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Salman Rushdie speaks at the Gala

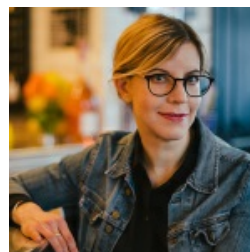
Thanks to all who participated in the American Library's annual celebration last Friday at The Westin Paris – Vendôme. In a record-breaking event, close to 280 attendees gathered from around the world to celebrate literature and support the Library. Keynote speaker and Gala honoree Salman Rushdie kept the audience rapt with a fascinating exploration of canonical texts from his youth. Library director Jeff Hawkins, deputy director Audrey Chapuis, and chairman of the board of trustees Luis Roth also spoke and emphasized the importance of the Gala to the financial health of the institution.



More details of the Gala Dinner will appear in the June issue of *Ex Libris*. In the meantime, please enjoy our [photo gallery](#) of the evening festivities through the lens of photographer Krystal Kenney.

The Library's remaining evening programs

On [Tuesday 19 June](#), journalist and author Pamela Druckerman, best known for her book *Bringing Up Bébé*, returns to the Library to speak about her latest, *There Are No Grown-ups: A Mid-Life Coming-of-Age Story*. Her most recent column for the New York Times is an essay adapted from this book, and can be read [here](#).



On [Wednesday 20 June](#), Library director Jeffrey Hawkins interviews François Bujon de l'Estang, a former French ambassador to the United States (from 1995 to 2002, during Jacques Chirac's first term as president), while Séverine Boué, a scholar of the history of French ambassadorships, presents her work.

On [Tuesday 26 June](#), the Library is pleased to collaborate with Ivy Plus European Leaders to present a panel discussion on "Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Humanity." China, US, Europe, Russia, and Japan are investing billions in AI, raising



Teens



Teen Advisory Group

Friday 15 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.



Master Shot Film Club

Saturday 16 June

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.

Europe, Russia, and Japan are investing billions in AI, racing to lead and rule. What does AI really mean? How will AI impact our world and our future? The panel includes Stuart Russell, Professor at UC Berkeley and author of the seminal book *Artificial Intelligence: A Modern Approach* and Gérard Berry, Professor at Collège de France.



[Sign-up is required.](#)



Viet Thanh Nguyen evening talk and writing workshop

On [Wednesday 4 July](#), Pulitzer Prize-winning author Viet Thanh Nguyen, returning to the Library as our first Writer-in-Residence, will talk about his edited collection of essays *The Displaced: Refugee Writers on Refugee Lives*. Nguyen, himself a refugee, brings together a host of prominent refugee writers to explore and illuminate the refugee experience. Featuring 20 original essays, the book is an indictment of closing our doors, and a powerful look at what it means to be forced to leave home and find a place of refuge.



Writing Your Personal Statement

Saturday 21 July

16h30-18h30 (ages 12-adult)

Join memoir writer and Life Coach Jane Mabile to begin crafting your personal statement for US college applications, by thinking about your life experiences and what makes you unique. Check the website for questions to help you prepare for this workshop.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

Nguyen will hold two masterclasses at the Library on two [Sundays, 8 and 15 July](#). Participants are asked to read the poem "The Colonel" by Carolyn Forché, which will be used for critical analysis during the class. He will also lead a discussion on writing and publishing. There is a fee of 25€ to attend either session. Space is very limited. To sign-up, please send an email to programs manager Grant Rosenberg at rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org.

Kids

Voter registration drive for U.S. citizens

The Library is pleased to partner with the Association of Americans Resident Overseas (AARO) to hold a non-partisan voter registration drive for our members and guests who are U.S. citizens at 18h30 on Tuesday 19 June and Wednesday 4 July, just before those evenings' programs at the Library.



This is an important opportunity for U.S. citizens living abroad, especially first-time voters, to ask questions regarding voter eligibility, deadlines, and other related issues.



Summer Reading Challenge: Kick-off Party

Saturday 16 June

15h00-16h30 (all ages)

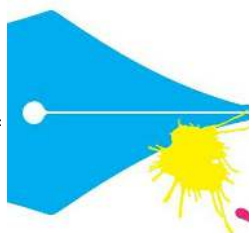
Dress up as your favorite literary character and come celebrate our Summer Reading Challenge. We'll explain how the summer reading challenge works and we'll have lots of fun activities to get you started on your summer reading adventure.

No sign-up required.

Parents welcome.

2018 YAFF Celebration

The Library is proud to be the organizer of the Young Authors Fiction Festival, which this year received nearly 500 submissions from students aged 5-18 in the Paris area. The stories have been read by a large panel of judges comprised of teachers, writers, and volunteers.



We invite everyone who submitted a story to join us at the Library for the 2018 YAFF Celebration on Friday 15 June as we announce the top finalists in each grade level. More details on the celebration can be found on



Game Day

Saturday 23 June

15h00-16h00 (ages 6-10)

Challenge one of our Library volunteers to a game of Scrabble, Boggle, Clue, Sorry,

Finalists in each grade level. More details on the celebration can be found on our [website](#). Hope to see many of you there!

Summer Reading Challenge for all ages

You're invited to take part in the Library's Summer Reading Challenge for children, teens, and adults, running from 24 June through 10 September. The Summer Reading Challenge kick-off party will take place on [Saturday 16 June](#) at 15h00. Everyone is invited to dress up as their favorite literary character and come to the Library to celebrate and pick up a game card!



Summer Reading prizes include: gift cards, books, bookmarks, book bags, theatre tickets and more. The more you read the more clues you earn toward solving the game. Please visit our [website](#) for complete details.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 19 June | 19h30

Pamela Druckerman: *Evenings with an Author*

Pamela Druckerman will talk about her book *There Are No Grown-ups: A Mid-Life Coming-of-Age Story*.

Wednesday 20 June | 19h30

An evening about embassies

Library director Jeffrey Hawkins interviews François Bujon de l'Estang, a former French ambassador to the U.S., while Séverine Boué talks about the history of French ambassadorships.

Tuesday 26 June | 19h30

Panel discussion on artificial intelligence

Panel discussion on "Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Humanity" with Professors Stuart Russell and Gérard Berry.

Wednesday 4 July | 19h30

Viet Thanh Nguyen: *Evenings with an Author*

Viet Thanh Nguyen will discuss his edited book *The Displaced: Refugee Writers on Refugee Lives*.

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

Scrabble, Boggle, Clue, Sorry or Battleship, or try out one of our many puzzles!

No sign-up required.

Parents welcome.



Inspiring Artists

Saturday 30 June

15h00-16h00 (ages 6-10)

Let's celebrate artists from around the world and their art. We'll read about Claude Monet, Frida Kahlo, Leonardo da Vinci and Georgia O'Keefe and learn about some of the different techniques used in art. Then, inspired by their techniques we'll make our very own art!

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!

Toddler Time

10h30 and 17h00

(ages 1-3)

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

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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.

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