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The 2017 Library Book Award: The shortlist is announced

The finalists for the 2017 American Library in Paris Book Award, recognizing the most distinguished English-language book about France, have been announced by the Library. The books are:

Duck Season: Eating, Drinking, and Other Misadventures in Gascony, France's Last Best Place by David McAninch

The Inquisitor's Tale; or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog by Adam Gidwitz

Mad Enchantment: Claude Monet and the Painting of the Water Lilies by Ross King
I'm Supposed to Protect You from All This by Nadja Spiegelman

The Novel of the Century: The Extraordinary Adventure of Les Misérables by David Bellos

The Némirovsky Question: The Life, Death, and Legacy of a Jewish Writer in Twentieth-Century France by Susan Rubin Suleiman

Please visit the [Library website](#) for more information about the Book Award.

Catch the last of this season's evening programs at the Library

Tonight, the Library welcomes another Pulitzer Prize-winning author when Viet Thanh Nguyen speaks about his debut novel *The Sympathizer* and his recent collection of short stories, *The Refugees*, which he dedicated to "refugees everywhere." The particular sorrow of exile and the chance for a better life in another place are themes found in both books.



Teens



Summer Reading Challenge: The Game Is On!

24 June - 10 September

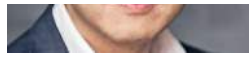
Complete any of our #10BookChallenges and submit a review card to claim your prize and earn a clue to the Summer Reading Challenge Game. The more you read, the more you win! Solve the game to be entered into the Grant Prize Drawing. For more information, visit our website or ask at the Children's and Teens' Services desk.

Kids



Mythbusters

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.



[Tomorrow night](#), John A. Farrell presents his biography *Richard Nixon: The Life*, a bravura work about the 37th president of the United States. In the book, Farrell demonstrates how the political world we live in today is one created by Nixon's imprint on the presidency and the culture at large.

On [Thursday 29 June](#), for the final event of the Library season, John Palfrey will discuss his recent book *BiblioTech: Why Libraries Matter More Than Ever in the Age of Google*. He argues that anyone seeking to participate in the 21st century needs to understand how to find and use the vast stores of information available online. Libraries play a crucial role in making these skills and information available - and yet are at risk. In order to thrive in our rapidly modernizing world with dwindling government funding, libraries must make the transition to a digital future as soon as possible.



Saturday 1 July
15h00-16h00 (ages 6+)

Learn the difference between myth and fact, what's real and what's fiction, with fun stories, trivia, and games.

No sign-up necessary!

Parents welcome!



Bleu, Blanc, Rouge - Red, White, & Blue!

Saturday 8 July
15h00-16h00 (all ages)

Join us for some stories and crafts to celebrate two important holidays this month - Bastille Day, in France, and the 4th of July, Independence Day, in the U.S.!

No sign-up necessary!

Parents welcome!



Birds of Paris

Saturday 15 July
15h00-16h00 (ages 6+)

Come and learn about birds that live right here in Paris! We'll read about their habitats and nesting habits, do some indoor bird watching, listen to bird calls, and sketch and color our favorite birds.

No sign-up necessary!

Parents welcome!

Library Culture Picks: June 2017

The Library is pleased to present our picks for cultural events for the month of June, including many exhibitions and sites worth the time spent waiting in lines or getting there. For photography lovers, the Walker Evans exhibit at the Centre Pompidou is an absolute must-see with 400 photos and documents from a master documentary photographer. We also recommend the reopening of the Franco-American Museum at the Chateau Blérancourt, after being closed for many years for a renovation.



Check out the [Library blog](#) for all of our culture picks and the books that we recommend to read before or after your excursions. Happy visiting!

Summer Reading Challenge

Library members are invited to take part in the Library's Summer Reading Challenge for children, teens, and adults, running from 24 June through 10 September. 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! Stop by the Children's and Teens' Services desk to pick up your reading game cards for



ages 0-12 or for information about the challenges for teens and adults. Please visit our [website](#) for complete details.

And always...

Wednesday Story Hour
for children ages 3-5

NOTE: Story Hour takes place at 10h30 and 14h30 every Wednesday. Afternoon sessions only on 19 & 26 July.

Please [check here](#) for the full

Expecting visitors in Paris this summer?

A [Day or Week Pass](#) to the Library is the perfect way to welcome your summer guests. If you have friends or family passing through Paris, perhaps they'd like to take advantage of the Library's space and services. Day and week members can use the WiFi or the public PCs, read the daily paper, browse magazines over a cup of coffee in

a comfortable chair, take a break in the teen mezzanine, attend a program, or read out loud to young children. There's something for every visitor to enjoy!

schedule and details.
No sign-up necessary!

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 27 June | 19h30

Viet Thanh Nguyen: *Evenings with an Author*

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Viet Thanh Nguyen will discuss his books *The Sympathizer* and *The Refugees*.

Wednesday 28 June | 19h30

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Toddler Time
10h30 and 17h00
(ages 1-3)

Rhymes, songs, and stories in English lasting 30 minutes.

6 July

Note: This is the last session for the summer. Toddler Time will resume in September.

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.

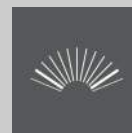
Find out how to [become a member.](#)

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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