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6 December 2016

John Morris event postponed

Due to medical complications, John Godfrey Morris will not be able to attend the Library program in his honor tomorrow evening, Wednesday 7 December, the date of his 100th birthday. The event is postponed while he recuperates. The American Library looks forward to rescheduling this retrospective in the presence of this giant of 20th-century photojournalism, and extends him every good wish on this extraordinary milestone.

2017 Gala Dinner with Stacy Schiff

Prize-winning biographer Stacy Schiff, author of books on Cleopatra, Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, the witches of Salem, Massachusetts, and Benjamin Franklin's Paris years, will be the guest of honor at the 2017 American Library [Gala Dinner](#).



All are invited to the Library's principal annual fundraising event, next year on Tuesday 23 May at the Automobile Club de France. Invitations will be mailed in early April, but reservations may be made any time by contacting development manager Krista Faurie.

Edith Wharton's writing, French country cooking, and modern *flânerie*

[Tonight](#), Jesscia Levine draws on her background as a Wharton scholar and novelist to explore the relationship between Wharton's own life and her masterpiece, *The Age of Innocence*. Levine hopes to suggest ways in which writers can draw on personal experiences in order to create timeless characters and stories. As a writing mentor



Teens



Writing From the Heart: The Game

Friday 9 December

19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)

Join us for a Teen Night with life coach and memoir writer Jane Mobbile! Come throw the dice, spin some (tall) tales, and write your own answer key. Categories include: Santa Claus, Mean Girls & Bullies, Father Knows Best, Secret Lies, etc.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



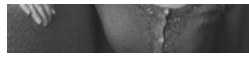
Teen Writing Group

Saturday 10 December

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

characters and stories. As a writing mentor, Levine's exploration of the creative process will be of interest to both readers and writers of fiction.



On **Tuesday 13 December**, Mimi Thorisson returns to the Library with a new cookbook *French Country Cooking*, about her family's move to an abandoned château in Médoc, where she meets the farmers and artisans who populate the village. Thorisson has created a cookbook to savor, featuring recipes inspired by her village including white asparagus soufflé, wine harvest pot au feu, and salted butter chocolate cake. A perfect holiday gift for the food lovers in your life!



On **Wednesday 14 December**, Lauren Elkin traces the link between city and creativity in *Flâneuse: Women Walk the City in Paris, New York, Tokyo, and London*. The book considers what is at stake when a certain kind of light-footed woman encounters the city and changes her life one step at a time. The *Guardian* says Elkin "makes flânerie itself appear urgent and contemporary. I defy anyone to read this celebratory study and not feel inspired to take to the streets in one way or another."



are asked to bring in a sample of their writing to share.

This club is full.



Master Shot Film Club

**Saturday 17 December
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.](#)

Library Culture Picks: December 2016

The Library is pleased to share our selection of cultural events going on in the city this month. December in Paris is of course filled with the anticipation, and stress, of the upcoming holidays. So if you find yourself in need of a cultural break, consider checking out the first-ever exhibition on writer and playwright Oscar Wilde, or explore the role of art and equality in the exhibition *The Color Line: African-American Artists and Segregation*. For total escapism, try and get tickets for the highly-reviewed musical comedy 42nd Street.



For more about these cultural picks, read the [Library blog](#). As always, we're displaying the books that we recommend at the front of the Library. Enjoy reading and visiting!



Fairy Tale Tea Party

**Saturday 10 December
15h00-16h00 (ages 6+)**

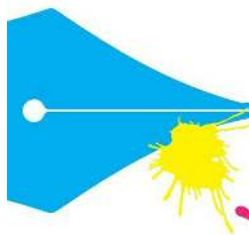
Put on some fancy attire for an afternoon of magic and fairy tales! Our tea party will feature some classic and contemporary fairy tales. We'll wrap up the afternoon with a simple craft to take home.

No sign-up necessary!

Parents welcome!

Calling young authors for YAFF 2017

The Library is proud to again organize this year's Young Authors Fiction Festival. YAFF is a city-wide creative writing initiative that aims to strengthen community among English-speakers through the art of storytelling. YAFF is free of charge and open to all students ages 5-18 in the greater Paris area who write in English.



The deadline for submission is 1 April 2017 at 22h00. Be sure to check our [website](#) for details. For other questions, contact us at yaff@americanlibraryinparis.org. Happy writing!



Winter Poetry: A writing workshop

**Sunday 11 December
14h00-15h00 (ages 8-12)**

Get your creative juices flowing during this workshop where you'll write your own

Teen Fan Art: A new exhibit

We've got a new exhibition on the Teen Mezzanine created by teen Library member Julia Connelly. Julia's main inspiration for drawing comes from characters in books. She believes that well-developed fictional characters allow readers to look at the world through their perspectives. Some books such as the Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan and the Graceling Realm series by Kristin Cashore have motivated her to draw for several years.



Come and check out her artwork on display now through January! If you create artwork (or photography) and are interested in displaying your work - let us know!

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 6 December | 19h30

Jessica Levine - Evenings with an Author

Jessica Levine will discuss Edith Wharton's life and her masterpiece *The Age of Innocence*, suggesting ways in which writers can draw on personal experience to create timeless stories.

Wednesday 7 December | 19h30 (POSTPONED)

John Morris - Evenings with a Photojournalist

Due to medical complications, John Morris will not be able to attend this program in honor of his 100th birthday. The event is postponed while he recuperates.

Tuesday 13 December | 19h30

Mimi Thorisson - Evenings with an Author

Mimi Thorisson returns to the Library with a new cookbook, *French Country Cooking*, which tells how her family moves into an abandoned chateau in the Médoc and the food from that region.

Wednesday 14 December | 19h30

Lauren Elkin - Evenings with an Author

Lauren Elkin traces the link between the city and creativity in *Flâneuse: Women Walk the City in Paris, New York, Tokyo, Venice, and London*.

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.

wintery poems after reading some classic and contemporary pieces.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Holiday Card Making

**Saturday 17 December
12h00-13h30 (ages 8-12)**

Join us for some creative card making and get help with the writing from our children's librarians and volunteers. We'll have all the supplies you need.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Rad Robotics

**Saturday 17 December
15h00-16h30 (ages 6+)**

Make your own model robot out of recycled materials after listening to some rad robot stories for inspiration. We'll provide all the supplies you need.

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
(ages 1-3)**

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

15 December

All children must be

*accompanied by an adult lap.
[Sign-up is required.](#)*

Unless otherwise stated, all children's and teen's programs are free for Library members and 10 euros for non-members.

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