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Fall programs at the Library

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*, and *The New York Times*.

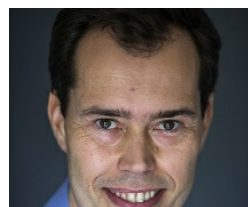


On [Wednesday 4 October](#), Gerald Shea, author of the memoir *Song Without Words*, returns to the Library to present his exploration of deafness throughout history. In this fascinating book, entitled *The Language of Light: A History of Silent Voices*, Shea looks at the centuries-long struggle of the Deaf to be taught in sign language—the only language that renders them complete, fully communicative human beings.



On [Tuesday 10 October](#), the Library's fall Visiting Fellow, journalist James Verini, will speak about his reporting from Iraq and in particular the battle for the city of Mosul, which he covered in a comprehensive piece for the *New York Times Magazine*. His writing about Mosul and the fight against ISIS will become a new book, tentatively entitled *They Will Have to Die Now*.

On [Wednesday 11 October](#), journalist Adam Roberts will discuss his book *Superfast Primetime Ultimate Nation: The Relentless Invention of Modern India*, which looks at the changes in India at all levels. Roberts explores how modern India is faring as a rising superpower—economically, politically, religiously, and culturally. This book is a must read



Teens



Candy Olympics

**Friday 29 September
19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)**

Join us for an evening of sweet succes: relay races, pie-eating contests, taste tests and more! We'll provide the candy, you provide the talent. All abilities and skill sets welcome.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Halloween Decorating Party

**Friday 13 October
19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)**

Get in the mood for Halloween by helping to decorate the Library. Make your own decorations to take home. We'll have the snacks and scary movies to get ready for the creepiest of holidays!

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October workshop offerings

The month of October has several workshops and discussions to offer, from the long history of Paris to southwestern American art to how to be a freelance journalist. Sign-up for one today by sending an email to rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org.

There is still space available for Russell Kelley's four-part exploration of the making of Paris. The cost is 100€ for the series, which includes a copy of Kelley's book *The Making of Paris*, or 25€ per session. More details [here](#).

The Library's fall visiting fellow, James Verini, who will be speaking on 10 October about his reporting from Iraq, leads a workshop on [Saturday 15 October](#) on the ins and outs of being a freelance journalist—particularly when working overseas.

Muralist and mural historian Jane Wiessman leads a workshop on [Sunday 29 October](#) that explores 1970s land art in American Southwest, including artwork by James Turrell, Alex Ross, Georgia O'Keefe, and Donald Judd.

Young Writer's Literary Club

Saturday 14 October

10h30-12h00 (ages 10-14)

In this monthly workshop, volunteer Laura Hershey will teach participants the fundamentals of writing and literary analysis in a fun and interactive setting. Each workshop will include lessons, games, and group discussions.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

Kids



Halloween is in the air...

Join us for our annual Halloween event on Saturday 21 October. There's something for everyone during our Halloween Extravaganza, with parties throughout the day for children of all ages and a new event in the evening for ages 10-adult: our Zombie Fashion Show. We've also organized trick-or-treating stops at neighborhood businesses around the 7th.



Tickets must be purchased in advance for the Halloween Extravaganza. This is a popular event, so we recommend getting your tickets early! Library members may purchase tickets at the children's and teens' services desk beginning on Saturday 30 September. Members may purchase an additional two tickets for non-member guests, but the non-member fee applies.

If tickets remain, they will be available for purchase by non-members beginning on Sunday 15 October. For more information about the day's festivities, see the full program on our [website](#).

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!



News about newspapers

The Library has learned that *The Wall Street Journal* and *Barron's* will no longer be delivering paper copies to Paris. To continue providing our members with current international economic and business news, we have decided to subscribe to the London-based *Financial Times*.

We apologize to our members for the short notice. *Financial Times* is now available in the Members' Lounge, alongside *The New York Times International Edition*, and *The Guardian Weekly*.

Toddler Dance Party!

Saturday 14 October

11h00-11h30 (ages 0-3)

This 30-minute program will get us moving and dancing to classic children's songs and contemporary music appropriate for little ones. Parents and caregivers are expected to dance along too.

Thanks for a great Fall Open House

All of us at the Library were thrilled by the great turnout for our Fall Open House last Saturday. Hundreds of newcomers and returnees came and enjoyed the many activities that were on offer, including a room full of Anglophone organizations, a neighborhood crawl, and a romping kids concert performance by Dana and the Petit Punks. Many joined as members and will continue to benefit from the Library's collection, resources, and programs.



Thanks to our remarkable staff and volunteers for making this day a success. A special thanks to all the neighborhood businesses who offered a warm welcome to Library guests with discounts and offers and donated generously to our raffle drawing.

We look forward to seeing many more new faces and returning members at the Library throughout the year.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 26 September | 19h30

Julia Baird: *Evenings with an Author*

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Tuesday 17 October | 19h30

Linda Lappin: *Evenings with an Author*

Linda Lappin will talk about her creative-writing workbook *Soul of a Place* and also lead participants in creative writing exercises.

Wednesday 18 October | 19h30

Adam Begley: *Evenings with an Author*

No sign-up necessary!
Parents welcome!



Scary Stories (a writing workshop)

Sunday 15 October

14h00-15h30 (ages 8-12)

Just in time for you to share with (or scare) friends and family for Halloween come along and write a scary story. In this workshop, you will learn about synonyms and descriptive vocabulary to make your stories truly terrifying.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

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.

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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.](#)

Adam Begley explores the life of the famed Parisian portrait photographer Nadar in his book *The Great Nadar: The Man Behind the Camera*.

Saturday 21 October | 19h30

The Annual Halloween Extravaganza

The Library celebrates Halloween with activities for all ages, including seasonal arts and crafts, games, performances, and trick-or-treating! Tickets go on sale for Library members on 30 September.

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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