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e-Libris

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## Library leadership transition

In September, director Jeff Hawkins will be leaving the Library to return to the world of public policy as an educator, writer, and cultural commentator. He will remain involved in the Library's vibrant community, most notably as a member of the Advisory Council.

Librarian and deputy director Audrey Chapuis will begin her tenure as director at the *rentrée*. Read more in the June edition of [Ex Libris](#) or on the [Library blog](#): Jeff Hawkins reflects on his experience at the Library, chairman of the board of trustees Luis Roth acknowledges Jeff's service, and the Library briefly introduces Audrey Chapuis. Stay tuned for more from Audrey in the fall about global library trends and innovations, and the Library's own bright future as the institution heads into its 99th year.

## Library Annual Report available

A detailed report about the Library's many activities in 2017 is available for [download electronically](#) or in print at the Library. In addition to data about our robust programs and initiatives, including the Evenings with an Author speaker series, the American Library in Paris Book Award, and the Visiting Fellowship, all of which are supported by grants from dedicated foundations, the Annual Report also acknowledges the generous donors and partners who sustain and enliven the world of the Library.

## Summer hours and holidays

From 17 July through 25 August, the Library will be open Tuesday to Saturday 13h00-19h00. The Library is closed Sundays in July and August. The Library will be closed Saturday 14 July for Bastille Day and Wednesday 15 August for Assumption. Normal hours resume on Tuesday 28 August, while Sunday hours resume on 2 September, and Thursday



## Teens



### Writing Your Personal Statement

**Saturday 21 July**

**16h30-18h30 (ages 12-adult)**

Join memoir writer and life coach Jane Mobbille to begin crafting your personal statement for U.S. 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.](#)



### Teen Advisory Group

**Deadline to apply: Tuesday 31 July**

Applications for the Library's 2018-2019 Teen Advisory Group (for ages 12-18) are open. The first season was a success, and we anticipate that these seats will fill up

while Sunday hours resume on 2 September, and Thursday *nocturne* hours resume on 6 September.

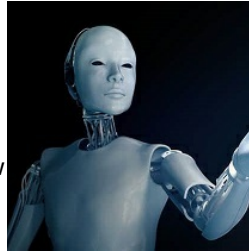


Please note that e-Libris will be taking a short break, returning with our *rentrée* issue on 29 August. Please check the [Library website](#) regularly for updates.

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## The Library's remaining evening programs

**This event is now full.** 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, the U.S., Europe, Russia, and Japan are investing billions in A.I., racing to lead and rule. How will A.I. impact our world and our future? The panel includes Stuart Russell, professor at UC Berkeley and author of *Artificial Intelligence: A Modern Approach* and Gérard Berry, professor at Collège de France.



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 writers from around the world to explore and illuminate their experiences. Featuring 20 original essays, the book is a powerful look at what it means to be forced to leave home and build a new one.



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## A masterclass with Viet Thanh Nguyen

Writer-in-Residence Viet Thanh Nguyen will lead a masterclass at the Library on two **Sundays, 8 and 15 July**. Participants are asked to read the poem "[The Colonel](#)" from *The Country Between Us* 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](mailto:rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org), noting which of the two sessions you would like to attend.

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## Congratulations to all 2018

### YAFF winners

The 2018 Young Authors Fiction Festival culminated with a celebration event on Friday 15 June at the Library. Over 200 people attended, including the young author finalists, parents, and teachers. Each finalist was awarded a certificate and the winning stories were published in a celebration booklet. The 2018 YAFF received over 450 submissions from over 20 schools and writing programs.



that these spots will fill up quickly, so don't miss the 31 July application deadline.



### Master Shot Film Club

**Applications now accepted**  
Applications are open for the 2018-2019 Master Shot Film Club (for ages 12-18), which will continue to meet one Saturday a month from 17h00-18h30. Led by volunteer host and filmmaker Clarence Tokley, this club is popular and spots will fill up quickly!

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## Kids



### 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.*



**Everything's Red, White, and Blue**

**Saturday 7 July**  
**15h00-16h00 (ages 6-10)**

Join us for stories and crafts to celebrate two important

For a full list of the 2018 YAFF winners, please see the [Library blog](#). Photos of the celebration event can be found on the [Library Flickr](#).

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## Thank you to all our volunteers!

The Library feted its dedicated corps of active volunteers at a reception in the lower level reading room on Thursday 14 June. Certificates were given to volunteers for "Warmest Smile" and "Most Likely To Have Read That Book Before You" among other honors. Deputy director Audrey Chapuis spoke of the invaluable service that our nearly 100 volunteers provide to the Library, including shelving books, setting up for evening programs, and helping children with arts and crafts.



Many of our volunteers will be taking summer breaks in July and August, and we hope that most will return in the fall in time for the *réntree*. In the meantime, check out some photos from the volunteer appreciation party on the [Library Flickr](#).

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## Summer Reading Challenge

Children and teens are invited to take part in the Library's Summer Reading Challenge running from 16 June to 8 September. Sign up at the children's and teens' services desk and pick up your Summer Reading Challenge packet.



Summer Reading prizes include: books, bookmarks, stickers, and more. The more you read, the more prizes you will earn. Please visit our [website](#) for complete details.

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## Upcoming Events

**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*.

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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.**

Program dates and speakers are subject to change. Please check the [Events and Programs](#) page for updates.

to celebrate two important holidays: the 4th of July, Independence Day in the U.S., and July 14th, Bastille Day in France.

*No sign-up required.*

*Parents welcome.*



### Mythology Madness

**Saturday 21 July**

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

Join us for an afternoon dedicated to myths from all over the world! We'll read stories and facts about gods, monsters, and heroes and play trivia games to test our knowledge.

*No sign-up required.*

*Parents welcome.*

## And as always...

### Wednesday Story Hour for children ages 3-5

**NOTE:** In July and August Story Hour will take place at 14h30 every Wednesday.

Please [check here](#) for the full schedule and details.

*No sign-up necessary!*

### Toddler Time

**17h00**

**(ages 1-3)**

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

**5 July and 9 August**

*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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