



# The American Library in Paris

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## A Gala Dinner to remember...

Thanks to all who participated in the American Library's annual celebration last Tuesday at the Automobile Club de France. These 220 people were fortunate to hear a provocative and witty address by prizewinning biographer Stacy Schiff, as well as remarks by Luis Roth, chairman of the board of trustees, and Charles Trueheart, the Library director. Most importantly, by their presence the guests contributed significantly to the financial health of the Library.



More details of the Gala Dinner will appear in the June issue of *Ex Libris*. In the meantime, please enjoy our [photo gallery](#) of the evening festivities through the lens of photographer Krystal Kenney.

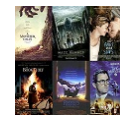
## Speaking at the Library in the coming weeks

Tonight, 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.

Join historian Chris Dickon on a special [Monday 5 June](#) event at 19h30 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.



## Teens



### Books on Screen

**Friday 9 June**

**19h00-21h30 (ages 12-18)**

Join us for a night of book trivia and fun! We'll be showing one book-to-film adaptations and test your knowledge of the difference between movies and the books they are based on! Check our website to cast your vote.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



### Master Shot Film Club

**Saturday 10 June**

**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**

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*.



On [Tuesday 6 June](#), come and take part in the Paris Spelling Bee for Adults, a friendly game of words to see who will rise to be the spelling champion of the night! There are a couple of spots left to make up the 20 participants to compete in this spelling bee for adults. If you're interested, and think you can spell, then fill out this [online registration form](#).

On [Wednesday 7 June](#), author and professor Susan Suleiman speaks about her biography *The Némirovsky Question: The Life, Death, and Legacy of a Jewish Writer in Twentieth-Century France* about French novelist Irène Némirovsky, author of the posthumously published *Suite Française*, who was deported to Auschwitz in 1942. Suleiman explores the complex life of the late novelist and looking at her legacy.



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### Paris Youth Film Showcase

**Friday 16 June**

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

Join us for an evening of short films created by young artists! Selected films will be screened before a panel of judges and winners will be selected in four categories. Audience members will also cast their vote for their favorite.

*No sign-up necessary!*

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## Costco France supports the Library

The Library is pleased to partner with Costco France for a special afternoon on [Saturday 10 June](#) from 13h00-17h00, featuring samples of their Kirkland Signature products and Costco membership information. Costco France is an official sponsor of the Library's 2017 Halloween Extravaganza in keeping with their charitable giving which supports programs for children and educational services. Costco will be opening a wholesale store just outside of Paris on 22 June, and will offer many of the products available in their US and UK stores.



Come and learn more about our partnership with Costco, sample their products, and inquire about membership!

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## Enjoy the Library blog

The Library blog is our creative outlet that features articles about the latest Library news, interviews with authors, book reviews and recommendations, monthly Library Culture Picks, and other literary and cultural events. Recent articles include interviews with Visiting Fellow Jacqueline Woodson, volunteer Clarence Tokley, and authors Lindsey Tramuta, James Kirchick, and Cara Connelly. Be sure to check the [Library blog](#) regularly as there are always new articles being posted. Happy reading!



### Who Discovered It?

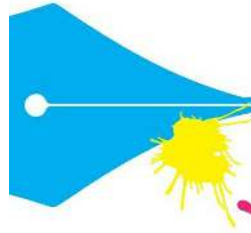
**Saturday 3 June**

**15h00-16h30 (ages 6+)**

We'll read some real stories about famous (and not so famous) scientists and the things they discovered or

## 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 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!

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## Deadline for Paris Youth Film Showcase extended

Calling all teen filmmakers! The deadline for submitting a film for the Paris Youth Film Showcase has been extended to Saturday 10 June. If selected, your film will be shown at the Library before a panel of judges and an audience of your peers. Winners will be selected on four categories: editing, scriptwriting, audience favorite, and best short film.



Please check the Library website for more guidelines on how to submit a film for consideration. Then join us for the Paris Youth Film Showcase at the Library on [Friday 16 June](#) at 19h00!

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## Upcoming Events

**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*.

**Tuesday 6 June | 19h30**

### **Paris Spelling Bee: So You Think You Can Spell?**

Join us for a friendly competition of words for adults and see who emerges as the spelling champion of the evening! Registration is required if you want to compete.

**Wednesday 7 June | 19h30**

### **Susan Suleiman: *Evenings with an Author***

Author and professor Susan Suleiman will discuss her biography *The Némirovsky Question: The Life, Death, and Legacy of a Jewish Writer in Twentieth-Century France*

invented. We'll wrap up by creating something of our own.

*No sign-up necessary!*

*Parents welcome!*



### **Inspiring Artists**

**Saturday 10 June**

**15h00-16h00 (ages 6+)**

This event will celebrate artists from around the world and their art. We'll read about some famous artists, look at some of their works, and learn about some different art techniques.

*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.

**1, 15 June**

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

*[Sign-up is required.](#)*

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**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](#).

Question: *The Life, Death, and Legacy of a Jewish Writer in Twentieth-Century France.*

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

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