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## Study space limited on 29 October

Please note that very limited study space will be available during the Library's Halloween Extravaganza on Saturday 29 October. As well, the Library will close at 18h30 on that day so that staff and volunteers can set-up for the Haunted Library.

## From our Library Fellows

The Library is pleased to welcome our fall Visiting Fellows, Doug Dechow and Anna Leahy, who will be in residence for the month of October. We asked them to write short statements about the programs they will be doing at the Library.

Anna Leahy: "As a poet, I'm particularly interested in the ways that form and structure shape content and in the ways that subject matter may lead to particular choices about form. I plan to share some of my favorite work by poets such as Lucille Clifton, Dorianne Laux, and Nancy Kuhl, and to talk about the choices those poets made—consciously or unconsciously—in writing their poems. Participants in this session will practice some of the constraints or techniques used in these published poems by drafting their own work."



Doug Dechow: "I'm a digital humanist who works, under a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, with the Center for American War Letters (CAWL) at Chapman University. This archive contains personal, war-related correspondences from the American Revolution through to emails sent from Iraq and Afghanistan. I plan to talk about how we accept donated materials, digitize these materials, and use



them to ask important questions. I'll share some of what I hope will come out of this project in the context of what digital can do for the humanities."

Leahy will lead a poetry workshop on Saturday 15 October at 14h00 and RSVP can be made to [rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org](mailto:rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org). Dechow will discuss CAWL on ~~Tuesday 18 October~~ at 18h30, which is open to the public. For their full statements

## Teens



### 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 a scary movie to get you in the mood for Halloween!

[Sign-up is required.](#)



### Master Shot Film Club Saturday 15 October (full)

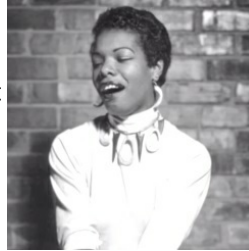
**17h00-18h30 (ages 12-18)**  
Aspiring filmmakers are invited to join the Master Shot Film Club led by filmmaker and writer Clarence Tokley. The purpose of this club is to have the opportunity to make high quality short films

[Tuesday 16 October](#) at 19h30, which is open to the public. For their full statements, check out the [Library blog](#).

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## A poet's life, American socialites and redeemed flight

[Tomorrow](#) at 19h30, in conjunction with *Les Editions Noir et Blanc*, the Library will screen the award-winning documentary *Maya Angelou: And Still I Rise*, which offers a touching portrait of the iconic poet and activist. Following the screening, Emmy award-winning filmmaker Rita Coburn Whack, who co-directed the documentary with Bob Hercules, will be available for a Q&A session. You can see the film's trailer [here](#).



On [Tuesday 25 October](#), Skip Moskey returns to the Library with the story of Larz and Isabel Anderson, wealthy American socialites whose extraordinary lives spanned a century of American history - from the Civil War to World War II. Larz Anderson was a businessman and diplomat and his wife Isabel, neé Weld Perkins, was an heiress and author. Their world included dozens of celebrities who helped define the nation's culture and politics, including Teddy Roosevelt, Isabella Stewart Gardner, and more.



On [Wednesday 26 October](#), Library fellows Doug Dechow and Anna Leahy will discuss their book *Generation Space: A Love Story*, which will be published in April. As they mention: "The Concorde is one of the reasons why we wanted to spend time in France, and our preparatory work has opened up new, unexpected ideas related to our abiding interest in aviation. We're also interested in hearing others' stories about the Space Age, the Concorde, and related topics."



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## 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 this week, but hurry as they're selling fast! If tickets remain, non-members can buy tickets beginning 15 October.



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](mailto:rhoads@americanlibraryinparis.org).

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### Twisted Tales with Amy Plum

**Friday 9 November**

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

Amy Plum will lead a writing workshop taking well-known tales and giving them alternate endings and character switch-ups. Come with fables that you've always wanted to warp or Amy can provide some stories if you need inspiration.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

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## Kids



### Family Game Day!

**Saturday 15 October**

**15h00-16h30**

Challenge the children's librarian or one of our volunteers to a game of Scrabble, Boggle or Clue, or bring in your own team and use one of the Library's many fun board games!

*Parents welcome!*

*No sign-ups necessary!*



### 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

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## Workshop on Internet research

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](mailto:rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org).

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## Spotlight on NoveList

Our librarians love recommending books, but did you know that members can also get great reading recommendations 24 hours a day through our online readers' advisory service called NoveList? Find your next Library book by browsing through NoveList's complete list of genres or search by character type, pace, storyline, or writing style. We like NoveList's "appeal combos" when we want to discover something completely new. Why not look for a novel that's both "suspenseful and spare" or "gruesome and compelling" just in time for Halloween? Library members may access NoveList under EBSCO in our E-Sources in the [Library catalog](#).

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## Upcoming Events

**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 for a Q&A afterwards.

**Tuesday 18 October | 19h30**

### **Doug Dechow - Evenings with a librarian**

Library Fellow Doug Dechow will discuss the Center For American War Letters (CAWL), which contains letters from every American conflicts, beginning with the Revolutionary War.

**Saturday 22 October | 14h30**

### **Using the Internet to do Historical Research workshop**

Skip Moskey will lead this workshop with practical and methods to help you uncover research materials from the Internet.

**Tuesday 25 October | 19h30**

and write a scary story - just in time for you to share (or scare) friends and family for Halloween!

[Sign-up is required.](#)



### **There are Witches in the Air!**

**Saturday 22 October  
15h00-16h30 (ages 6+)**

Put on your witch hats or your wizard attire and join us for some frightening, magical stories just in time for Halloween! We'll make some witch-y decorations that you can take home and keep.  
*Parents welcome!*  
*No sign-ups necessary!*

## 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  
(ages 1-3)**

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

**20 October**

*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.**

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

[Friday 28 October | 7PM](#)

[Member](#)

## Skip Moskey - *Evenings with an Author*

LSkip Moskey will discuss the lives of a couple of wealthy American socialites in *Larz and Isabel Anderson: Wealth and Celebrity in the Gilded Age*.

[Saturday 29 October | all day](#)

## Annual Halloween Extravaganza

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!

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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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