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Winter Wonderland at the Library

Join us on Sunday 17 December from 15h00-17h00 for our annual [Winter Wonderland](#) celebration, open to all ages. We'll have winter crafts followed by seasonal stories and a performance by Eric the Magician, followed by visits from Frosty the Snowman and other wonderful guests! Each child will go home with a special winter treat.



Light refreshments will be provided and no sign-up is necessary. Winter Wonderland is free for all Library members and those who have purchased a day pass.

The world of vinegar, history of Syria, and a WWI story

[Tonight](#), Michael Harlan Turkell, an award-winning photographer and cookbook author, speaks about his delightful and fascinating book *Acid Trip: Travels in the World of Vinegar*, in conversation with food writer Lindsey Tramuta.

[Tomorrow night](#), historian Philip Mansel presents his book *Aleppo: The Rise and Fall of Syria's Great Merchant City*. At a time when its primary association in the public consciousness is war, tragedy, and terror, Mansel looks at the city's illustrious history going back millenia, giving us an understanding of it well before the strife of recent years. Mansel is a historian of France and the Middle East, specializing in courts and cities.



On [Wednesday 29 November](#), Minter Dial will screen and discuss the award-winning short film he produced, *The Last Ring Home*, about the fascinating and heartbreaking odyssey of his grandfather's Naval Academy ring and how it was returned to the U.S. 17 years after he was killed in a Japanese POW camp. The half hour film will be followed by a Q&A with



Teens



Capture the Flag

Friday 24 November
19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)

Join us for a game of capture the flag on the Champ de Mars (weather permitting). We'll meet at the Library to divide you into teams and go over the rules of the game, then we'll set out as a group to the Champ de Mars to play.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Memory Workshop with QuizFlip

Sunday 26 November
17h00-18h30 (ages 12-18)

Do you want to know how your memory works? How to address your "forgotten curve" to retrieve new information the best way possible? Then come and meet the makers of QuizFlip, the world's first

LOW camp. The half-hour film will be followed by a Q&A with Dial. The trailer for the film can be seen [here](#).



On [Tuesday 5 December](#), Willa Z. Silverman presents the private diaries of the famed Henri Vever who, like his colleague René Lalique, figured prominently in the avant-garde of the *Art Nouveau* movement.

On [Wednesday 6 December](#), British actor and writer Robin Ellis will talk about cooking and eating health in his book *Mediterranean Cooking for Diabetics*.

Sparkling wine-tasting workshop

Joshua Adler from Paris Wine Company returns on [Tuesday 12 December](#) at 19h30 for a wine-tasting workshop of sparkling wines from across France, including Crémant, Champagne, and Petillant Naturel. Joshua will discuss the different methods of making sparkling wines, and try wines for all tastes and budgets to give ideas for presents or entertainment.



The cost of the workshop is 35€ for the wine, cheese, and charcuterie. Payment will be made at the event to the Paris Wine Company. Please email rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org to reserve a spot.

Longform magazine writing workshop

From mid-January through the end of March, visiting fellow James Verini will conduct a six-session writing workshop focused on longform magazine writing. He will instruct participants in how to develop magazine story ideas, report them, write them, and publish them. The course will include several preliminary writing assignments and a larger essay on a topic of each participant's choosing.

The course is open to aspiring and working magazine writers, members and non-members alike, and participants will be chosen based on a writing sample. Sign-ups for all six sessions, and the fee is 225€.

The deadline for submitting is 15 December. Please visit our [website](#) for more information on the course schedule and how to apply.

New website for the Library

The Library will be rolling out a brand-new redesigned site in early December. In addition to a fresh look and feel, the site will also offer new features, including an online application for new and renewing Library members. The platform will be mobile-friendly so content will be more adaptive to various devices. We welcome your feedback as we transition to the new site. Email your comments and suggestions to info@americanlibraryinparis.org.

New books we're thankful for...

Many new titles were recently added to the Library collection,



QuizFlip, the world's first electronic flashcard.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



**Rock U. with Matt Black:
School of Rock**

**Friday 1 December
19h00-22h00 (ages 12-18)**

We'll watch the film *School of Rock* and music teachers Matt Black will teach you how to play a song from the movie. Beginner and advanced musicians are welcome to join. All instruments and amps will be provided.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

Kids



**Thanksgiving Thank-O-Rama
Saturday 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!



**African-American Heroes
with Barbara Diggs and
Elizabeth Milovidov**

Saturday 2 December

15h00-16h00 (ages 6-10)

Join us for an interactive

and there are many we are thankful to be reading as we head into the holiday season. There's a new book for every taste and appetite, from award-winning fantasy short stories from Ken Liu's *The Paper Menagerie*, to a collection of essays written during the Obama administration by Ta-Nehisi Coates in *We Were Eight Years in Power*, to a gorgeous cookbook of sweets by Yotam Ottolenghi and Helen Goh. Check out the [Library blog](#) for the latest new book recommendations.



Join us for an interactive program celebrating the contributions African Americans have made in American society and throughout the world. *No sign-up necessary! Parents welcome!*

Like all good things, there are holds on many of these new books, so be sure to get [in line now](#). We guarantee they are all worth the wait. Happy reading!



Upcoming Events

Tuesday 21 November | 19h30

Michael Harlan Turkell: *Evenings with an Author*

Michael Harlan Turkell will present his book *Acid Trip: Travels in the World of Vinegar*.

Wednesday 22 November | 19h30

Philip Mansel: *Evenings with an Author*

Historian Philip Mansel will discuss his book *Aleppo: The Rise and Fall of Syria's Great Merchant City*.

Wednesday 29 November | 19h30

Minter Dial: *Film Screening and Q&A*

Minter Dial will screen and discuss *The Last Ring Home*, a short film he produced about his grandfather during WWII.

Tuesday 5 December | 19h30

Wilma Z. Silverman: *Evenings with an Author*

Wilma Z. Silverman presents the private diaries of famed European jeweler Henri Veveer.

Wednesday 6 December | 19h30

Robin Ellis: *Evenings with an Author*

British actor and author Robin Ellis will present his book *Mediterranean Cooking for Diabetics*.

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.

Winter Poetry (a writing workshop)

Sunday 3 December

14h00-15h00 (ages 8-12)

Celebrate winter with our workshop dedicated to frosty and magical poetry. We'll read some wintry poems before writing some cold and snowy poems of our own.

[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.

23 November

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.

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