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Speaking at the Library in May

[Tonight](#), author Will Englund speaks about his book *March 1917: On the Brink of War and Revolution*, looking at Russia at the time, and connects it to the intrigue and geopolitics of today, one hundred years later and almost to the month.

[Tomorrow night](#), Steve Faigenbaum will screen his documentary film *City of Dreams*, about the rise and fall of Detroit as one of the great industrial cities in the U.S. The trailer of the film can be seen [here](#). A Q&A session with Faigenbaum will follow the screening.

On [Tuesday 9 May](#), art historian Emmanuelle Day will present an art talk and presentation on the French sculptor Auguste Rodin, creator of some of the most famous sculptures including "The Kiss" and "The Thinker". Dubbed the "Michelangelo of France," Rodin's work is widely considered the turning point from ancient to modern sculpture. In her talk, Day will explore the themes of *Rodin: The Centennial Exhibition*, currently at the Grand Palais.



On [Wednesday 10 May](#), Lindsey Tramuta, writer for the popular blog Lost in Cheeseland, will present *The New Paris: The People, Places, & Ideas Fueling a Movement*. Tramuta will explore ways the city is changing in the realms of food, wine, coffee, design, and more. She will be in conversation with *New Yorker* writer Lauren Collins on how Paris is catching up to the dynamism seen in other European and Northern American cities and beyond.



On [Tuesday 16 May](#), join us for a panel discussion exploring the questions and decisions regarding the transition from primary school (primaire) to middle school (collège) for children and parents. The panelists will offer practical advice to prepare students for this next step in their education.

On [Wednesday 17 May](#), author Tatiana de Rosnay presents her biography of Daphne du Maurier in *Manderley Forever*. De Rosnay explores the life of the famed English

Teens



Teen Author Smash

**Saturday 13 May
19h30-21h00**

Join us for the second Teen Author Smash with Q&As, prize giveaways, games, prizes, book signings, and you'll get a chance to meet Amy Plum, Pedro de Alcantara, Bree Despain, Sarah Grant, J.R. Johansson, Laura Lam, Katherine Marsh, and Tom Pollock.

No sign-up necessary!



Word Wizardry

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

Join us for a words game night with Banagrams, Anagrams, Boggle, and Taboo. Gain points for each game and the victorious will be declared top Word Wizard! Snacks and

playwright and novelist best known for the novel *Rebecca*. Spanning the 20th century, du Maurier led a fascinating life of art and literature, within the English aristocracy.

Romance writing workshop

On [Thursday 11 May](#) from 18h00-20h00, best-selling romance writer Cara Connelly, widely known for her *Save the Date* series, will conduct a writing workshop and discussion for budding and seasoned writers of all genres. If you're looking to learn or improve how to write in a smart and sexy way, join Connelly as she leads participants with writing exercises and techniques. She will also discuss the state of publishing romance books in the U.S.



The workshop is free for Library members and those with a day pass, which you can obtain at the Library. Please RSVP by filling out this [online form](#).

Collective reading by nine women writers

Join us on [Saturday 27 May](#) at 14h00 for a collective reading and presentation showcasing the works of nine women writers of Vietnamese descent from the U.S., Canada, and France, and Canada. The group, consisting of acclaimed and award-winning writers and academics of various disciplines, will explore themes such as displacement, memory and trauma, and the repercussions of war and colonialism.



This event is free and open to the public. Please reserve a seat with the [online registration form](#).

Paris Adult Spelling Bee: So you think you can spell?

Calling all wordsmiths and spelling enthusiasts to participate in the Library's first-ever spelling bee for adults, presented by the Paris Spelling Bee team, on [Tuesday 6 June](#). Come and compete in a friendly game of words to see who will rise to be the spelling champion of the night! The spelling bee for adults event is inspired by the Scripps National Spelling Bee in the U.S. and follows a similar format in a relaxed setting.



We are looking for 20 participants, ages 18-100, first-come, first-served, to compete in this spelling bee for adults. If you're interested, and think you can spell, then fill out this [online registration form](#).

word wizard! Snacks and prizes provided!

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Master Shot Film Club

Saturday 20 May

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.

This club is full.

Kids



Magic Class with Eric the Magician

Saturday 6 May

12h00-13h30 (ages 8-12)

Join Eric the Magician for an afternoon introduction to magic where you'll learn some amazing tricks you can perform with everyday objects.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Around the World

Saturday 6 May

15h00-16h00 (ages 6+)

Join us for a journey around the world as we share stories from around the globe! From New York to Paris, England to Australia we'll read some stories set in different places and learn some fun facts about

The American influence on French libraries

Many of the features of French libraries - books arranged by Dewey Decimal call numbers, open shelves of books, comfortable reading rooms - are actually library practices imported from the United States from the post WWI-era.



Read about the American influence on French libraries on the [Library blog](#), and learn more about how instrumental American librarians were in rebuilding and modernizing the French public library system between the wars.

Term paper, research project, oral project? Oh my!

Investigating lions, tigers, or bears for a school assignment? Library members in primary and secondary have unlimited access to WorldBook Online. WorldBook is a student encyclopedia for the 21st century, with links to articles, images, videos, and vetted websites. Reliable information on an array of topics from this classic, trustworthy source is available by [logging into](#) our catalog. High schoolers and undergraduates should also explore EBSCO and JSTOR databases for a wealth of critical and scholarly articles on a wide variety of subjects.

Upcoming Events

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*.

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.

Tuesday 9 May | 19h30

Art Talk: Rodin Centennial

Art historian Emmanuelle Day will present a slideshow presentation on the *Rodin: The Centennial Exhibition*.

Wednesday 10 May | 19h30

Lindsey Tramuta: *Evenings with an Author*

Author and blogger Lindsey Tramuta will talk about her new book *The New Paris: The*

different countries and cultures.

No sign-up necessary!

Parents welcome!



Writer's Toolkit with Laura Hershey

Saturday 13 May

12h00-13h30 (ages 8-12)

Volunteer Laura Hershey will teach new, easy techniques to create engaging stories using an entertaining, interactive game.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Mothers are Marvelous

Saturday 13 May

15h00-16h00 (all ages)

Join us for some stories about all different types of moms, then make a card and gift for your mom!

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.

4, 18 May

All children must be

accompanied by an adult lap.

People, Places & Ideas Fueling a Movement.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

Thursday 11 May | 18h00-20h00

Romance writing workshop with Cara Connelly

Author Cara Connelly will lead a writing workshop for both beginning and experienced writers. [RSVP required.](#)

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

Tuesday 16 May | 19h30

Moving Up to Collège panel discussion

A panel discussion exploring the transition from primary to middle school.

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

Wednesday 17 May | 19h30

Tatiana de Rosnay: *Evenings with an Author*

Tatiana de Rosnay will present her book *Manderley Forever*, about the life of Daphne du Maurier.

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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