaganza - *Save the Date!*

Tickets for the Annual Halloween Extravaganza will be available for purchase by Library members beginning 1 October. See our website for a schedule of events and details about the tickets!

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

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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