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## Happy New Year from the Library

We begin another new year filled with exciting new offerings for our members and friends. Thank you for your continuing interest, participation, membership, and donations. See you at the Library soon!

## Spring book groups are here!

Spring book groups have been announced and there's still some room in a few of them, including "Knowing the Government" led by Heather Bryant, which will focus on the U.S. government's framework, as well as its trade, immigration, and foreign policies.



Consider joining "France via American Eyes," led by Janet Hulstrand, which will look at Franco-American cultural ways and differences in two memoirs and two novels. For the drama enthusiasts, there's "Reading Shakespeare," led by Neil Heims, which will explore some of Shakespeare's lesser known works as well as his most famous.

There is no additional fee for the book groups, but you must be a member of the Library to participate. Consult the reading lists and meeting times on our [website](#). To sign up for a book group, send an email to [rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org](mailto:rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org).

## Library programs return

The new year kicks off [tonight at 19h30](#) when Chris Boïcos discusses the exhibition *The Color Line: African-American Artists and Segregation* on display at the Musée du Quai Branly - Jacques Chirac. Boïcos explores the struggles and empowerment of African Americans through a stunning trove



## Teens



### Let's Be Fools

**Friday 13 January**

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

Join us for two hours of nonsense and improvisation with musician, author and performer Pedro de Alcantara.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



### Master Shot Film Club

**Saturday 14 January**

**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.](#)



of books, posters, and paintings presented in the exhibition.



[Tomorrow night](#), the Library will host a panel discussion featuring D-L Nelson, Angus Morrison, and Andrew Cairn, who will discuss writing thrillers and mysteries with an international angle. It promises to be an evening to encounter new authors and also a practical look at how they plot, write, and how they came to be published.

On [Wednesday 18 January](#), the celebrated author Hisham Matar speaks about his memoir *The Return: Fathers, Sons and the Land in Between*, detailing the search for his political dissident father years after he was abducted and turned over to Libyan security forces. The book is a beautifully rendered study of memory, family, love, and loss in the face of war and geopolitical forces. *The Return* was selected as one of the ten best books of 2016 by *The New York Times*.



Join us on [Friday 20 January](#) at 18h00 for a broadcast in the Library reading room of the U.S. Presidential Inauguration as Donald J. Trump becomes the 45th president of the United States.

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## Library Culture Picks: January

To start off the new year, the Library is pleased to share our selection of cultural events going on in the city this month. January is a good month to try and catch the last weeks of some of the best exhibitions that started in the fall.

Our Culture Picks for January include an almost overwhelming display of the artwork of Hergé, best known for *The Adventures of Tintin*; a major tribute to the Bauhaus school in Germany; and a fresh, philosophical perspective of René Magritte's artwork.



As always, we've selected some books from our collection to go along with these cultural offerings. Read more on our [Library blog](#).

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## Library e-resources 24/7

A new year of reading! Remember that members can consult our [e-resources](#) 24/7 through our catalog. Members can also set up alerts for when the new issue of their favorite e-magazine becomes available or put a hold on a popular e-book.



Read a bestseller on OverDrive, browse new magazines on Zinio, learn a language with Mango Languages, research journal articles on JSTOR and EBSCO, download a business e-book on ebrary, or consult the WorldBook encyclopedia.

### Teen Writing Group

**Saturday 21 January**

**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.**



### Throwback Thursday!

**Thursday 26 January**

**17h00-19h00 (ages 12-18)**

Take a break from school and let loose! Drop by the Teen Mezzanine for a retro snack and some old school games. *No sign-up necessary!*

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## Kids



### Silly Songs with Matt Black

**Sunday 14 January**

**15h00-16h00 (all ages)**

Join popular performer Matt Black for a fun afternoon of music at the Library. Some of the songs we'll sing are childhood classics, others are

Matt's own original creations, but they're all sure to be hits with kids and parents alike! *No sign-up necessary! Parents welcome!*



**Mock Caldecott Book Group**

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# Upcoming Events

Tuesday 10 January | 19h30

## Art Talk on "The Color Line: African-American Artists and Segregation" exhibit

Chris Boïcos will explore the themes of struggle and empowerment in the exhibition about African-American artists and segregation.

Wednesday 11 January | 19h30

## Panel discussion on writing international thrillers and mysteries

Three novelists will discuss writing, plotting, and publishing thrillers and mysteries from an international perspective.

Tuesday 18 January | 19h30

## Hisham Matar - *Evenings with an Author*

Hisham Matar talks about his memoir *The Return: Fathers, Sons, and the Land in Between*.

Friday 20 January | 18h00

## Live broadcast of the U.S. Presidential Inauguration

The Library will broadcast live the inauguration of Donald J. Trump as the 45th president of the United States.

Tuesday 24 January | 19h30

## John de St. Jorre - *Evenings with an Author*

John de St. Jorre will speak about his memoir *Darling Baby Mine: A Son's Extraordinary Search for his Mother*.

Wednesday 25 January | 19h30

## John Baxter - *Evenings with an Author*

John Baxter returns to the Library to talk about his latest book, *Saint-Germain-des-Prés: Paris's Rebel Quarter*.

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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.

**MOCK CALDECOTT BOOK GROUP**

**Saturday 21 January**

**12h00-13h30 (ages 9-12)**

We'll be reading and examining a collection of new picture books and discussing which of these books will win the 2017 Caldecott Award.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



**Read-A-Thon Kick-off Party!**

**Saturday 21 January**

**15h00-16h30 (all ages)**

Join us for the kick-off to the Read-A-Thon in partnership with Message Paris. Read-A-Thon packets will be handed out to all interested kids and teens.

*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.

**19 January**

*All children must be accompanied by an adult lap.*

[Sign-up 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.**

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