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A message from the new director

Greetings from your new Director! I'm very excited to be joining the Library team and enthusiastic about following in outgoing Director Charlie Trueheart's footsteps. It is exhilarating, and just a little bit daunting, to be taking the helm of an hundred-year-old institution. I've traveled far and wide, and have heard so many good things about the Library in so many corners of the globe, from the Central African Republic to the good ole' US of A. I can't wait to join the dialog about words and ideas with all of you!

Jeffrey Hawkins
Director of the Library

Library Fall Open House

The Library's Fall Open House is one of our biggest events of autumn. On [Saturday 23 September](#), 10h00-19h00, join us for a day of activities including activities for children, guided tours, voter registration for U.S. citizens, and much more. All are also invited to meet the new Library director, Jeffrey Hawkins, at 14h00 and 17h00.



As part of our Fall Open House, the Library has partnered with eight neighborhood businesses, including Café de Mars, Le Cairn, Su Misura, Le Petit Duc, and others, who will offer discounts and special tastings to Library members and guests. Please check our [website](#) for the latest updates.

Fall programs at the Library

[Tomorrow night](#), author and professor Marjorie Spruill speaks about her book, *Divided We Stand: The Battle Over Women's Rights and Family Values That Polarized American Politics*, which details two distinct women's movements—one liberal



Teens



Locked in the Library!

Friday 15 September
19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)

We'll lock the Library doors at 19h00 and the game is on! We'll set you up in teams with a list of challenges to overcome and mysteries to solve in the Library. All participants will be released at 21h00.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Teen Advisory Group

Friday 22 September
17h30-18h30 (ages 12-18)

Provide feedback and earn community service hours by joining the Teen Advisory Group. Members of this group will be asked to read widely and offer opinions on new books we are considering adding to the our collection.

and one conservative—during the National Women's Conference of 1977. Spruill reveals how the battle between feminists and their conservative challengers divided the nation and affected the course of modern American history.



On [Wednesday 20 September](#), Peter Sokolowski, lexicographer at Merriam-Webster's website, gives a talk entitled "Dictionary as Data: What the Online Dictionary Tells Us About English." Millions of users looking up a word in the dictionary tells us a surprising story about the English language. This web traffic indicates the changing business of dictionaries—and what's expected of a dictionary in the 21st century.

On [Tuesday 26 September](#), journalist and author Julia Baird presents her biography *Victoria The Queen: An Intimate Biography of the Woman Who Ruled an Empire*. Says *Esquire*, "In Baird's deft portrayal, Victoria lives, breathes, and struts before us in all her complexity. Historical astuteness aside, the pages gallop along enhanced by titillating morsels of info." Baird's writing has appeared in *Newsweek*, *The Guardian*, *The New York Times*, and *Harper's Bazaar*.



adding to the our collection.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Master Shot Film Club
Saturday 23 September
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.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

Summer Reading Challenge Finale Party!

Join us on [Saturday 16 September](#) at 15h00 to celebrate the end of our Summer Reading Challenge and collect your prizes and certificates of participation. Whether you read a little or a lot over the summer, come play games, make cool crafts, and talk about the books that you read over the summer.



There will be a Grand Prize Drawing at the party with prizes including Library tote bags, Shakespeare and Co. gift certificates, and tickets to The Big Funk Company events. Don't miss out on this finale party!

Kids



Roald Dahl Day (a writing workshop for ages 8-12)
Sunday 17 September
14h00-15h30

Join us for a workshop dedicated to all things Roald Dahl. We'll look at his writing style, crazy characters, and silly made-up words. We'll write a Roald Dahl-inspired short story.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

Library Culture Picks: September

Now that summer is over and we're back from vacation, why not chase away the *rentrée* blues by visiting a museum in Paris? We've picked out some [exhibitions](#) in September that will make you happy to be back in the City of Light, including a complete retrospective dedicated to the work of David Hockney, a show of portraits by Cézanne, and a visual feast featuring creations by the fashion house of Dior.



Library members are welcome to browse or check out the books we've selected to accompany your cultural visits on display in the Members' Lounge.



Young Writer's Literary Club
Saturday 23 September
10h30-12h00 (ages 10-14)

In this monthly workshop, volunteer Laura Hershey will teach participants the fundamentals of writing and

Fall book groups are now open

There is still room in several book groups, including The Ongoing debates around the US Healthcare System, Democracy Around the World, led by Ed Turner, as well as World Voices at the Library and Studying Shakespeare plays. If interested in joining one, write to programs manager [Grant Rosenberg](#). Details about the groups plus meeting times and reading lists can be found on our [website](#).

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 13 September | 19h30

Marjorie Spruill: *Evenings with an Author*

Marjorie Spruill will present her book *Divided We Stand: The Battle Over Women's Rights and Family Values that Polarized American Politics*, about the clash between feminists and their conservative counterparts during the 1977 National Women's Conference.

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Wednesday 4 October | 19h30

Gerald Shea: *Evenings with an Author*

Gerald Shea will talk about his book *The Language of Light: A History of Silent Voices*.

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.

literary analysis in a fun and interactive setting. Each workshop will include lessons, games, and group discussions.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Crafternoon!

Saturday 30 September
15h00-16h30 (ages 6-10)

We've got the tools, the materials, and the inspiration to help you create all sorts of cool crafts during this afternoon workshop dedicated to being creative.

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 lasting 30 minutes.

14, 28 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](#).

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