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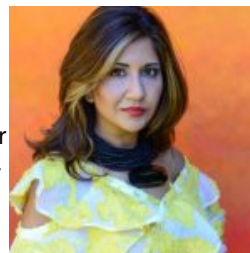
## African politics, David Lebovitz, wild ideas, and a story of friendship

Tonight, 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 Progressives Congress (APC) party and a key player in President Muhammadu Buhari's 2015 electoral victory.



Tomorrow night, 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.

On Wednesday 11 April, business thinker and author Nilofer Merchant presents her story-based book *The Power of Onliness: Make Your Wild Ideas Mighty Enough to Dent the World*. She looks at how people can be more empowered in our modern age and how individuals can make an impact precisely through their individuality. Merchant is an expert in turning seemingly wild ideas into reality and shows the rest of us how to do it through her books, her top-ranked TED talks, and her own experiences.



On Wednesday 18 April, author Isabel Vincent will speak about her book *Dinners with Edward: A Story of an Unexpected Friendship*, which chronicles meeting of two people at a crossroads: one who wants to follow his late wife to the grave, and the other ready to give up on love. Vincent will be joined by esteemed British actor David Suchet, who will play in an



## Teens

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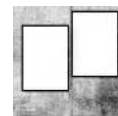
### Teen Advisory Group

**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.**



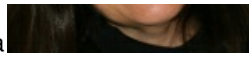
### Teen Night: Poster Making

**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.

by esteemed British actor David Suchet, who will play in an upcoming film adaptation of the book. *Dinners with Edward* is a book about love and nourishment, and about how dinner with a friend can "sustain us against the hungers of the world."



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## Wine-tasting workshop with Joshua Adler

After several years of leading dozens of wine-tasting workshops on wines from all over France and beyond, Joshua Adler's returns on [Tuesday 17 April](#) at 19h30. This session will feature his own personal favorite wines and champagnes.



The cost is 35€ for the wine, cheese, and charcuterie. To reserve a spot, email your RSVP to programs manager Grant Rosenberg at: [rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org](mailto:rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org).

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## Read-A-Thon Kick-Off Party for all ages

The Library and Message Paris are organizing a Read-A-Thon to encourage reading and raise funds for the Library. This Read-A-Thon is open to all children and teens. All readers will receive a certificate of participation. Join us for the kick-off party on [Saturday 7 April](#) at 15h00 where you'll learn all about the Library's history and the guidelines for the Read-A-Thon. There will be games, prizes, and much more!

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## Library Spring Egg-Stravaganza

Come and celebrate spring on Saturday 21 April at [11h00 \(for ages 0-5\)](#) and [15h00 \(for ages 6+\)](#) with some fun spring stories followed by an egg-tastic hunt through the Library! Learn about traditions and symbols from spring celebrations around the world during a colorful storytime full of fun, fact, and fiction. Then join us for an egg hunt with chocolate and prizes!



Children are encouraged to bring a basket for the egg hunt. Parents are welcome and no registration is needed. This event is free for Library members and those with a day pass.

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## RSVP now for Word for Word

There are still spots left for Word for Word's single Paris performance of selected Lucia Berlin stories on Monday 9 April at 19h30. This year, Word for Word returns to Square Rapp at the Théâtre de la Tour Eiffel (formerly Théâtre Adyar). You must reserve your spot with this [online reservation form](#). Please note earlier start time than previous years.



There is a suggested donation of 25€ per person (15€ for students) that can be made online at the door. The performance will be followed by a reception at the

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[Sign-up is required.](#)

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## Kids



### Music Together with Stacey Pavesi Debré

**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!

**This workshop is full.**



### Story Mapping

**Saturday 14 April**

**10h30-12h00 (ages 8-12)**

Join volunteer Olivia Gonzalez Canovas for a workshop dedicated to mapping out your own original stories!

[Sign-up is required.](#)



### Money Matters

**Saturday 14 April**

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

Learn about earning, saving, spending, and giving in this program all about money matters. We'll learn about some important concepts by reading stories about some classic characters and new ones too.

*No sign-up necessary!*

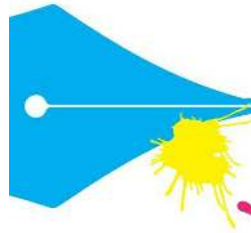
*Parents welcome!*

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-seated basis; there is no reserved seating.

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## Huge turnout for 2018 YAFF!

The [2018 Young Authors Fiction Festival](#) story submission deadline passed this weekend and the YAFF team at the Library were kept busy over the holiday weekend processing the 450 stories that were submitted this year! Young authors from over 30 schools and writing programs in Paris and the surrounding areas. The stories will now be sent to a panel of 70 judges and finalists will be notified in towards the end of May.



All participants of YAFF are invited to attend the celebration event on Friday 15 June at the Library. Information about the celebration will be forthcoming on the Library website and emailed to all YAFF participants. The top five stories in each grade will be published by the Library in the 2018 YAFF celebration booklet available for a donation.

A big congratulations to all the young authors for being part of YAFF, and thanks to the team of staff and volunteers who processed the hundreds of stories and to the 70 volunteers who will judge them!

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## Upcoming Events

Tuesday 3 April | 19h30

### **Chibuiki Rotimi Amaechi: *Evenings with a Politician***

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

Wednesday 4 April | 19h30

### **David Lebovitz: *Evenings with an Author***

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

Isabel Vincent will discuss her book *Dinner with Edward: An Unexpected Friendship* with special guest, the British actor David Suchet.

## 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.](#)

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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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