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Happy New Year

We begin another new year filled with exciting new offerings for our members and friends. Thank you for your continuing interest, participation, membership, and donations. See you at the Library soon!

Jim Gaffigan at the Library

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.

Program highlights for early 2018

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 Maud Simonnot, a writer and editor at Les Éditions 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.

Teens



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.](#)



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.

Spring 2018 book groups are here!

Spring book groups have been announced and sign-ups are being accepted now.

Consider joining "The French-American Encounter," led by Philippe Mélot, which will look at France and the United States at different points in their histories. For drama enthusiasts, there's the "Studying Shakespeare Plays," led by Neil Heims, which will explore some of Shakespeare's classic plays. Maury Lanman and Laurie Calvet will lead "Communist States and Societies of the East - how have they evolved?" that will look at four nations created under the banner of communism in the 21st century.

Graciela Carrasco will look at Puerto Rico and its history, while Grant Rosenberg continues his group featuring books by evening speakers.

The Mystery Book Group is also accepting up to four new members. So far they have read and discussed over 80 mysteries from around the world. The focus is on mysteries, rather than action thrillers or "cozies."

There is no additional fee for the book groups, but you must be a member of the Library to participate. Consult the reading lists and meeting times on our [website](#). To sign up for a book group, please send an email to rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org.



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[Sign-up is required.](#)



Young Writers Literary Club

Saturday 20 January

10h30-12h00 (ages 10-14)

During this monthly workshop, volunteer Laura Hershey will teach participants the fundamentals of writing and literary analysis in a fun and interactive setting. Each month there will be a different theme.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

Kids



Mad Scientists

Saturday 13 January

15h00-16h00

Learn about famous scientists as we read a few picture book biographies, then try your hand at scientific experiments

No sign-up necessary!

Parents welcome!



Library Culture Picks: January 2018

To start off the new year, the Library is pleased to share our selection of cultural events going on in the city this month. January is a good month to try and catch the last weeks of some of the best exhibitions that started in the fall.

Our Culture Picks for January include the twice annual Paris Fashion Week when the city is even more fashionable than it usually is; a centennial exhibition on Degas and Paul Valéry; and a fresh, perspective on outsider art.

As always, we've selected some books from our collection to go along with these cultural offerings. Read more on our [Library blog](#).



Spots open for Teen Advisory Group

Two spots have opened up for our popular new Teen Advisory Group. The group members provide feedback and earn community service hours by reading from a selection of new young adult books and offering opinions on whether they should be added to our collection. To apply, send a short paragraph about what you like to read and why you would like to join the group: celeste@americanlibraryinparis.org. Applications are due by Friday 12 January at midnight.

Baby Songs

Thursday 18 January

11h00-11h30 (ages 0-3)

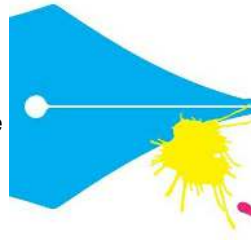
Learn some classic and contemporary songs to sing to your baby! Babies welcome!

[Sign-up is required.](#)



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. Happy writing!

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.

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.



The Making of Bilingual Book with Keren Eisenzweig **Saturday 20 January**

15h00-16h00 (ages 6-10)

Join Keren Eisenzweig for a reading of her new book, *Hello Puff*, and find out how the book was made. You'll have a chance to draw your own comics in English, French, or with bilingual text.

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.

11, 25 January

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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