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Fall programs at the Library

[Tonight](#), 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 meet by chance. With his signature dark humor, 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 full.

On [Tuesday 9 October](#), Peter Sokolowski returns to the Library to talk about the "war of the dictionaries" and the making of Webster's landmark 1864 edition. The change from the idiosyncratic work of one individual to the organized effort of a team set the course for Merriam-Webster's editorial and business practices to this day. Their decisions also marked an important moment in the development of modern lexicography.



On [Saturday 13 October](#) at 11h00, parenting coach Karen Kraut will present an overview of the Collaborative Problem Solving approach, which gives parents tools to better relate to their kids. This presentation is recommended for parents of children and teens ages 3-18. RSVP is required.

Spots still open for October writing workshops and book groups

There are still spots available for two writing workshops in October at the Library.

On [Sunday 7 October](#) at 14h00, Margot Miller returns to the Library to lead her popular flash fiction writing workshop. Writers are invited to complete their work within the

Teens



Master Shot Film Club

**Saturday 29 September
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.

This club is full.



Costume Swap

**Saturday 6 October
16h00-18h00 (ages 0-18)**

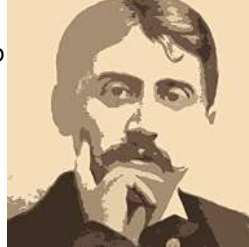
Bring in gently used costumes, props or accessories to trade with others—just in time for Halloween! Looking for ideas for your own Halloween costume? Come on in and see if there's something to inspire you!

No sign up required

FIASION fiction writing workshop where writers 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 writing session 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.

A few spots are open for the [book group](#) "Finding Time for Proust" led by Morgan Thomas. Participants of this book group will read *In Search of Lost Time* with meetings on Tuesdays at 17h00 on 25 September, 23 October, 20 November, and 18 December.



To sign up for a group, please send an email with your book group selection and Library membership number to programs@americanlibraryinparis.org.

Halloween Extravaganza and Zombie Fashion Show

Halloween is in the air, and we are planning and plotting scares, surprises and fun for Library members and guests. Our annual [Halloween Extravaganza](#) will be held on Saturday 27 October with events throughout the day, and trick-or-treating with neighborhood businesses.



Tickets for our annual Halloween Extravaganza will go on sale on Tuesday 2 October for Library members, and if tickets remain, they will be on sale for non-members beginning on Friday 12 October. Tickets can be purchased at the Children's & Teens' Services desk. For the full Halloween schedule [check here](#).

Back by popular demand, the Library will be holding a Zombie Fashion Show in the evening on [Saturday 27 October](#). We'll have scary movies, Halloween trivia, a costume contest, and a catwalk from zombie contestants. If you would like to be part of the show and enter as a zombie contestant, check our [website](#) for more details.

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, a neighborhood crawl with discounts at local businesses, 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

*no sign-up required.
Parents welcome.*



Halloween Decorating Party Friday 19 October

19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)

Get in the mood for Halloween by helping to decorate the Library, then make some of your own decorations to take home. Supplies and snacks provided. We'll be showing short horror movies to get you in the mood for the creepiest of holidays!

[Sign-up is required.](#)

Kids



Toddler Yoga

Friday 28 September

11h30-12h00 (ages 1-3)

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.](#)



Disguised!

Saturday 6 October

15h00-16h00 (ages 6-adult)

Learn about disguises and who wore what during an afternoon of villains and masked characters. We'll read stories together and you can make your own masks using supplies provided.

18h00. This event will feature guest speaker, Guillaume Soto-Mayor from CNAM, 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.

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

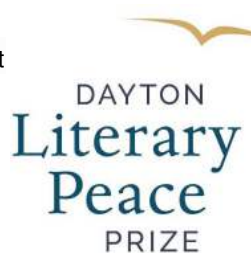
As part of our Fall Open House, in collaboration with [Message](#), the Library will present a double screening of *Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age*. Showings on Saturday 29 September are at [11h00](#) and [14h00](#). The film explores how tech time impacts kids' development and offers advice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



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.

Library Visting Fellows win the Dayton Literary Peace Award

Two [Library Visiting Fellows](#) received the 2018 Dayton Literary Peace Award. Hala Alyan won the prize for fiction for her debut novel *Salt Houses*, a poignant tale that follows three generations of a Palestinian family displaced by one military clash after another. Alyan is the Library's Visiting Fellow for the fall and she will speak at the Library about her novel-in-progress *The Arsonists' City* on Wednesday 10 October at 19h30.



Ta-Nehisi Coates won the prize for non-fiction for *We Were Eight Years in Power*, an exploration of race and identity during the Obama administration.

Coates was the Library's 2015 Winter Visiting Fellow, when he read from the final draft of *Between the World and Me* for the first time to an audience.

The Library's Visiting Fellowship is made possible through the generous support of the de Groot Foundation.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 25 September | 19h30

Sebastian Faulks: *Evenings with an Author*

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

Saturday 29 September | 10h00–19h00

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How to Draw a Monster

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15h00-16h00 (ages 6-10)

Learn how to draw a monster with the help of talented artist and former staff member Alexandra Vangsnes. We'll read a fun monster story and then Alexandra will take you through the steps of creating your own original creature!

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

10h30-11h00

17h00-17h30

(ages 1-3)

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 our website for the complete program.

Saturday 29 September | 11h00 and 14h00

Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age

As part of the Library's Fall Open House, there will be two screenings of the documentary *Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age* at 11h00 and again at 14h00. RSVP is required.

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Malcolm Nance: *Evenings with an Author*

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Tuesday 9 October | 19h30

Peter Sokolowski and Webster's Unabridged 1864

Peter Sokolowski will talk about the making of Webster's landmark edition of 1864.

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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Rhymes, songs, and stories in English.

4, 18 October

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€ for non-members.

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

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