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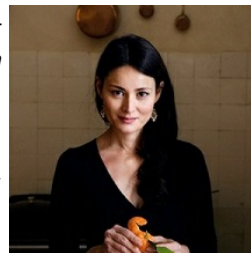
7 February 2017

Sisterhood bonds, French country cooking, and Picasso's photographer

[Tonight](#) at 19h30, Sheila Kohler presents her memoir, *Once We Were Sisters*, which tells the story of her late sister's death at the hands of her husband who drove them off a road in Johannesburg. Kohler recounts the lives that she and her sister led with flashbacks to their childhood home and later being raised by their mother-at turns distant and suffocating. She evokes the bond of sisters and shows how that bond changes, but never breaks, even after death.



[Tomorrow night](#) at 19h30, Mimi Thorisson, author of the award-winning blog Manger, talks about her second cookbook *French Country Cooking*, which recounts 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 in the vineyards including white asparagus soufflé, wine harvest pot au feu, and salted butter chocolate cake.



On [Tuesday 14 February](#), eminent journalist Jeffrey Goldberg, recently appointed editor-in-chief of *The Atlantic*, will give a talk entitled "From the Obama Doctrine to the Trump Doctrine: What Role will American Play in the World?"

On [Wednesday 15 February](#), filmmaker Marketa Tomanova screens her documentary film about the life of photographer André Villers, who, through his friendship as a young man with Pablo Picasso, took iconic images of some of the great cultural figures of the 20th century such as Chagall, Dali, Miró, Buñuel, Fellini, Breccì, Costant, Brévet, Coignbourg, La



Teens



Teen Writing Group

**Saturday 18 February
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.



Frosted!

**Friday 24 February
19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)**

Join us as we share tips and tricks to make some impressive edible creations.

We'll provide the cupcakes, frosting and decorating supplies, you just have to create! You'll take home what you make (and don't eat) and some recipes to try at home

Bunuel, Fellini, Brassai, Cocteau, Prevert, Gainsbourg, Le Corbusier, and many others including Picasso himself. Tomanova will be present for a Q&A after the film.



some recipes to try at home. [Sign-up is required.](#)

Watch past Library evening programs on YouTube

The Library regularly post videos of our evening programs, edited by Keziah Plummer on our YouTube channel. The most recent are [Lauren Elkin](#), for her book *Flaneuse*, [David Drake](#) in conversation with Alan Riding about the German occupation of Paris during World War II, and [Lauren Collins](#), for her book *When in French: Love in a Second Language*.



If you missed these events, you can watch the talks online. Many more to come, and the full archive of recorded Library events can be found [here](#).



5th Annual Literary Reaping Saturday 4 March

19h00-21h30 (ages 12-18)

Join fellow teen lit fans for an evening of challenges to the death (or until we declare a winner) during this evening of competition featuring hands-on challenges inspired by teen reads.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

New books our staff can't wait to read

Among the new books that will be on the shelves shortly are a few our staff members specifically requested. You may place a hold on any of these titles, but you won't be first in line!

FASHION PLATES
150 YEARS OF STYLE



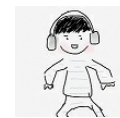
[Fashion Plates: 150 Years of Style](#) by April Calahan is a highly illustrated trip through fashion history, before the invention of photography. Colorful plates from magazines dating from the late 1700s to the early twentieth century show the evolution of style from dresses to wear to a ball at Versailles, to dresses suitable for dancing the Charleston in a steamy Parisian club.

[The Dark Forest](#) is Cixin Liu's eagerly anticipated sequel to *The Three-Body Problem*. This Chinese science fiction writer won the Hugo Award, and appeared on President Obama's recent reading list.

[A Really Good Day](#) is by our 2015 Gala speaker, Ayelet Waldman. This candid, and at times comic, memoir relates her experiment with microdoses of LSD in an effort to save her "mood, marriage, and life."

[Chow Chop Suey: Food and the Chinese American Journey](#) by culinary historian Anne Mendelson traces the history of Chinese immigrants to the US through the food that's now a staple of many American diets.

[The North Water](#) by Ian McGuire is the perfect read for this cold, grey season. Longlisted for the Man Booker Prize, this work of historical fiction promises to be a compelling, gruesome journey to the Arctic Circle aboard an ill-fated whaling ship.



Toddler Dance Party!

Saturday 11 February

11h00-11h30 (ages 0-3)

Join us for a dance party just for toddlers and their guardians! This 30-minute program will get us all moving to some classic children's songs and some fun, contemporary music appropriate for little ones.

Parents and caregivers are expected to dance along!

No sign-up necessary!

Parents welcome!



Valentine's Day Jubilee!

Saturday 11 February

15h00-16h30 (ages 6+)

Each year we celebrate love and friendship at the Library in honor of Valentine's Day. Join us for some great stories, fun

Read-A-Thon Finale!

The Library is jointly organizing with Message Paris a Read-A-Thon to encourage reading while raising funds to help support



the Library. If you don't have your Read-A-Long packets, you can get them [here](#). Join us for the finale party at the Library on [Saturday 4 March](#) at 15h00, where we will be awarding special prizes from our sponsors to the kids and teens who read the most. All participants will get a new book and a certificate of participation when they turn in their packets.



games, and sweet treats. Make your own handmade cards to give to family and friends. We'll have all the supplies you need. *No sign-up necessary! Parents welcome!*

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 7 February | 19h30

Sheila Kohler - *Evenings with an Author*

Shelia Kohler presents her memoir, *Once We Were Sisters*, which recounts the story of her sister's untimely death with flashbacks of their shared childhood.

Wednesday 8 February | 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 château in the Médoc with recipes from that region.

Tuesday 14 February | 19h30

Jeffrey Goldberg - *Evenings with a Journalist*

Jeffrey Goldberg, editor-in-chief of *The Atlantic*, will give a talk entitled "From the Obama Doctrine to the Trump Doctrine: What Role Will America Play in the World?"

Wednesday 15 February | 19h30

Marketa Tomanova - *Evenings with a Filmmaker*

Marketa Tomanova shows her documentary film about the photographer André Villers and his iconic pictures of some of the great cultural figures of the 20th century.

Wednesday 22 February | 19h30

Sarah Kaminsky - *Evenings with an Author*

Sarah Kaminsky presents her book *A Forger's Life*, the gripping tale of her father who forged documents for Jews during the Nazi Occupation, as well as refugees from many lands over 30 years, to give them safe passage out of danger.

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.



Campfire Sing-Along

Saturday 18 February

15h00-16h30 (ages 6+)

We'll provide the songbooks, you bring your voice (and your musical instruments, if you have them). It will be just like an outdoor campfire sing-along, but without the smoke and mosquitos!

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.

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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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