



The American Library in Paris

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5 December 2017

Library holiday closures

The Library will be closed from Sunday 24 December through Monday 1 January for the holidays. We will reopen on Tuesday 2 January with normal operating hours.

Library members have uninterrupted remote access to our entire range of online resources during the holiday season. Our [e-resources](#) can be consulted 24/7 through our catalog. Please remember that you can renew your books online.



A jeweler's life, Mediterranean cooking, and sci-fi at the Library

[Tonight](#), Willa Z. Silverman presents the private diaries of famed jeweler Henri Vever who, like his colleague René Lalique, figured prominently in the avant-garde of the *Art Nouveau* movement. A rich chronicle of daily and private life, society and politics of *fin-de-siècle* Paris, as this talk will illustrate, Vever's diaries also identify him as a previously understudied yet key figure in the cultural life of his era.



[Tomorrow night](#), British actor and writer Robin Ellis will talk about healthy cooking and eating in his book *Mediterranean Cooking for Diabetics*. Ellis, best known for his role as Captain Ross Poldark in the original BBC Poldark series, is also a cook who has lived in southwestern France for 27 years. This event will be a look through a varied career as actor, author,



Teens



Teen Advisory Group

Friday 8 December

17h30-18h30 (ages 12-18)

Members of this group will be asked to read, and then offer opinions on new books that we are considering adding to the collection.

[This workshop is full.](#)



Flash Fiction with Jane Mobbille

Friday 8 December

19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)

Join Jane Mobbille for a workshop on flash fiction, a complete story written in under 1,000 words, using Sandra

Cisneros' *The House on Mango Street* as an inspiration.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

event will be a look through a varied career as actor, author, and cook, with a focus on how to eat well and healthy.



On [Wednesday 13 December](#), artist and professor Christopher Sperandio brings science fiction to the Library in a talk entitled, "Red, white, and you blew it all to hell: The lasting influence of *La Planète des Singes* on the American psyche." Following threads from the various Hollywood iterations of *The Planet of the Apes*, Sperandio will discuss the influence of Pierre Boulle's premise on his in-progress three-part graphic novel called *The Forced Collaboration Trilogy*.



Master Shot Film Club

Saturday 9 December

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.

This workshop is full.

Jim Gaffigan at the Library

On [Sunday 14 January](#) at 19h30, stand-up comedian Jim Gaffigan will sit down with programs manager Grant Rosenberg to discuss his career, his comedy, and his creative process. Gaffigan is a Grammy-nominated actor, writer, producer, and two-time *New York Times* best-selling author of *Dad is Fat* and *Food: A Love Story*. He's also starred in many television comedies and dramas including *Portlandia* and *Law & Order*. He will be signing copies of his book after the discussion.



Due to demand, reservations are required and a donation of 20€ per person is requested. Please fill out this [online form](#) to request a spot.

Kids



BOOKWORMS: The Fourteenth Goldfish (ages 9-12)

Part I: Saturday 9 December

Part II: Saturday

23 December

12h00-13h00

Sign-up to reserve a spot for this popular book club. We will be reading *The Fourteenth Goldfish* over two meetings and doing some creative writing of our own.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

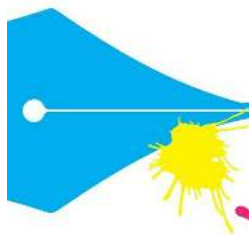
Sparkling wine-tasting workshop

There are still spots for the wine-tasting workshop with Joshua Adler from Paris Wine Company on [Tuesday 12 December](#) at 19h30. This workshop will feature sparkling wines from across France, including crémant, Champagne, and pétillant naturel. 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.



Calling young authors for YAFF 2018

The Library is proud to again organize this year's Young Authors Fiction Festival. YAFF is a city-wide creative writing initiative that aims to strengthen community among English-speakers through the art of storytelling. YAFF is free of charge and open to all students ages 5-18 in the greater Paris area who write in English.



The deadline for submission is 30 March 2018 at 22h00. Be sure to check our [website](#) for details. For other questions, contact us at yaff@americanlibraryinparis.org. Happy writing!



Library Mystery

Saturday 9 December

15h00-16h00 (ages 6-10)

Join our Library intern Lydia Warren for an afternoon of mystery! There will be a series of clues set up around the Library and you'll use some search tools to solve the puzzles.

No sign-up necessary!

Library Culture Picks: December

The year 2017 is coming to a close, but the cultural events in Paris are not slowing down. If you've already admired the holiday window displays of the *grands magasins*, we've selected some exhibitions that have caught our eye for this month, including a first major exhibition of Paul Gauguin and another of Marie Curie, the first woman to be honored with internment at the Pantheon.



We've selected books to go with these cultural excursions, which you can check out on the [Library blog](#).

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 5 December | 19h30

Willa Z. Silverman: *Evenings with an Author*

Willa Z. Silverman presents the private diaries of famed European jeweler Henri Vever.

Wednesday 6 December | 19h30

Robin Ellis: *Evenings with an Author*

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Christopher Sperandio will talk about the lasting influence that *La Planète des Singes* has had on the American psyche.

Sunday 17 December | 15h00-17h00

Winter Wonderland

Join us for the Library's winter celebration with winter crafts, seasonal stories, and a performance by Eric the Magician, followed by a visit from Frosty the Snowman! Each child will go home with a special wintry treat courtesy of the Library.

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.

Parents welcome!



A Day of Rebel Crayons

**Saturday 16 December
15h00-16h00 (ages 6-10)**

Join us for a day of creativity! Library intern Lydia Warren will read *The Day the Crayons Quit* and *The Day the Crayons Came Home*, and then participants will contribute a crayon drawing to our community display. *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.

7, 21 December

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](#).

Program dates and speakers are subject to change.

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