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A story of friendship, the life of American pioneer Loie Fuller, and workshops

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



Teens



Writing From the Heart

Saturday 21 April

17h00-18h30 (ages 12-18)

Join memoir writer Jane Mobbille to create your own crossword puzzle. Write clues whose answers reveal what you love about your life. Sign-up is required.



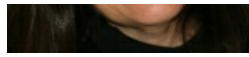
Word for Word: A workshop

Friday 11 May

19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)

Unleash your creativity and have fun while experimenting with theater in the unique style used by JoAnne Winter and Susan Harloe, the founders and artistic directors of the San Francisco based theater company Word for Word. Word for Word performs short stories as stage scripts, without cutting or altering a word. Try it

esteemed British actor David Suchet, who will play in an upcoming film adaptation of the book. *Dinners with Edward* is an engaging book about love and nourishment.



On [Wednesday 25 April](#), Library Visiting Fellow Vanessa Manko will talk about the historical fiction that she is working on based on the life and work of Loie Fuller, an American modern dance and stage lighting pioneer who performed in Paris at the *Folies-Bergère* in the 1890s.

There are still spots left for April and May workshops at the Library. Joshua Adler returns [tonight](#) at 19h30. This session will feature his own personal favorite wines and champagnes. The cost is 35€ for the wine, cheese, and charcuterie.



Library Visiting Fellow Vanessa Manko will lead a "Building Fictional Worlds" workshop on Saturday 5 May at 15h00, which explores how writers can make the imaginative, empathetic leap into the life and story of an other and the role that research plays in this process. Participants are asked to read two essays prior to the workshop: Henry James' "The Art of Fiction" and Javier Marias' "The Curse."

Workshops are free for Library members and those who have purchased a day pass. To reserve a spot, email programs manager Grant Rosenberg at: rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org.

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Save the date: Champs-Élysées Film Festival

The [Champs-Élysées Film Festival](#) celebrates its sixth anniversary from 15-22 June with the purpose of bringing the best of American and French cinema to a wide audience in Paris. Included in the



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[Sign-up is required.](#)



Teen Writing Group

Saturday 19 May

17h00-18h30 (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.

Kids



Spring Egg-Stravaganza

Saturday 21 April

11h00-12h00 (ages 0-5)

15h00-16h30 (ages 6+)

Celebrate spring with some fun spring stories followed by an egg-tastic hunt through the Library! Children are encouraged to bring along a basket to collect their spring eggs.

No sign-up required!

Parents welcomed!



Game Day

Saturday 28 April

15h00-16h00 (ages 6-10)

Challenge one of our Library volunteers to a game of Scrabble, Boggle, Clue, Sorry, or Battleship, or try out one of

program are film screenings, concerts, and round table discussions. More than 80 films and 100 screenings will take place in all the theatres along the Champs-Élysées.



Library members will receive a special promotion code for a discount on an all-access pass for the film festival. There will be ticket give-aways for a screening of your choice as well! Stay tuned for more details!

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Watch more evenings with authors videos, past and present

Thanks to video editing intern Sabina Christian, videos of programs both recent and past are being uploaded to the Library's [YouTube channel](#) at a fast clip. The [conversation from 4 April](#) between David Lebovitz and Alexander Lobrano about David's new book *I'Appart*, Nathalie Moore [presenting](#) her book about segregation in Chicago's South Side, [Julia Mickenberg](#) on her book *American Girls in Red Russia*, as well as the [Vietnamese women writers' panel](#) and [Tatiana de Rosnay](#) from last May and Susan Suleiman's [talk](#) about her book on Irene Nemirovsky from last June...these are just a few of the videos you can watch and share.

An afternoon with Rosemary Wells

Sunday 6 May
14h00-15h00 (ages 4+)

Join us for an afternoon with celebrated children's author and illustrator Rosemary Wells. A donation of 10€ is suggested for this event.
No sign-up required!
Parents welcomed!



Library Culture Picks: April

The Library is pleased to present the Culture Picks for April, thanks to the thorough research by volunteer Mike Duffy. Our picks include two exhibitions at La Maison Rouge that touch on themes of exclusion and survival. Both are exceptional and not to be missed. An exhibition on American artist Mary Cassatt reveals her as much more than a portrait painter and a show on Tintoretto focuses on his early works.



Read more about our Culture Picks on the [Library blog](#), which includes a selection of books from our collection for each cultural event.

Read-A-Thon Finale Party

Saturday 12 May

15h00-16h30 (all ages)
Join us for the Read-A-Thon finale party where you can tell us about your vacation reading and win prizes! All participants will receive a certificate of participation.
No sign-up necessary!
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Upcoming Events

Tuesday 17 April | 19h30

Wine-tasting workshop with Joshua Adler

Joshua Adler will feature his favorite wines and champagnes in this wine-tasting workshop. Cost is 35€ for the wine, cheese, and charcuterie. RSVP at rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org.

Wednesday 18 April | 19h30

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.
19 April
All children must be

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Unless otherwise stated, all children's and teens' programs are free for Library members and 10 euros for non-members.

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.

Find out how to **[become a member.](#)**

Program dates and speakers are subject to change.

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