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The fake news phenomenon, Kwame Alexander, African politics, and David Lebovitz

[Tonight](#), join us for a panel discussion about the prevalence of "fake news," its corrosive effect on society, and how it is challenging efforts to maintain an informed electorate. The panel features *New York Times* Paris bureau chief Alissa Rubin, former AUP professor Peter Barnet, international arbitrator and mediator John Lowe, and chief digital officer of *Le Parisien* Ariane Bernard. They will discuss how fake news came to be, how it works, and what can be done to better address and combat it.



[Tomorrow night](#), the Library welcomes best-selling author, poet, and educator Kwame Alexander for an evening discussion and a book signing. Alexander's book *The Crossover* received the 2015 John Newbery Medal and the Coretta Scott King Author Award, among others. He is the author of 21 books for children and young adults including *Solo*, *The Playbook: 52 Rules to Help You Aim, Shoot, and Score in this Game Called Life*, and his most recent, *Rebound*, the companion to *The Crossover*.



On [Tuesday 3 April](#), Library director Jeff Hawkins speaks with Nigerian cabinet minister Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi about sub-Saharan Africa's largest country, Boko Haram and other security challenges, and Nigeria's relations with the United States. Amaechi, an influential leader from the oil-rich Niger Delta, was one of the primary architects of the ruling All



Teens



Master Shot Film Club

Saturday 24 March

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.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Teen Advisory Group

Friday 13 April

17h00-18h30 (ages 12-18)

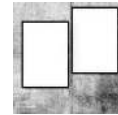
Provide feedback and earn community service hours by joining the Teen Advisory Group. Members of this group will be asked to read widely and offer opinions on new books that we are considering adding to our collection.

[This group is full.](#)

Delta, was one of the primary architects of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) party and a key player in President Muhammadu Buhari's 2015 electoral victory.



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On [Wednesday 4 April](#), food writer David Lebovitz returns to the Library, this time to discuss his new book *L'Appart: The Delights and Disasters of Making my Paris Home* in conversation with guest interviewer Alexander Lobrano.

English and French conversation circles at the Library

The Library is pleased to offer English and French conversation circles -- a way for English and French language learners with at least an intermediate level to improve their speaking skills. We invite Library members to join one and engage in stimulating conversation on a variety of topics moderated by volunteers in a relaxed and friendly environment.



Participation in conversation circles is free, but you have to be a Library member. More information about our English and French conversation circles, including how to sign up, can be found on the [Library website](#).

Workshops for flash fiction and the Paris role in the American Revolution

There are still spots left for April and May workshops at the Library. Join writer Margot Miller in a [four-part workshop](#) to hone the craft of "flash fiction." With fewer than 1,000 words, every word has to count. Part of each session will be spent reading and discussing published works of flash fiction. The rest of the time, Miller will use writing prompts to help generate new work.

Mary Jo Padgett returns for her annual [four-part discussion](#) focused on the Paris connection to the American Revolution. The workshops will be held in the conference room in April; for those who want to see the sights, the walking tours are in May.



Workshops are free for Library members and non-members can participate with a day pass. Please email rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org to reserve a spot.

Word for Word RSVP now open

Reservations for Word for Word's single Paris performance on Monday 9 April at 19h30 at Le Théâtre de la Tour Eiffel of Lucia Berlin's stories are now open. You can reserve your spot with this [online reservation form](#). Please note earlier start time than previous years.



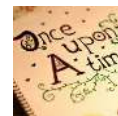
Teen Night: Poster Making Friday 13 April

19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)

Unleash your creativity and experiment with materials and techniques during an in-depth exploration of design. Inspired by posters and prints in our collection, develop your own poster using stamping and stenciling techniques.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

Kids



Upside Down Fairy Tales Saturday 24 March

15h00-16h00 (ages 6-10)

You know the original fairy tales. Now, come in and listen to some new takes on the classic tales!

No sign-up is required!

Parents welcome!



Silly Poetry

Sunday 25 March

14h00-15h00 (ages 8-12)

Join us for a workshop dedicated to silly poetry! Come in and create your own original, funny rhymes!

[Sign-up is required.](#)



There is a suggested donation of 25€ per person (15€ for students) that can be made online or at the door. The performance will be followed by a reception at the Library. Please note that all seating is on a first-come, first-served basis; there is no reserved seating.



Galas past and present

Did you know that the Library has held its annual Gala dinner since the late 1980s? Currently on display in the Turner Commons' exhibit case is a complete list of 30 years of Gala speakers with a few original invitations from our archives. Half of the display is dedicated to this spring's prolific, award-winning Gala speaker, Salman Rushdie. To reserve, please email gala@americanlibraryinparis.org.



In the decades prior, the Library organized musical benefits featuring world-class performers: concert programs and tickets to several of the exceptional musical events held during the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s can also be admired. One item that was too fragile to display is a carbon copy of a 1951 letter written to Nadia Boulanger by then-Library director Ian Forbes Fraser, thanking her for designating Aaron Copeland to speak at the Library benefit at Salle Pleyel in her stead.

YAFF submission deadline 30 March

The deadline for submitting to the [Young Authors Fiction Festival](#) is fast approaching on 30 March at 22h00! We hope that young writers all over Paris have started working on their original stories. Be sure to find writing inspiration on the [Library blog](#).



The Library is proud to be the organizer of YAFF, a city-wide writing initiative that aims to strengthen community among English speakers in the Paris area through the art and craft of storytelling. YAFF is free of charge and open to all students ages 5-18 in the greater Paris area who write in English.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 20 March | 19h30

Panel discussion on "Fake News"

The Library will hold a panel discussion on the prevalence of "fake news." Panelists include Alissa Rubin, Peter Barnet, John Lowe, and Ariane Bernard.

Wednesday 21 March | 19h30

Kwame Alexander: *Evenings with an Author*

Kwame Alexander, award-winning author, poet, and educator, will discuss his writing and sign books.

Tuesday 3 April | 19h30

Music Together with Stacey Pavesi Debre

Saturday 7 April

11h30-12h00 (ages 0-5)

Come and make music in this family workshop where children and parents learn together through active exploration and meaningful interaction. Each child should accompany their favorite adult!

[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.

5, 19 April

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](#).

Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi: *Evenings with a Politician*

Library director Jeff Hawkins will interview Nigerian cabinet minister Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi on important issues facing sub-saharan Africa's largest country.

Wednesday 4 April | 19h30

David Lebovitz: *Evenings with an Author*

David Lebovitz will talk about his latest book *L'Appart: The Delights and Disasters of Making my Paris Home*. He will be joined in conversation with writer Alexander Lobrano.

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.

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