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Jacqueline Woodson, artists' books, and postcards to the White House

[Tomorrow night](#), spring Visiting Fellow Jacqueline Woodson will speak on race, culture, and sexual identity as part of her month-long residence at the Library. Woodson won the National Book Award for her memoir *Brown Girl Dreaming*, which also received the Coretta Scott King Award and Newbery Honor. Woodson will also do a reading and Q&A on [Saturday 29 April](#) at 17h00 for children (ages 8+) with teens and adults welcome. If you'd like to read more about her reflections of her time in Paris so far, please check the [Library blog](#).



On [Saturday 22 April](#) at 14h00 in the conference room, join Ricardo Bloch, photographer and book artist, for a discussion on artists' books and conceptions of what a book can be. Bloch will explore how artists' books are unique objects, each an exploration of an idea, as well as showcasing his own works. To RSVP, email rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org.

On [Saturday 29 April](#), from 12h00-17h00, join us for an afternoon of civic engagement with PAGE (Progressive Action, Global Exchange). No matter your political leaning, come and learn more about important issues like healthcare, immigration, and climate change and how to contact your representatives and get active in the politics at home.

On [Tuesday 2 May](#), Will Englund, author and former Moscow correspondent for *Washington Post*, Will Englund speaks about his new book *March 1917: On the Brink of War and Revolution*, looking at Russia during that pivotal month, and connects it to the intrigue and geopolitics of today's Russia. *Publisher's Weekly* says that Englund uses



Teens



**U.S. College Admission:
with Cathy Altman Noquet
and Caroline Bouffard**

**Saturday 22 April
17h00-18h30 (ages 15-18)**

Just in time for fall applications, join us for a presentation on the U.S. college application process, from school selection to the all-important essay.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



**Writing From Your Heart
with Jane Mabile**

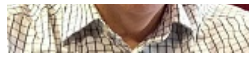
**Friday 28 April
19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)**

Join writer and coach Jane

Mabile for a writing from your heart workshop, back by popular demand!

[Sign-up is required.](#)

today's Russia. *Publishers Weekly* says that England uses "light and compelling storytelling to enliven multiple narratives" and delivers "a satisfying, well written, and well timed book."



Special event with comedian Jim Gaffigan

Seats are still available for the program on [Wednesday 26 April](#) at 19h30, when stand-up comedian Jim Gaffigan will sit down with programs manager Grant Rosenberg to discuss his career, his comedy, and his creative process. Gaffigan is a Grammy-nominated actor, writer, producer, and two-time *New York Times* best-selling author of *Dad is Fat* and *Food: A Love Story*. His latest Netflix special is *Cinco*, which you can [view here](#).



Reservations are required and a donation of 20€ per person is requested for this event. Please fill out this [online RSVP form](#) to reserve a seat.

Teen Writing Group

Saturday 29 April

15h00-16h30 (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.

Kids

Library Culture Picks: April 2017

Spring has arrived and we're pleased to present the culture picks for the month of April inspired by the new blooms and sunny days. Enjoy an exhibition of the exquisite watercolors of flowers by Pierre-Joseph Redouté at the Musée de la Vie Romantique. Gardens is the theme of a new exhibition at the Grand Palais, with pieces by Klimt, Picasso, Matisse, and many others. And bring the family to the Afrique Capitales festival at La Villette and discover the contemporary African art scene.



As always we've selected a collection of recommended books for you on the [Library blog](#) to read before or after your visit to these cultural events. Happy reading and visiting!



Poetry Comes to Life

Saturday 22 April

12h00-13h30 (ages 9-12)

Join Library volunteer and poet Marcia Lèbre for a workshop dedicated to poetry and tricks for bringing your poems to life. We'll explore some classic and contemporary poems before writing your own.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

Centennial of the U.S. entry into WWI and the ALA Library War Service

With the centennial of the U.S. entry into WWI on 6 April 2017, the Library would also like to recognize the Library War Service of the American Library Association (ALA), whose books became the core collection of the newly established American Library in Paris a few years later. At the time of the signing of the Armistice, the ALA Library War Service had already shipped 1.5 million books for use of the American forces in the dozens of makeshift camp libraries throughout France.



More can be read on the [Library blog](#). Explore the Library's history by reading our [interactive timeline](#) or browsing our historical photo archives on the [Library Tumblr](#).



Earth Day Party!

Saturday 22 April

15h00-16h30 (ages 6+)

Celebrate Earth Day at the Library with some great stories and games, then learn a few tricks about how to take care of the fabulous planet we're on. *No sign-up necessary! Parents welcome!*



Come to the Teen Author Smash!

Join us on [Saturday 13 May](#) at 19h30 for our second Teen Author Smash where over a dozen authors will be converging at the Library in celebration of the wide range of young adult literature: from first-time authors to those with several books on the shelves; from those who taught themselves how to write to those with graduate degrees in writing; and traditionally and self-published. There will be Q&As, prize giveaways, games, snacks, and book signings. As our co-organizer Amy Plum says: "the awesomeness will be overwhelming."

Want that new book? Just ask!

With thousands of books published each season, and as many reviews in print and online, it can be hard for our collections librarians to decide how to stock our New Books shelves. If there's something you'd like to read, but don't see it listed on our catalog, simply fill out our online [suggestion form](#). We make every effort to respond favorably to members' requests. Do keep in mind that we order most of our books from the U.S., so your special request may take several weeks to arrive.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 19 April | 19h30

Jacqueline Woodson: *Evenings with an Author*

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Saturday 22 April | 14h00

Artists' books discussion

Join Ricardo Bloch as he discusses artists' books and expanding on what a book can be. RSVP is required at rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org.

Wednesday 26 April | 19h30

Jim Gaffigan: *Evenings with a Comedian*

Stand-up comedian Jim Gaffigan will talk about his career, his comedy, and his creative process. A donation of 20€ is suggested, and [RSVP is required](#).

Saturday 29 April | 12h00-17h00

Send a postcard to the White House

Join PAGE (Paris) and learn more about U.S. politics and important issues like climate change, healthcare, and immigration.

Saturday 29 April | 17h00

Q&A with Jacqueline Woodson (ages 8+)

The Library's spring visiting fellow Jacqueline Woodson will do a reading and Q&A with children ages 8+. Parents and teens welcome too.

Funny Pets!

Saturday 29 April

15h00-16h00 (ages 6+)

In celebration of National Pet Month, join us for an afternoon of stories about funny pets.

No sign-up necessary!

Parents welcome!



A visit with Jacqueline Woodson

Saturday 29 April

17h00-18h00 (ages 8+)

Join us for a reading by award-winning author Jacqueline Woodson, followed by a Q&A about her writing, books, and upcoming projects.

No sign-up necessary!

Teens and 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 teens' programs are free for Library members and 10 euros for non-members.

Tuesday 2 May | 19h30

Will Englund: *Evenings with an Author*

Author and journalist Will Englund discusses his book *March 1917: On the Brink of War and Revolution*.

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

Wednesday 3 May | 19h30

Documentary screening of *City of Dreams*

Director Steve Faigenbaum will screen his film *City of Dreams*, about the rise and fall of Detroit as one of the great industrial cities of the U.S.

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.

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