



# The American Library in Paris

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## A journalist turns to fiction, eating like a Parisian, and a French novelist discusses her work

On [Wednesday 9 May](#), journalist and now novelist Wendell Steavenson discusses her novel *Paris Metro*, which explores the life of an American war correspondent after the 2015 terror attacks, in a story that moves from Baghdad to Beirut to the French capital. She will be interviewed by France Info's deputy editorial director Lucas Menget. *Publisher's Weekly* affirms that Steavenson "skillfully writes about the history and politics of global conflicts."



On [Tuesday 15 May](#), food writer and cook Clotilde Dusoulier, creator of the popular blog [chocolateandzucchini.com](#), returns to the Library to speak about her latest book, *Tasting Paris: 100 Recipes to Eat Like a Local*. In it she writes about everything from bistro chicken to crêpes, focusing on what Parisians eat today. Dusoulier is an enthusiastic explorer of flavors and an acute observer of culinary trends and contributes to food and travel magazines in France, the U.S., and U.K.



On [Wednesday 16 May](#), in conversation with programs manager Grant Rosenberg, French novelist Karine Tuil speaks about her latest novel *L'insouciance*, about a French soldier returning home from Afghanistan, as well as her previous novel, *L'invention de nos vies* (shortlisted for the prestigious Prix Goncourt) which was translated into English as *The Age of Reinvention*. This program will be mostly in French, without English interpretation.



## Teens



### Word for Word: A workshop Friday 11 May

**19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)**

Unleash your creativity and have fun while experimenting with theater techniques used by JoAnne Winter and Susan Harloe, the founders and artistic directors of the San Francisco-based theater company Word for Word, which performs short stories as stage scripts, without altering a word.

[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. Now

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**▲ special afternoon with author**

## A special afternoon with author

# Rosemary Wells

On [Sunday 6 May at 14h00](#), join us for an afternoon visit and reading with celebrated children's author and illustrator Rosemary Wells. She is best known for her *Max & Ruby* series which follows the adventures of two bunnies: Max and his bossy seven-year-old sister Ruby. Her other works include *Noisy Nora*, *Yoko*, and nearly a hundred other books for children.



Wells will be reading from a work-in-progress for older children, and then she will read a book for younger audiences. A Q&A will follow. Books will be available for purchase at the event and Wells will be signing them following her reading. A donation of 10€ per family is suggested for this special event. Fans all of ages are invited to attend (adults included).

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## Vanessa Manko writing workshop and an American Revolution walking tour

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 another and the role that research plays in this process. Participants are asked to read two essays prior to the workshop: Henry James's "The Art of Fiction" and Javier Marias's "The Curse".



Mary Jo Padgett will lead a three-part [walking tour](#) on "The American Revolution and How Paris Helped" on three Thursdays in May. The walking tour will focus on the statues, buildings, parks, and squares in Paris that represent the significant Franco-American partnership of that era.

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](mailto:rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org).

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## New magazines at the Library:

### *n+1* and *Mojo*

The Library has added two new magazines to our collection: *n+1* and *Mojo*. *n+1*, an American literary magazine based in New York, publishes social criticism, political commentary, essays, art, poetry, book reviews, and short fiction. It's published three times a year, and the Library has access to the back issues online.

*Mojo* is a rock-n-roll magazine in which you can find information about contemporary



on your technique. New participants are invited to bring in a writing sample to share with the group.

**This club is full.**



### The 6th Annual Literary Reaping

**Friday 25 May**

**19h00-21h30 (ages 12-18)**

Show off your memory of all things related to teen literature by competing in an evening of challenges featuring trivia, hands-on games, and prizes. Wands, arrows, and other reaping accessories will be provided.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

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## Kids



### Kids' Lit Madness

**Saturday 5 May**

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

Join us for a reading of a few classic picture books, and then try your hand at quizzes and trivia all about kids' literature!

*No sign-up required.*

*Parents welcome.*



### An afternoon with Rosemary Wells

**Sunday 6 May**

**14h00-15h00 (ages 4-adult)**

Join us for an afternoon with celebrated children's author and illustrator Rosemary

rock music, read stories behind the music, see rare archival photos, and gain access to various music reviews. It's published monthly and each issue comes with a CD filled with tracks from artists you love and some you've yet to discover.

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## President Macron mentions historical Library figure in speech

The American Library in Paris was created in part as a memorial to a young American poet, Alan Seeger, who wrote the well-known poem "I Have a Rendezvous with Death" not long before he died in action in France in 1916. The early leadership of the Library was composed of a small group of American expatriates, notably Charles Seeger, father of Alan Seeger.



President Emmanuel Macron addressed a joint session of Congress on Wednesday 25 April as part of the first state visit of the Trump Administration. Macron began his speech by describing the centuries-long relationship between the U.S. and France, dating back to our respective revolutions and our shared commitment to democracy. He also made a particular reference to Alan Seeger as one of the first American soldiers to fight with the French Foreign Legion. Check out the [Library blog](#) for the video.

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## Upcoming Events

Wednesday 9 May | 19h30

### Wendell Steavenson: *Evenings with an Author*

Wendell Steavenson, journalist and now novelist, will talk about her new book *Paris Metro*, about the life of a war correspondent after the 2015 terror attacks.

Tuesday 15 May | 19h30

### Clothilde Dusoulier: *Evenings with an Author*

Clothilde Dusoulier, food blogger and cookbook author, presents her latest book *Tasting Paris: 100 Recipes to Eat Like a Local*.

Wednesday 16 May | 19h30

### Karine Tuil: *Evenings with an Author (in French)*

Karine Tuil, in conversation with programs manager Grant Rosenberg, will discuss her books *L'insouciance* and *L'invention de nos vies*. This program will be in French.

Tuesday 22 May | 19h30

### Moving Up to CP: *A panel discussion*

The Library partners with AAWE and Message to bring you a panel discussion exploring the important educational step from *maternelle* (preschool) to *CP* (1st grade).

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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.

Wells. A donation of 10€ is suggested for this event.  
*No sign-up required.*  
*Parents welcome.*



### Toddler Yoga with Munira Orsmond (ages 1-3)

Tuesday 15 May

Tuesday 29 May

13h00-13h30 and 14h00-14h30

Join volunteer Munira for a workshop using "Kidding Around Yoga" techniques. We'll sing, dance, hop, skip, march, jump, shake, and limbo - all while practicing yoga! A donation of 10€ is suggested for both sessions.

[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.

**3, 17 May**

*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.

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**MEMBER.**

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