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## 2018 American Library Book Award finalists

Five books have been shortlisted for the [2018 American Library in Paris Book Award](#), recognizing the most distinguished book of the year in English about France or the French: a biography of French statesman Charles de Gaulle, a portrait of the 19th-century photographic pioneer Nadar, a novel about two women who forged a singular path through interwar France and the Occupation, an exploration of Gaul in Caesar's time, and a triple portrait of the Belle Époque women who inspired Marcel Proust.



The members of this year's [independent jury](#) who will select the winner this fall are: Diane Johnson, David Bellos, and Pierre Assouline. The Book Award is supported by generous funding from the Florence Gould Foundation.

The winning title will be announced, and the \$5,000 cash prize presented to its author, at a special ceremony in Paris on 8 November. Please watch the Library's website and our newsletters for details.

## Fall program highlights

On [Wednesday 19 September](#), Pulitzer Prize-winning author Richard Russo will return to the Library to talk about his most recent works: *Trajectory: Stories* and *The Destiny Thief: Essays on Writing, Writers, and Life*. The French translation of *Trajectory* will be published on 13 September. Russo is also part of the 2018 Festival America in Vincennes from 20-23 September.

On [Tuesday 25 September](#), award-winning British author and 2012 Gala speaker Sebastian Faulks will discuss his new novel *Paris Echo*, about two strangers, an American postdoctoral researcher and a Moroccan teenager, who arrive in Paris and forge a connection when they



## Teens



### 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.](#)

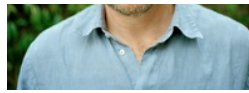


### Applying to university in the UK: Everything you need to know

**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

teenager, who 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.



On [Wednesday 3 October](#), author, former U.S. Navy senior chief petty officer, and frequent NBC and MSNBC commentator Malcolm Nance will speak about his book *The Plot to Destroy Democracy*. This event is nearly full and [RSVP is required](#).

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## October writing workshops

The Library is pleased to offer two writing workshops in October. On [Sunday 7 October](#) at 14h00, Margot Miller will return to the Library to lead her popular flash fiction writing workshop where writers of all levels of experience are invited to exercise their craft within the confines of a 1,000 word limit.

On [Saturday 13 October](#) at 14h00, the Library's fall Visiting Fellow Hala Alyan will be drawing on her work as a writer and clinical psychologist to conduct a generative session about writing about trauma. Participants will work on fruitfully channeling emotionally charged experiences into their writing.

The fee to participate in either writing workshop is 25€ for members and 50€ for non-members. Follow the links above to reserve a spot.

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## Annual Library 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 and community outreach will take place at 18h00. This event will feature guest speaker, Guillaume Soto-Mayor, who will talk about global migration and how individuals and organizations can make a difference. Everyone is welcome to this special evening event, which is open to the public at no cost.

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## Special showing of *Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age*

As part of our Fall Open House, in collaboration with [Message](#), the Library will present a double screening of *Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age*. Showings on Saturday 29 September are at [11h00](#) and [14h00](#). The film explores how tech time impacts kids' development and offers advice on how adults can empower kids to better navigate through the digital world and find balance



including Oxbridge, UCAS, and the role of the personal statement.

**This workshop is full.**



### A Conversation with Clémentine Beauvais

**Saturday 22 September**

**17h00-18h00 (ages 8-adult)**

Join us for an interview with writer and translator Clémentine Beauvais, followed by a Q&A. Clémentine has written over 15 books for children and teens in English and French.

*No sign-up required.*

*Parents welcome.*

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## Kids



### 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. The club will run all year.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



### Storytelling with Sylvie Mombo

**Saturday 15 September**  
**15h00-16h00 (ages 6-adult)**

Stop by for an afternoon of storytelling with guest host

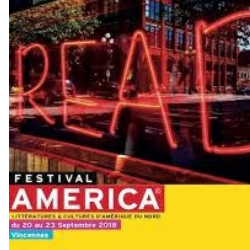
...better navigate through the digital world and find balance.

The film is appropriate for adults and children ages 10+. Reservations are required and there is a suggested donation. Please see our website to view the trailer and details on how to sign up.

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## 2018 Festival America partnership

The Library is pleased to promote the 2018 Festival America taking place from 20-23 September in Vincennes. This year's impressive program includes seventy authors from the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Cuba, and Haiti. Many of the invited writers have recently spoken at the Library including Colson Whitehead, Jacqueline Woodson, John Irving, and Michael Chabon.



Library members have a chance to win free tickets to the 2018 Festival America. Read the [Library blog](#) to find out more information. For the full program, visit the [Festival America](#) website.

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## Online resources for students

The Library is filling up with students and researchers of all ages browsing the collection and studying in the Florence Gould Reading Room. If your school projects have already been assigned, don't forget to consult the Library's range of reliable, teacher-approved [online resources](#). Need an encyclopedia? Go to World Book Online. Doing peer-reviewed academic research? Try JSTOR.



If you are a member, and need help accessing or searching any of our e-sources, please make an appointment or just drop by. Other resources available on our website are our new membership and membership renewal applications. Save time, and [join the Library online!](#)

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## Library September Culture Picks by Mike Duffy

Our Culture Picks this month include some exhibitions that have just a few more weeks before they close and the big fall exhibitions open. So be sure not to miss these great shows. Included in this month's picks is a wonderful exhibition of Impressionist works by artists including Pissarro, Monet, and Whistler. There is a unique opportunity to see 30 hanging scrolls, shown for the first time in Europe, by Japanese artist Ito Jakuchu. And finally, a truly astounding exhibition by Zao Wou-Ki, who painted in Paris for 60 years.



Read more and check out the books Mike has selected on the [Library blog](#).

storytelling with guest host Sylvie Mombo, who inherited a love of words and sharing stories from her Gabonese and Guadeloupean parents. *No sign-up required. Parents welcome.*



### Music Together

**Saturday 22 September  
11h30-12h00 (ages 0-5)**

Join volunteer Stacey Pavesi Debré for a workshop dedicated to music and movement. Families learn together through active exploration and live interaction.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



### Escape from the Library: A Puzzle Challenge

**Sunday 23 September  
14h00-15h00 (ages 9-12)**

Join us for an afternoon challenge. You will have five puzzles to complete in teams within one hour or you might get trapped in the Library!

[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

# Upcoming Events

Wednesday 19 September | 19h30

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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 our website for the complete program.

Wednesday 3 October | 19h30

## Malcolm Nance: *Evenings with an Author*

Malcolm Nance will discuss his new book *The Plot to Destroy Democracy*.

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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

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English.

**20 September, 4 October**

*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€ for non-members.**

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

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