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Speaking at the Library in May

[Tonight](#), 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.

[Tomorrow night](#), author Tatiana de Rosnay presents her biography of Daphne du Maurier, *Manderley Forever*. De Rosnay explores the life of the famed English 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. De Rosnay, with a novelist's eye and a biographer's pen, brings du Maurier to life once again, and endearing her to a new generation of fans.



On [Tuesday 30 May](#), journalist James Kirchick presents his book, *The End of Europe: Dictators, Demagogues, and the Coming of the Dark Age*, exploring the rise of populism, Islamophobia and resurgent anti-Semitism, and the eroding cornerstones of liberal democracy in Europe.

On a special [Monday 5 June](#) at 19h30 event, join historian Chris Dickon as he talks about his book, *A Rendezvous With Death: Alan Seeger in Poetry, At War*, the first modern biography of the late American poet. The year 2016 marks the centennial of Seeger's death. His father, Charles Seeger, would become one of the founding supporters of the Library. Dickon will be joined by composer Patrick Zimmerli who will play musical excerpts from *Alan Seeger: Instrument of Destiny*.



Collective reading by nine women writers

Join us on [Saturday 27 May](#) at 14h00 for a collective reading



Teens



Word Wizardry

Friday 19 May

19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)

Join us for a words game night with Bananagrams, Anagrams, Boggle, and Taboo. Gain points for each game and the victorious will be declared top 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.

and presentation showcasing the works of nine women writers of Vietnamese descent from the U.S., Canada, and France. 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](#).



Teen Writing Group

Saturday 27 May
17h30-19h00 (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.

This club is full.



Paris Youth Film Showcase: Deadline

Wednesday 31 May
Midnight

Submit your film by 31 May midnight to participate in the Paris Youth Film Showcase, hosted by the Library and filmmaker Clarence Tokley. If chosen, your films will be screened before a panel of judges and an audience of your peers. Check our [website](#) for submissions guidelines.

Annual General Meeting

On **Tuesday 13 June** at 19h30, all members of the Library (and interested non-members, too) are invited to the Annual General Meeting of the American Library in Paris, Inc., a membership organization organized under the laws of Delaware and operating in France. Luis Roth, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Charles Trueheart, the Library director, will report to the membership on the activities of the Library last year and sketch the prospects and plans for the year ahead. A slate of nominees to the Board of Trustees will also be proposed for election.

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

We're still looking for a few more 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!

We are looking for 20 participants on a 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](#).

Library Culture Picks: May 2017

We've invited art historian Emmanuelle Day to the Library Culture Picks and the focus is on the great sculpture exhibitions around the city. The Grand Palais is hosting the *Rodin Centennial Exhibition* which looks at the sculptor as a visionary and precursor to the Modern Art movements. Also notable is the *Picasso Primitivism* at the Quai Branly on the influence of primitive art on Picasso's sculptures.



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!

2017 YAFF Celebration

The Library is proud to be the organizer of Young Authors Fiction Festival, which this year received nearly 500 submissions from students aged 5-18 in Paris. The stories



Kids



What a disaster!

Saturday 20 May
15h00-16h30 (ages 6+)

Join us for an afternoon of stories and information about real-life disasters! Erupting volcanoes, sinking ships, and shaky earthquakes, and stories about real disasters.

No sign-up necessary!
Parents welcome!

have been read by a large panel of judges comprised of teachers and writers. Finalists will be notified this week.



We invite everyone who submitted a story to join us at the Library for the 2017 YAFF Celebration on Friday 2 June as we announce the top finalists in each grade level. More details on the celebration can be found on our [website](#). Hope to see many of you there!



Giant Scrabble

Sunday 21 May

15h00-16h30 (ages 9-12)

Have you ever thought that Scrabble would be a much better game if it could be played across the floor of an entire room? If so, you're invited to come and play a giant game with us: it's a chance to win BIG!

[Sign-up is required.](#)

Got time and talent?

Volunteers are the heart of the Library. Over fifty volunteers, from teenagers to the recently retired, help provide valuable assistance to our staff and members. Some do short-term projects while others stay for years.



We've got some openings for volunteers to help during the week and weekends. You can find more information about opportunities and how to fill out an online application on our [website](#).



Upcoming Events

Tuesday 16 May | 19h30

Moving Up to Collège panel discussion

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

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.

Saturday 27 May | 14h00-16h00

Women writers collective reading

Nine women writers of Vietnamese descent from the U.S., Canada, and France will

gather for a group reading and discussion on topics such as displacement and the repercussions of the Vietnam War and colonialism.

Tuesday 30 May | 19h30

James Kirchick: *Evenings with an Author*

Journalist and author James Kirchick will talk about his book *The End of Europe: Dictators, Demagogues, and the Coming Dark Age*.

Monday 5 June | 19h30

A Tribute to Alan Seeger

A special Monday evening program with historian Chris Dickon, author of *A Rendezvous with Death: Alan Seeger in Poetry, At War* and composer Patrick Zimmerli, who will perform excerpts from *Alan Seeger: Instrument of Destiny*.

Medieval Times

Saturday 27 May

15h00-16h00 (ages 6+)

Join us for an afternoon dedicated to all things medieval. Knights, castles, princesses, and court jesters. We'll read fact, fiction, and fantasy, all about medieval times.

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.

18 May

All children must be accompanied by an adult lap.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

All evening events at the Library are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. We are grateful to the Grow @ Annenberg at 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.

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

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

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