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## Happy holidays from the Library

All of us at the American Library in Paris – the staff and trustees, the volunteers and interns – wish our members, friends, and supporters a joyful holiday season. At this time of year, we count our blessings, and among them is a literate, eclectic, curious, and dynamic membership. Thank you for your presence at the Library and, member or not, your generous response to our appeals for donations - especially [right now](#).



Please remember that the Library will be closed during the holidays. The last day of operation before the break is **Saturday 23 December**. The Library will re-open on **Tuesday 2 January 2018**.

See you at the Library in the New Year!

Jeff Hawkins, Director

## Program highlights for early 2018

The first program of the year is on [Sunday 14 January](#) at 19h30 when 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 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 reserve a spot.



On [Wednesday 17 January](#), French author Vincent Bouvet will speak (in French) about his book, *La Génération Perdue: Des Américains à Paris, 1914-1939*, on the Lost Generation and its place in 20th-century Paris history. He will be in conversation with

## Teens



### Teen Writing Group

**Saturday 23 December**  
**17h00-18h00 (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 club is full.**



### Instant Images

**Friday 12 January**  
**19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)**

Join us for a photography workshop dedicated to the art of instant photographs and capturing the moment.

**[Sign-up is required.](#)**



Maud Simonnot, a writer and editor at Les Editions Gallimard.

On [Wednesday 24 January](#), the Library will screen the documentary *The American in Paris: The True Story of the American Hospital of Paris in WWII*. The screening will be followed by a Q&A with historian Ellen Hampton and John Crawford, vice-chairman of the Hospital board of governors.

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## Mad for e-magazines

The Library's selection of e-magazines on the popular RBdigital platform has increased! Library members can now check out new issues of *Bon Appétit*, *Condé Nast Traveler*, *Esquire*, *Martha Stewart Living*, *New Scientist*, *O, the Oprah Magazine*, *Vogue*, and *Wired*.



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Younger readers can opt for *Seventeen*, *Highlights for Children*, or *National Geographic Kids*. Of course, old favorites like *The Economist* and *The New Yorker* are still on offer, as are the Library's top ten most-read digital titles of 2017.

Members may access full-page, full-color digital editions on almost any device, and electronic issues often appear on the virtual newsstand before their print equivalents arrive on our shelves. Ask for help setting up your [RBdigital](#) account.

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## Thank you to our volunteers!

The Library celebrated the season with a holiday party honoring dozens of our dedicated volunteers. They help with many tasks, from greeting members and guests at the welcome desk to assisting with one of many children's and teens' programs. Not to mention keeping our shelves organized and pouring wine at our evening events. Without the help from our over 70 volunteers, we would not be able to do nearly as much as we do at the Library.



All of our volunteers are taking a break while the Library is closed for the holidays, but will return when we reopen on Tuesday 2 January. In the meantime, check out some [photos](#) from the volunteer holiday party on the Library's Flickr account.

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## The Library *extra muros*

Brave the cold and learn about the Library's history! The Library is pleased to be highlighted in two exhibits in Paris that are free and open to the public.

The exhibition [Language Matters: Presse anglophone en France / Presse d'exil & d'immigration au Royaume Uni & aux Etats-Unis](#) is on display at the Bibliothèque des Grands Moulins (Université Paris Diderot) through 20 January. Admire reproductions of our literary magazines, *Ex Libris*, from the 1920s, and *Paris Observer*, from the 1970s, alongside images of other English-language Paris-based publications from the Library's



## Safe and Sane Social Media

**Saturday 13 January**  
**16h30-18h30 (ages 12-18)**

How can teenagers take advantage of the benefits and opportunities of social media networks while avoiding the risky stuff? In this 2-hour presentation, peer-to-peer coaching is the name of the game, as several dynamic students explain to teenagers how to stay safe (and keep their parents sane) while enjoying social media platforms.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

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## Kids



**BOOKWORMS: The Fourteenth Goldfish (ages 9-12)**

**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.](#)



**Pajama Party Time!**  
**Saturday 23 December**  
**15h00-16h30 (ages 6-10)**

Put on your favorite PJs and join us for some fun games, great reads, and cool crafts. We'll have popcorn and

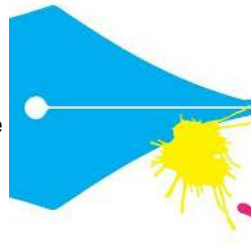
archives.

Until 15 January, a photograph of the Library in the 1930s will be on display on the façade of the Hôtel de Ville at 4 rue de Lobau. The Library is featured in an exhibition of photographs from the recent book [La Génération Perdue: Des Américains à Paris, 1917-1939](#). The author, Vincent Bouvet, will speak at the Library on Wednesday 17 January.

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## Calling young authors for YAFF 2018

The Library is proud to once again organize the annual 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 Library will offer writing workshops for children and teens interested in getting help with their stories. Be sure to check our [website](#) for details.

The deadline for submission is 30 March 2018 at 22h00. For other questions, contact us at [yaff@americanlibraryinparis.org](mailto:yaff@americanlibraryinparis.org). Happy writing!

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## Upcoming Events

**Sunday 14 January | 19h30**

### **Jim Gaffigan: Evenings with a Comedian**

Comedian Jim Gaffigan will talk about his creative process with programs manager Grant Rosenberg.

**Wednesday 17 January | 19h30**

### **Vincent Bouvet: Evenings with an Author**

Historian Vincent Bouvet will speak (in French) about his book *La Génération Perdue:*

*Des Américains à Paris, 1914-1939*, on the Lost Generation and their place in 20th-century Paris history.

**Wednesday 24 January | 19h30**

### **Film Screening of *The American in Paris***

The Library will screen the documentary *The American in Paris: The True Story of the American Hospital of Paris in WWII*, followed by a Q&A with Ellen Hampton and John Crawford.

**Tuesday 30 January | 19h30**

### **Helen Milner: Evenings with an Author**

Princeton professor Helen Milner will discuss foreign policy under the Trump presidency with Library director Jeffrey Hawkins.

laughter galore.

*No sign-up necessary!*

*Parents welcome!*



### **Baby Songs**

**Thursday 18 January**

**11h00-11h30 (ages 0-3)**

Learn some classic and contemporary songs to sing to your baby!

[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.

**11, 25 January**

*All children must be*

*accompanied by an adult lap.*

[Sign-up is required.](#)

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**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](#).

**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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