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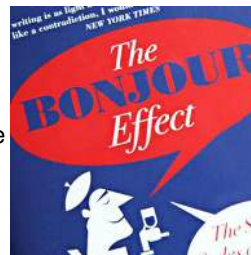
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Programs on French conversation secrets, French war brides, and a French scandal

On [Tuesday 7 November](#), Jean-Benoît Nadeau, co-author with Julie Barlow, of *The Bonjour Effect: The Secret Codes of French Conversation Revealed*, speaks about their book, which was shortlisted for last year's Library Book Award. In the book, they explore various aspects of French life, from administrative red tape to cultural fluency. Even for longtime residents this promises to be an interesting presentation.



On [Wednesday 8 November](#), coinciding with Veteran's Day, Hilary Kaiser returns to speak at the Library about French war brides, based on her extensive writing about the topic in several books. This is a subject of great interest to the American and French public, and will be a fascinating evening about a shared history.

On [Tuesday 14 November](#), Callan Wink presents his short story collection, *Dog Run Moon*, which was shortlisted for the 2017 Dylan Thomas Prize. His tales recount the lives of people in the American West. *The New York Times* reviewed the book as "[An] excellent first book of stories...one of the great things about *Dog Run Moon* is how resilient and funny [the characters] are...This is Thomas McGuane territory, and also that of writers like Joy Williams and Jim Harrison."



On [Wednesday 15 November](#), Thomas Sancton presents his book *The Bettencourt Affair: The World's Richest Woman and the Scandal That Rocked Paris*, about the recently deceased l'Oreal heiress and the intrigue around her life and fortune.

Workshop on 1970s land art in the American Southwest

On [Sunday 29 October](#) at 14h00, mural artist/historian/curator



Teens



Master Shot Film Club

Saturday 28 October

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.](#)



Teen Writing Group

Friday 17 November

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. New participants are invited to bring in a writing sample to share with the group.

[This workshop is full.](#)

Jane Weissman will talk about her June 2017 travels covering 4,566 miles through spectacular scenery and following vague directions over tricky, inhospitable roads. She visited Heizer's *Double Negative* (NV), Holt's *Sun Tunnels* (UT), Smithson's *Spiral Jetty* (UT), and De Maria's *The Lightning Field* (NM). Bookending her journey were immersions into the worlds of Donald Judd in Marfa, TX and Georgia O'Keefe in Albuquerque, NM. Using her own photographs and the words of artists, Weissman will take you on a journey to the little known/visited works of these and other artists.



The workshop is free for Library members and non-members can join with a day pass. To sign up, please send an email to programs manager Grant Rosenberg at rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org.

Book group looking for new members

Why do people take challenging journeys into the unknown? Some are deliberately fleeing the unbearable or pursuing a dream. Others have been swept, against their will, onto life-changing paths. Whatever the scenario, there is always a story to tell. The book group "Strangers in a Strange Land" focuses on novels where protagonists are far from home—geographically or spiritually—and on how life in a new land shapes their destinies. This book group meets at 14h00 on the third Monday each month. The books that have been selected include *The Sheltering Sky* by Paul Bowles, *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance, and *The Constant Gardener* by John Le Carré.

Library members who are interested in joining this book group can send an email to rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org.

Thanks for a great Halloween!

Thanks to everyone who joined us on Saturday for the annual Halloween Extravaganza and to the many volunteers who donated their time, energy, and talents during the day and in preparation of the event! For weeks beforehand, volunteers were cutting out craft materials, shopping for pumpkins, creating displays, dropping candy off at our neighborhood trick-or-treating spots, folding brochures, and more. We are grateful to have such a dedicated and talented team of volunteers!



Thanks to the candy donated by Costco and the generous additions by the local businesses, we were able to provide enough candy for the hundreds of trick-or-treaters who visited the neighborhood spots.

Our Zombie Fashion Show was a resounding success thanks to the many zombies who crept the catwalk. Congratulations to the rottenest of the zombies: David Cessou (1st), Maegan Semos (2nd), and Morgane Ropion (3rd). If you missed the Halloween Extravaganza, you can still stop in for our Halloween Story Hour on [Wednesday 25 October](#) for ages 3-5 or for our reading of scary stories on [Saturday 28 October](#) for ages 6-10. Happy Halloween everyone!

Book Drive for Doctors

THIS WORKSHOP IS FULL.



Thank You Note Writing Saturday 18 November 12h30-14h00 (ages 12-18)

We'll provide the stationary and supplies for you to drop a note in the mail for someone special in your life to let them know that you're grateful for them. Stop by on Saturday to get tips on letter writing. *No sign-up necessary.*

Kids



Halloween Scary Stories Saturday 28 October 15h00-16h30 (ages 6-10)

Dress up in your favorite costume and join us for frightening, horrible, and magical tales. We'll learn about Halloween celebrations across the world and make our own spooky crafts.

*No sign-up necessary!
Parents welcome!*



Crafternoon! Saturday 4 November 15h00-16h30 (ages 6-10)

We've got the tools, materials, and inspiration to help you create all sorts of cool crafts. Join some of our wonderful volunteers for an afternoon of craft-making.

*No sign-up necessary!
Parents welcome!*

Without Borders

The American Library in Paris will be accepting book donations in support of Doctors Without Borders (Médecins Sans Frontières), which is opening an information center for underage asylum seekers this fall in Paris. Graphic novels, fiction, short story collections, French or English grammar books, and books in any other genre in English, Farsi, or Arabic are welcome. We will be accepting donations through 25 November, when we celebrate Thanksgiving Thank-O-Rama in the lower level reading room.

For more information, please contact info@americanlibraryinparis.org.



Around the World in an Hour!

**Saturday 18 November
15h00-16h00 (ages 6-10)**

Join us for a voyage around the world! We'll read stories set in cities around the world, and we'll learn fun facts about different countries and cultures.

No sign-up necessary!

Parents welcome!

Upcoming Events

Thursday 26 October | 18h00-20h00

Russell Kelley: Workshop on "The Making of Paris"

Russell Kelley will lead the last workshop session for "The Making of Paris" with a focus on the Third Republic to the present (1870-present). Sign-up is required at rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org.

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Thanksgiving Thank-O-Rama

**Sunday 25 November
15h00-16h30 (ages 6-10)**

Join us for a celebration of being thankful with games and crafts inspired by Thanksgiving and the art of saying thank you. We'll also have a Thanksgiving pie-tasting so you can taste some festive treats!

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.

9, 23 November

All children must be accompanied by an adult lap.

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.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

Unless otherwise stated, all children's and teens' programs are free for Library members and 10 euros for non-members.

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