



# The American Library in Paris

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## Speaking at the Library in the coming weeks

[Tonight](#), all are welcome to join us for the Library's Annual General Meeting, as Luis Roth, chairman of the board of trustees, and Charles Trueheart, director of the Library, report on the activities from the past year and sketch the prospects for the year ahead.

[Tomorrow night](#), the Library will screen the documentary *Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War*, co-directed by Ken Burns and Artemis Joukowsky, with narration by Tom Hanks. It tells the story of Waitstill & Martha Sharp, a Unitarian minister and his wife who left their children behind in the care of their parish during World War II. Over two years they helped to save hundreds of political dissidents and Jewish refugees fleeing the Nazi occupation across Europe. The film will be followed by a Q&A with associate producer Emma Baxter.



On [Wednesday 21 June](#), U.S. Federal Judge Margaret McKeown speaks about judicial independence, politics, and the American judiciary. Judge McKeown was appointed by President Clinton in 1998, and has been mentioned as a possible future Supreme Court justice. She is chair of the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative Board, chair of the Georgetown Law Board of Visitors, and a member of the Board of Managerial Trustees of the International Women Judges Association.



On [Thursday 22 June](#), novelist Colson Whitehead presents his Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *The Underground Railroad*, which imagines the process of spiriting slaves to freedom as a literal railroad.

On [Tuesday 27 June](#), the Library welcomes another Pulitzer Prize-winning author when Viet Thanh Nguyen speaks about his debut novel *The Sympathizer* and his collection of short stories, *The Refugees*, which he dedicated to "refugees everywhere." The particular horror of exile, and the chance for



## Teens



### 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 and winners will be selected in four categories. Audience members will also cast their vote for their favorite.

*No sign-up necessary!*



### Teen Writing Group

**Saturday 17 June**

**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 group is full.**

everywhere. The particular sorrow of exile and the chance for a better life in another place are themes found in both books. Nguyen's writing has been praised as urgent and beautifully crafted, and proves that fiction can be more than mere storytelling.



## Kids

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## Special showing of Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age

The Library, in collaboration with [Message](#), will present a screening of *Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age* on Saturday 24 June at 18h00. The film explores how tech time impacts kids' development and offers advice on how adults can empower kids to better navigate through the digital world and find balance. The screening will be followed by a Q&A with Lisa Tabb, the executive producer of the film.



The film is appropriate for adults and children ages 10+. Reservations and a suggested donation are required to attend. Please see our [website](#) for more details and to sign-up.



### Fathers are Fantastic!

**Saturday 17 June**

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

Join us for stories about all types of dads, then make a card and an original gift for your own dad. We'll have all the supplies you need!

*No sign-up necessary!*

*Parents welcome!*

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## Congratulations to all 2017 YAFF winners

The 2017 Young Authors Fiction Festival culminated with a celebration event on Friday 2 June at the Library. Over 250 people attended, including the young author finalists, parents, and teachers. Each finalist was awarded a certificate and the winning stories were published in a celebration booklet. The 2017 YAFF received nearly 500 submissions, the largest intake in the festival's history, from over 25 schools and writing programs.



For a full list of the 2017 YAFF winners, please see the [Library blog](#). Photos of the celebration event can be found on the [Library Flickr](#).



### Black-out Poetry

**Sunday 18 June**

**15h00-16h00 (ages 8-12)**

Using old books and black markers you can make your own fun and creative poems. We'll have all the supplies you need and some tips and techniques for making black-out poetry.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

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## Thank you to all our volunteers!

The Library is deeply grateful to all of our dedicated volunteers who help with every aspect of Library work, including keeping our stacks neat, welcome guests, and assisting with our many programs throughout the year. Without the input of volunteers, we would not be able to do nearly as much as we do for Library members and visitors.



Many of our volunteers will be taking summer breaks in July and August, and we hope that most will return in the fall in time for *la rentrée*. In the meantime, check out some photos from the volunteer appreciation party on the [Library Flickr](#).



### Prince and Pirate: Reading with Charlotte Gunnufson

**Tuesday 20 June**

**17h00-18h00 (ages 4-9)**

Join author Charlotte Gunnufson as she reads *Prince and Pirate*, the hilarious tale of two little fish with whale-size personalities and a problem to solve.

*No sign-up necessary!*

*Parents welcome!*

**And there's more...**

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## Summer Reading Challenge

You're invited to take part in the Library's Summer Reading Challenge for children, teens, and adults, running from 24 June through 10 September. The Summer Reading Challenge kick-off party will take place on Saturday 24 June at 15h00. Everyone is invited to dress up as their favorite literary character and come to the Library to celebrate and pick up a game card!



Summer Reading prizes include: gift cards, books, bookmarks, book bags, theatre tickets and more! The more you read the more clues you earn toward solving the game! Please visit our [website](#) for complete details.

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## Upcoming Events

Tuesday 13 June | 19h30

### Annual General Meeting

Join us for a discussion on the activities of the past year and prospects for the year ahead.

Wednesday 14 June | 19h30

### Film screening of *Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War*

The Library will present the documentary *Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War* about a daring rescue mission in WWII.

Wednesday 21 June | 19h30

### Judge Margaret McKeown on American judicial independence

Judge Margaret McKeown will talk about judicial independence, politics, and the American judiciary.

Thursday 22 June | 19h30

### Colson Whitehead: *Evenings with an Author*

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Colson Whitehead will discuss his book *The Underground Railroad*.

Saturday 24 June | 18h00

### Film screening of *Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age*

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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.

## 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.

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](#).

Program dates and speakers are subject to change.

Please check the website for updates, see the [Events and Programs](#) page.

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