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Fall programs at the Library

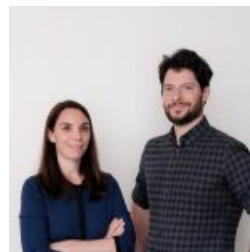
[Tonight](#), Peter Sokolowski returns to the Library to talk about the "war of the dictionaries" and the making of Webster's landmark 1864 edition. The change from the idiosyncratic work of one individual to the organized effort of a team set the course for Merriam-Webster's editorial and business practices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



[Tomorrow night](#), the Library's 2018 fall Visiting Fellow, Hala Alyan, will talk about her book in progress, *The Arsonists' City*, about a family that unravels as its members come together to sell their ancestral home in Beirut. According to Alyan, the novel will include "the Civil War of Lebanon, the history of the French occupation of Lebanon, the Arab Spring, and of all things, Old Hollywood." She will also talk about the intersection of mental health and creative expression.

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](#).

On [Tuesday 16 October](#), authors Charles Brasart and Anne-Florence Quaireau will discuss American pronunciation for French speakers in *You Talkin' To Me? Améliorez votre prononciation de l'anglais américain*. They researched and picked apart the pronunciation of American English and their conclusion is simple: English is weird. Come and learn things you didn't know about your own language, and bring a French friend along for tailored advice at the end of the talk!



Spots still open for Hala Alyan's writing workshop

Teens

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Teen Advisory Group

Friday 12 October

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 13 October

17h00-18h30 (ages 12-18)

Aspiring filmmakers are invited to join the Master Shot Film Club led by filmmaker and writer Clarence Tokley. This club provides the opportunity to make high-quality short films.

This club is full.

There are still spots available for the writing workshop 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 the writing workshop is 25€ for members and 50€ for non-members. To sign up, please send an email with your Library membership number to programs@americanlibraryinparis.org.

Tickets for Halloween Extravaganza on sale now

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 are now on sale 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 featuring zombie contestants. If you would like to be part of the show and enter as a zombie contestant, check our [website](#) for more details.

Focus on EBSCO & JSTOR

Did you know that Library members have access to tens of thousands of current and archival magazine and newspaper articles online? Articles dating back decades from such respected sources as *TIME*, *Science News*, and *The Sewanee Review* are only a fraction of what's available digitally on JSTOR and EBSCO MasterFILE.



These periodical databases include general interest journalism, trade publications, and scholarly research on topics ranging from current events to in-depth academic studies. EBSCO MasterFILE also features an integrated encyclopedia for those just getting started with their research, as well as articles for younger readers from magazines such as *Ladybug* and *National Geographic Kids*.

For help using JSTOR, EBSCO MasterFILE, or any of our resources, just ask.

Library October Culture Picks by Mike Duffy

THIS CLUB IS FULL.



Halloween Decorating Party

Friday 19 October

19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)

Get in the mood for Halloween by helping 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



How to Draw a Monster

Saturday 13 October

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.



Scary Story Writing

Sunday 14 October

14h00-15h30 (ages 9-12)

Are you ready for a scary adventure? Do you have a spooky tale you want to share? Join Assistant

Our Culture Picks this month include an exhibition featuring nearly the entire oeuvre of Alphonse Mucha, an artist celebrated in Paris at the end of the 1890s. In addition to his recognizable art nouveau images, this exhibition highlights his lesser-known paintings and drawings born out of his deepest personal convictions.



There are also two great shows on Alberto Giacometti, whose sculptures stand as equals alongside those of masters such as Zadkine, Rodin, and Csaky.

As always, relevant books from our collection are displayed in the Members' Lounge and are available to be checked out. Read more and discover the books Mike has selected on the [Library blog](#).

Children's Librarian Kirsty for an afternoon dedicated to writing your own Halloween themed stories in time to share and scare!

[Sign-up is required.](#)



What is Kindness?

Saturday 20 October

15h00-16h30 (ages 6-10)

Join Caroline Murgue of MOSHI for an afternoon dedicated to exploring the theme of kindness. We will consider the question "what is kindness?" After discussing the topic as a group, participants will draw comics as a final artistic answer to this philosophical question.

No sign-up required.

Parents welcome.

Thanks for a great Fall Open House

All of us at the Library were thrilled by the great turnout for our Fall Open House last Saturday. Over 600 attendees came and enjoyed the many activities that were on offer, including a room full of anglophone organizations, a neighborhood crawl, and screenings of the documentary *Screenagers*. Many joined as members and will continue to benefit from the Library's collection, resources, and programs all year long.



Thanks to our remarkable staff and volunteers for making this day a success. A special thanks to all the neighborhood businesses—Le Cairn, Le Petit Duc, Café de Mars, Su Misura, and Kiehl's—who offered a warm welcome to Library guests with discounts and generously donated to our raffle drawing.

We look forward to seeing many more new faces and returning members at the Library throughout the year.

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.

18 October

All children must be accompanied by an adult lap.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 9 October | 19h30

Peter Sokolowski and Webster's Unabridged 1864

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

Wednesday 10 October | 19h30

Hala Alyan: Evenings with an Author

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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.
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