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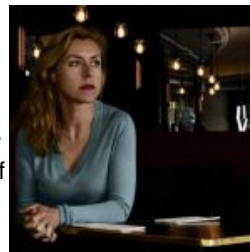
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Kristin Scott Thomas, the Left Bank's postwar history, and a heralded novelist

[Tonight's](#) event with British-born, Oscar-nominated (and BAFTA-winning) actress Kristin Scott Thomas is already full. She will be in conversation with former *New York Times* European cultural correspondent Alan Riding about her career in film, cultural interests, acting in two languages, and more.

[Tomorrow night](#), journalist and author Agnès Poirier will discuss her book *Left Bank: Art, Passion and the Rebirth of Paris, 1940-1950*, with NPR's Eleanor Beardsley. With engaging and entertaining prose, Poirier explores the illustrious history of this iconic Paris neighborhood and its colorful cast of artists, philosophers, and film stars including wonderful anecdotes about figures like Jean Cocteau, Marlon Brando, Miles Davis, and others.



On [Monday 11 June](#), novelist Rachel Kushner will speak about her new book *The Mars Room*, about a woman in a California prison. Kushner is also the author of the bestselling novel *The Flamethrowers*, which was a finalist for the 2013 National Book Award and chosen as one of the five best books of the year by the *New York Times*. Her debut novel, *Telex From Cuba*, was a finalist for the 2008 National Book Award and winner of the Dayton Literary Peace Prize.



Writing workshop: The Zen of Writing

Join Susan Tiberghien as she leads a writing workshop called "The Zen of Writing: Clear Seeing, Clear Writing" on [Saturday 30 June](#) at 15h00. Participants will be offered a brief introduction to Zen and read excerpts from writers such as C.G. Jung, Thomas Merton, Thich Nhat Hanh, Annie Dillard, Te Nohio Coates, and Suki Kim. Participants will explore how



Teens



Teen Advisory Group

Friday 1 June

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.



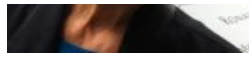
Word Wars

Friday 1 June

19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)

For this event, you will work in teams and individually to conquer some of the best and toughest word games. Get to know other teens in the English-speaking community while you work together. Light snacks and prizes will be

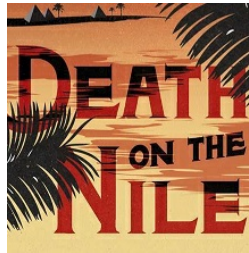
Janet Coates, and Suki Kim. Participants will explore how to clear away the clutter to find seeds for life stories and let the practice of Zen illuminate their writing.



To reserve a spot, send an email to programs manager Grant Rosenberg at rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org. This workshop is free for members to participate. Non-members may purchase a day pass.

Mystery Book Group seeks new members

The Library's long-running Mystery Book Group is now looking to welcome five new members. To date, the group has read and discussed more than 80 mysteries by authors from all over the world. The focus is on mystery/crime fiction and its subgenres: police procedurals, hardboiled detective, historical, or medical whodunits. The group categorically avoids action-packed thrillers, cozies, and crimes solved by domestic animals.



The book group meets one Monday a month, from 10h30-12h00, September to June. The list of books they have read can be sent on request. The group will discuss *Death on the Nile* by Agatha Christie for the first fall meeting on 10 September.

To sign up for this book group, send an email to programs manager Grant Rosenberg at: rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org.

Library teen workshops accepting applications

The Library is accepting applications for the 2018-2019 [Teen Writing Group](#) (for ages 12-18). Applications are already pouring in, so apply now if you're interested in joining this popular teen club. Experienced writers and amateurs are all welcome to apply.

Applications for the Library's 2018-2019 [Teen Advisory Group](#) (for ages 12-18) are also open. The first season was a success, and we anticipate that these spots will fill up quickly, so don't miss the 31 July application deadline.

Library Culture Picks: June 2018

The Library is pleased to present its Culture Picks for June, thanks to the thorough research and summaries written by volunteer Mike Duffy.

