



# The American Library in Paris

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## The art of wallpaper, American girls in Soviet Russia, and the French president

[Tomorrow night](#), Carolle Thibault-Pomerantz will talk about her book *Wallpaper: A History of Style and Trends* and introduce us to a unique mural art form that was an important development in the history of decorative arts and interior design. Very much in the fashion since the 18th century, English, French, and Chinese wallpapers enhanced the homes of aristocratic and prosperous families throughout Europe, Russia, and America.



On [Wednesday 7 March](#), professor and author Julia Mickenberg presents her book *American Girls in Red Russia: Chasing the Soviet Dream*, about the little-known women who went to the Soviet Union with liberty and equality in mind. Mickenberg reveals the complex motives that drew American women to Russia as they sought models for a revolutionary new era in which women would be not merely independent of men, but also equal builders of a new society.



On [Wednesday 14 March](#), journalist Adam Plowright of AFP has written the first book in English about the French president, *The French Exception: Emmanuel Macron—The Extraordinary Rise and Risk*, chronicling his improbably-fast rise to the Elysée and his first year as *chef d'état*.

## Voter registration drive for U.S. citizens

The Library is pleased to partner with Association of American Residents Overseas (AARO) to hold a voter registration drive on [Saturday 10 March](#) for our members and guests who are U.S. citizens. This is an important opportunity for U.S. citizens living abroad, especially first-time voters, to ask questions regarding voter eligibility, deadlines, and other related issues.



## Teens



### Cookie Decorating with KatMakesCookies

**Friday 23 February  
19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)**

Join us for a night of cookie decorating with volunteer Katherine Youngblood. Cookies and all the supplies you need to decorate will be provided.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



### Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age

**Saturday 10 March  
14h00-16h00 (ages 10+)**

The Library will screen the documentary *Screenagers*:

*Growing Up in the Digital Age* in partnership with Message. The screening will be followed by a Q&A moderated by Elizabeth Miloudov.

regarding voter eligibility, deadlines, and other related issues. AARO representatives will be present at the Library on 10 March from 12h00-18h00 to register voters and answer questions.

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## Calling all Kwame Alexander fans

The Library is thrilled to host Kwame Alexander, poet, educator, and best-selling author, for an evening discussion on [Wednesday 21 March](#) at 19h30. Alexander's book *The Crossover* won the 2015 John Newbery Medal for the Most Distinguished Contribution to American Literature for Children and the Coretta Scott King Author Award, among others. He writes for children of all ages. Some of his other popular titles include *Solo*, a young adult novel, and *The Playbook: 52 Rules to Help You Aim, Shoot, and Score in this Game Called Life*.



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## New Library videos of evening events

Thanks to the Library's new video editing intern, Sabina Cristian, videos of our popular evening events are now being regularly posted on our [video gallery](#) on the Library's website. From Library director Jeffrey Hawkins' discussion about Trump-era foreign policy with Princeton professor Helen Milner to Viet Thanh Nguyen and Colson Whitehead talking about their Pulitzer Prize-winning novels, you can share with friends the events that you attended and catch up on the ones that you missed.

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## Library Culture Picks: February 2018

Our Culture Picks displays for February were created by Library volunteer Mike Duffy. At the top of our list is an exceptional exhibition *Dutch Artists in Paris, 1789-1914* at the Petit Palais. The show features nine Dutch artists and their 115 works, many of which have never been displayed in France. February is also the celebration of Lunar New Year and therefore a great reason to see *100 Years of Qipao Dresses* at the Chinese Cultural Center.



Check out the [Library blog](#) for more details and the books from our collection that Duffy has selected to go with these cultural events.

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## Library staff by the book

We will be regularly featuring the reading habits of Library staff members on our blog, with insights on their first experiences at a library, how they choose what to read, and their favorite books, both past and present. The first in our series highlight Programs Manager [Grant Rosenberg](#) and Library Assistant [Alexandra Vangsnes](#), both of whom were voracious readers as children and discovered the joys of libraries at a very early age. Be sure to check the Library blog regularly for the latest posts.



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[Sign-up is required.](#)



### College Goals

**Saturday 17 March**

**14h00-16h00 (ages 12-18)**

During this presentation, College Goals' counselor, Andrea van Niekerk, will address the complexities of the American university application system, with special attention to the process and mechanics. Questions will be taken about applications to the U.S., U.K., and Canada.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

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## Kids



### Draw and Doodle

**Saturday 24 February**

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

Join us for an afternoon of craft! Learn how to draw great characters with volunteers Olena Anikieieva-Crevel and Alexandra Vangsnes who will teach you step-by-step techniques for animals and objects they like to draw.

*No sign-up necessary!*

*Parents welcome!*



### YAFF: The Art of Writing a Story (ages 8-12)

**Part 1: Saturday 3 March**

**10h30-12h00**

**Part 2: Saturday 17 March**

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# Upcoming Events

Wednesday 7 February | 19h30

**Carolle Thibaut-Pomerantz: *Evenings with an Author***

Carolle Thibaut-Pomerantz will talk about her book *Wallpaper: A History of Style and Trends*.

Wednesday 7 March | 19h30

**Julia Mickenberg: *Evenings with an Author***

Julia Mickenberg presents her book *American Girls in Red Russia: Chasing the Soviet Dream*.

Saturday 10 March | 14h00

**Film screening of *Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age***

The Library will screen the documentary *Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age* in partnership with Message. The screening will be followed by a Q&A moderated by Elizabeth Milovidov. [RSVP is required](#).

Wednesday 14 March | 19h30

**Adam Plowright: *Evenings with an Author***

Journalist Adam Plowright talks about the French president in *The French Exception: Emmanuel Macron—The Extraordinary Rise and Risk*.

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**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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**Part 2: Saturday 17 March  
10h30-12h00**

Offered in two parts, the goal of these writing workshops is to prepare young writers to craft a story for the Young Authors Fiction Festival (YAFF).

**This workshop is full.**

## 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.

**1, 15 March**

*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](#).**

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