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A new season at the Library

The summer is drawing to a close, and the Library is gearing up for a new season. As of today, we are open full days, 10h00-19h00, Tuesday through Saturday, and Sundays from 13h00-19h00. Our *nocturne* begins next week, on 6 September: the Library closes at 22h00 on Thursday evenings.

The *rentrée* is busy for all of us, so save time by [joining](#) or [renewing](#) your membership online. You can pay the annual fee in 12 monthly installments or in a single payment. Membership fees only cover 25% of our operating costs, so please consider making a donation online as well.

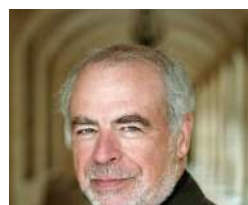
Our new books section is overflowing with recent releases that arrived over the summer, and many more will be arriving this fall. Our [events calendar](#) for adults, teens, and kids is filling up, too. Check our online calendar, and every issue of *e-Libris*, of course, for the latest programs and news.

Welcome to the Library!

Fall program highlights

We kick off the new events season on [Wednesday 5 September](#) with a special double documentary screening of *At Home and Over There: American Women Physicians in World War I* and *The American in Paris: The True Story of the American Hospital of Paris in WWI*. The screenings will be followed by a Q&A session with the producers of *At Home and Over There*.

On [Wednesday 19 September](#), Pulitzer Prize-winning author Richard Russo returns to the Library to talk about his most recent works including a collection of short stories in *Trajectory: Stories* and essays in *The Destiny Thief: Essays on Writing, Writers, and Life*. Shot through with Russo's inimitable humor, wisdom, and surprise, both works



Teens



Teen Writing Group

Saturday 1 September
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.



Young Writers Literary Club

Saturday 8 September
10h30-12h00 (ages 11-15)

During this monthly workshop, volunteer Laura Hershey will teach participants the fundamentals of writing and literary analysis in a fun and interactive setting. Each month there will be a different theme.

imitable humor, wisdom, and surprise, both works showcase one of America's most beloved writers as he continues to discover new creative heights.



On [Tuesday 25 September](#), award-winning British author and 2012 Gala speaker Sebastian Faulks will discuss his new novel *Paris Echo*, about two people, an American postdoctoral researcher and a Moroccan teenager, who each arrive in Paris and forge a connection when they meet by chance. With his signature dark humor and great originality, Faulks has written a deeply urgent and thoughtful book about grievance, identity, and how we choose to live our lives.



theme.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Throwback to the 90s

Friday 14 September

19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)

Try your hand at some 90s games, nibble on retro snacks and test your knowledge of classic 90s pop culture while enjoying some music that was created during the decade.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Program Coordinator opening

The Library is recruiting for a full-time Program Coordinator to manage all aspects of our renowned *Evenings with an Author* weekly speaker series, as well as overseeing the Visiting Fellowship, book groups, and various workshops throughout the year. The Program Coordinator plays an important role in maintaining the Library's mission to be a cultural and intellectual center for the community. A more detailed description of the job and application process can be found on the [Library website](#).

[Applying to University in the UK: Everything You Need to Know](#)

Saturday 15 September

17h00-18h30 (ages 14-18)

This interactive talk will introduce students and parents to the UK university application process. There will be emphasis on key considerations for course/university selection including Oxbridge, UCAS, and the role of the personal statement.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

Join the Library volunteer team

The Library is seeking motivated individuals to join our volunteer team. Volunteers are the heart of the American Library in Paris. More than fifty volunteers donate their time and talents to provide valuable assistance to our staff and patrons of the Library all year round.



Work assignments are available during our normal operating hours, including weekdays, weekends, and evenings. We ask for a minimum commitment of 4 hours per week for at least 4 months.

If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the [online application form](#) on the Library website.

Save the date: Annual Fall Open House

The Library's Fall Open House is one of our biggest events in autumn, and the only full day of the year that we are freely open to the public. On [Saturday 29 September](#), join us for a day of activities with our community partners, two showings of the documentary *Screenagers*, voter registration for U.S. citizens, and much more. All are also invited to meet the new Library director, Audrey Chapuis.



A special [evening celebration](#) focusing on the Library's Sponsored Membership Program and the importance of libraries in social change will take place at 18h00. This event will feature a guest speaker who will talk about global migration and how

Kids



Map Mania

Saturday 1 September

15h00-16h00 (ages 6-10)

Learn about maps and navigation during an afternoon dedicated to maps, directions, exploration, and discovery.

individuals and organizations can make a difference. Everyone is welcome to this special evening event, which is open to the public at no cost.

Summer Reading Challenge Finale Party for all ages

Dress up as your favorite literary character and come celebrate the end of our Summer Reading Challenge on [Saturday 8 September](#) at 15h00 at the Library. We'll have lots of fun activities so you can meet other readers in the community and show off how much reading you did over the summer. Everyone who turned in a card for our summer reading program will receive a certificate of participation and a small prize.



Can't make it to the finale party on 8 September? Stop by the Children's & Teens' Services desk to pick up your certificate anytime after September 8 during open hours.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 5 September | 19h30

Film Screenings about the American Hospital in Paris

The Library will present a double documentary screening of *At Home and Over There: American Women Physicians in World War I* and *The American in Paris: The True Story of the American Hospital of Paris in WWI*.

Wednesday 19 September | 19h30

Richard Russo: *Evenings with an Author*

Richard Russo will talk about his collection of short stories in *Trajectory: Stories* and essays in *The Destiny Thief: Essays on Writing, Writers, and Life*.

Tuesday 25 September | 19h30

Sebastian Faulks: *Evenings with an Author*

Sebastian Faulks will discuss his new novel *Paris Echo*.

Saturday 29 September | 10h00–19h00

Library's Annual Fall Open House

Join us for the Library's biggest event in autumn for a full day of activities. Free and open to the public—everyone is invited to discover all the services and resources of the Library! Visit the website for the complete program.

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

We'll create our own maps using the tools and tricks we learned during the workshop.
No sign-up required.
Parents welcome.



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15h00-16h00 (all ages)**

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No sign-up required.
Parents welcome.



Pen Pal Club

**Saturday 15 September
12h00-13h30 (ages 9-12)**

During this new Library program, participants will learn how to craft a letter that will be sent to our partner pen pals at the John Daly Library & Bayshore Library in California. All materials and postage will be provided.

[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

10h30-11h00

17h00-17h30

(ages 1-3)

Rhymes, songs, and stories in English.

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All children must be accompanied by an adult lap.

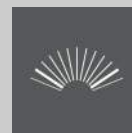
[Sign-up is required.](#)

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

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

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