Our picks this month include an exhibition on rarely-seen Symbolist paintings by dozens of painters from Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. The Musée Maillol is showcasing more than 100 works by Japanese-born artist Foujita, whose glittering lifestyle and mix of Japanese and European techniques made him a pioneer in the 1900s. Paris, The



snacks and prizes will be provided.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Career Day

Saturday 9 June

17h00-18h30 (ages 12-adult)

Confused about what career paths are open to you? Wondering if you should study in the U.S., U.K., or France? Join us for a panel discussion with five professionals from different fields and find out how they ended up where they are.

No sign-up required.

Parents welcome.

Kids



Young Writers Literary Club

Saturday 2 June

10h30-12h00 (ages 10-14)

Each month, there will be a different theme about various elements of the writer's toolkit, use of punctuation, paragraphs, and writing styles.

This club is full.



Exploring Paris by Book

Saturday 2 June

15h00-16h00 (ages 6-10)

Join our children's librarian for a reading of beautiful stories set in the city of Paris. We'll explore the city through a few

Japanese and European techniques made him a shining star in 1920s Paris. The Musée Quai Branly has a fascinating exhibition that captures all sorts of supernatural manifestations in Asia through an extensive display of paintings, sculptures, films, video games, and artifacts.

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

2018 American Library in Paris Book Award on display

With the entry deadline for our 2018 Book Award just behind us, more than 70 newly-published English-language titles about France or the French have been sent to the Library. The field this year includes books for adults, teens, and children, and represents a range of writing from fiction to history (passing through historical fiction, of course), with plenty of biographies, memoirs, and illustrated books for older and younger readers to round out the selection.

All the submissions have been added to the Library's [circulating collection](#), and are on display in the Members' Lounge.

Our screening committee is reading through the eligible titles, and will present a shortlist to the jury in mid-July. The winner will be announced in November. More information about this year's nominations, and the jury, will be in the June issue of our quarterly newsletter, *Ex Libris*. The American Library in Paris [Book Award](#) is supported by generous funding from the Florence Gould Foundation.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 29 May | 19h30

Kristin Scott Thomas: *Evenings with an Actress* (EVENT FULL)

British-born actress Kristin Scott Thomas will be in conversation with former *New York*

Times European cultural correspondent Alan Riding. Due to overwhelming demand, no further reservations can be accepted.

Wednesday 30 May | 19h30

Agnès Poirier: *Evenings with an Author*

Journalist Agnès Poirier will speak about her book *Left Bank: Art, Passion, and the Rebirth of Paris, 1940-1950*, in conversation with NPR's Eleanor Beardsley.

Friday 8 June | 19h00

Annual Gala Dinner

The Library's Annual Gala Dinner will be at The Westin Paris - Vendôme with guest of honor Salman Rushdie. Contact gala@americanlibraryinparis for tickets to our premier fundraising event.

Monday 11 June | 19h30

classic and contemporary tales, and we'll talk about our favorite parts of the city and its monuments. A book list with further reading will be available.

No sign-up required.

Parents welcome.



Toddler Yoga with Munira Orsmond (ages 1-5)

Friday 8 June

11h00-11h30

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!

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Bright Ideas and Creative Mistakes

Saturday 9 June

15h00-16h00 (ages 6-10)

Join our children's librarian for a reading of stories about mistakes, ideas, and creativity. We'll read a few illustrated stories together and

then we'll talk about some bright ideas before making our own creative projects.

No sign-up required.

Parents welcome.

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!

Monday 11 June | 19h30

Rachel Kushner: *Evenings with an Author*

Rachel Kushner will discuss her new book *The Mars Room*, about a woman in a California prison.

Tuesday 12 June | 19h30

Annual General Meeting

All members of the Library are invited to the Annual General Meeting of the American Library in Paris, Inc. to hear about activities of the past year.

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 [Events and Programs](#) page for updates

no sign-up necessary!

Toddler Time
10h30 and 17h00
(ages 1-3)

Rhymes, songs, and stories in English lasting 30 minutes.

7, 21 June

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](#).

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