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. 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 18 October at 19h30, which is open to the public. For their full statements, check out the Library blog.

A poet's life, American socialites and redeemed flight

Tomorrow at 19h30, in conjunction with Les Éditions 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, nee 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."

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.

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.

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
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, genealogical 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.

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.

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!

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Find out how to become a member.
Tuesday 25 October | 19h30
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!

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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