



The American Library in Paris

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Re-opening the Library

All of us at the Library were thrilled by the huge turnout for our Open House last Sunday. The hundreds of newcomers and returnees seemed as delighted as we are by the summer transformation of the spaces. Nearly one hundred people toured the renovated premises, and scores were able to join the Library and register to vote in U.S. elections. Thanks to our remarkable staff and volunteers for making this day a success, and to Starbucks Coffee and Boneshaker Donuts for contributing refreshments to the celebration.



The Open House was preceded last week by a smaller reception in honor of the principal donors to the renovation project, led by Edward and Mary Lee Turner and the Florence Gould Foundation. In addition to Library supporters and trustees, the guests included leaders of major American institutions in Paris, and Mme. Josiane Gaude, premier adjoint au maire du 7ème arrondissement, Rachida Dati.

You can see photos from the [Open House](#) and the [reception](#) on our Library Flickr. We look forward to welcoming you back to the new Library in the coming days.

Charles Trueheart, Director

Paris underbelly, a stolen painting, and growing up in Fontainebleau

[Tonight](#), 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](#).



Teen Writing Group

**Saturday 1 October
17h00-18h30 (ages 12-18)**

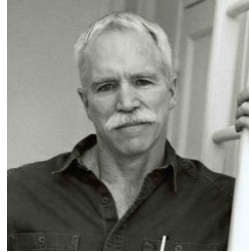
Join fellow aspiring writers in a relaxed and creative setting where you can share your ideas, get feedback, and work on your technique. Participants are asked to bring in a sample of their writing to share.

This club is full.

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*dunit. Director Joe Medeiros and his wife and producer Justine Medeiros will be present for a discussion after the film.



On [Tuesday 4 October](#), Thad Carhart, author of *The Piano Shop on the Left Bank*, presents his memoir *Finding Fontainebleau: An American Boy in France*, recounting his childhood as an American boy growing up in Fontainebleau in the 1950s and life in post-war France. The *Washington Times* describes Carhart as a vivid writer who puts together this engaging book like a "giant jigsaw puzzle of history...which paints a complicated but indelible picture."



Halloween Decorating Party

Friday 14 October

19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)

Get in the mood for Halloween by helping to decorate the Library, then make some of your own decorations to take home. We'll have all the materials you need, plus snacks. We'll show scary movies all night to get you in the mood.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

Annual Halloween Extravaganza and Haunted Library

Join us for the Library's Annual Halloween Extravaganza on Saturday 29 October. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Library members may purchase tickets at the children's and teens' services desk beginning Saturday 1 October. If tickets remain, non-members can buy tickets beginning 15 October.



There's something for all ages, including seasonal arts and crafts, Halloween performances by special guests, and trick-or-treating in the neighborhood. Costumes are encouraged for the whole family. In the evening, the Library transforms into the Haunted Library with tours being led every 15 minutes, if you dare!

Be sure to check our [website](#) for the full Halloween program. If you have any questions, please contact Celeste Rhoads, the children's and young adults' services manager, at rhoads@americanlibraryinparis.org.



Master Shot Film Club

Saturday 15 October

17h00-18h30 (ages 12-18)

Aspiring filmmakers are invited to join the Master Shot Film Club led by filmmaker and writer Clarence Tokley. The purpose of this club is to have the opportunity to make high quality short films.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

Visiting Fellows in flight

The Library community is set to welcome its fall Visiting Fellows, Anne Leahy and Doug Dechow, who arrive next week from Chapman University in California for a month in our midst. Their topic: flight.



Leahy, a poet and Dechow, a librarian, are both teachers at Chapman. Their work, *Generation Space: A Love Story*, newly revised, explores their fascination with the Space Age into which they were born, grew up, and fell in love. They also blog at *Lofty Ambitions*. Their special interest during the month-long Library fellowship is the rise and fall of the Concorde, but they will also immerse themselves in the history of human flight, from the Montgolfier balloons to the

Kids



A Grimm, Grimm Storytime

Saturday 1 October

15h00-16h00 (ages 6+)

Join us for an afternoon of stories by the Brothers Grimm and discover the original versions of some of the stories you thought you knew. You'll also create a cool art project inspired by one of the stories.

No sign-up necessary!

challenge that brought Lindberg across the Atlantic.

Please join us for an evening with Leahy and Dechow on 26 October. While in residence, Leahy will lead a poetry workshop on 15 October and Dechow will discuss letters from soldiers in wars on 18 October.

The Visiting Fellowship is made possible by The de Groot Foundation.

Workshops on poetry and research

On Saturday 15 October at 14h00, Library Fellow and poet Anna Leahy will share a few published poems of her own and by others and discuss some of the poetic principles - sound, line break, metaphor - that guide these examples. This session will also include writing prompts for participants and time to share their responses to these prompts.

On Saturday 22 October at 14h30, historical researcher Skip Moskey returns to the Library to lead a workshop entitled, "Using the Internet to research American cultural history," with a focus on 19th century resources available online. This workshop promises to be fascinating as Moskey shares his tools of the trade and gives advice based on his own research experience. He will discuss historical investigation, geneological research as well as the search for documentation that predates Google by a century.



Workshops are free for Library members, and non-members with a day pass. To sign-up, please email rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org.

Upcoming Events

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 is 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.

Wednesday 12 October | 19h30

And Still I Rise - *Documentary film screening*

In conjunction with *Les Editions Noir et Blanc* the Library will screen a documentary, *And Still I Rise*, about the iconic poet and activist Maya Angelou, co-directed by Emmy-award winning filmmaker Rita Coburn-Whack who will be present

Parents welcome!



BOOKWORMS: A Tale Dark and Grimm (ages 9-12)

Saturday 8 October

12h00-13h00 (part 1)

Saturday 15 October

12h00-13h00 (part 2)

In October, we'll read the novel *A Tale Dark and Grimm* by Adam Gidwitz, then we'll create our own reinventions of fairy tales. We'll begin the book as a group, then discuss this creepy, funny, bloody, and exciting book in our meetings.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Scary Stories (a writing workshop)

Sunday 16 October

14h00-15h30 (ages 8-12)

Are you ready for a scary adventure? We'll learn about the different forms of speech and write a scary story - just in time for you to share (or scare) friends and family for

Halloween!

[Sign-up is required.](#)

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

directed by Emmy award winning filmmaker Tina Sobotnik-Witacki, who will be present for a Q&A afterwards.

Saturday 29 October | all day

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 purchasing tickets!

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.

(ages 1-3)

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

6, 20 October

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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