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Fall programs at the Library

[Tonight](#), Sophie Pedder will discuss her new book, [Revolution Française: Emmanuel Macron and the Quest to Reinvent a Nation](#). At a time when forces of populism and nationalism are threatening the liberal order, France stands as a test case of whether the democratic center can hold. President Emmanuel Macron's victory last year seemed to show that it was possible to fashion a pro-European centrist response. But if he cannot deliver, French voters may not give a liberal democrat another chance. What lessons can be learned from the French election about the nature of the political center? Can President Macron really transform France?



[Tomorrow night](#), Laura Spinney will give us a preview of her latest book, [Pale Rider: The Spanish Flu of 1918 and How it Changed the World](#). The 1918 "Spanish" flu pandemic defeated the best medical minds of the time and the best historical ones ever since. Fiendishly difficult to categorize, it was neither mild nor severe, northern nor southern, black nor white, old nor young, male nor female. It slipped between linguistic pigeonholes, failing to leave a lasting trace in humanity's collective memory. Yet it killed at least 50 million people – more than either world war and possibly more than both put together – and permanently altered humanity. Laura Spinney looks at the history of a disaster we remember for being forgotten.



On [Wednesday 14 November](#), author Brian Van Reet will consider the state of post-9-11 war writing in a politically divided America. He will attempt to categorize the different kinds of war books being produced and the different audiences they appeal to. He will discuss how these works are marketed by publishers, common tropes found in the texts, and what

Teens

Zombie Fashion Show

Saturday 27 October
19h00

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. **Tickets must be purchased in advance.**

Kids

Halloween Extravaganza

Saturday 27 October

The events for younger children during our Halloween Extravaganza /Tricks and Treats for

publishers, common tropes found in the texts, and what they can tell us about how Americans would prefer to view (or turn away from) the wars our country has been fighting for a generation. Along the way he will offer anecdotes and observations from his own experience publishing war literature—notably, his novel, [Spoils: A Novel](#). Finally, he'll assess where we might go from here: what is the future of American war writing?

Some tickets remain for Halloween Extravaganza

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.



The events for younger children during our Halloween Extravaganza (Tricks-and-Treats for Tiny Tots and Halloween Hullabaloo) are now sold out. A few tickets remain for Horrific Halloween for ages 7+ and for our Zombie Fashion Show for children ages 10+, teens, and adults.

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Book Group news

One of our Book Groups, Contemporary French Fiction, still has four spots open. As well as reading recent French fiction, this group attends new French plays and occasionally invites French authors to their meetings. The next two meetings will be Saturday 17 November (for a conversation about *Les Idéaux* by Aurélie Filipetti) and Saturday 15 December (to discuss *Un Monde à Portée de Main* by Maylis de Kerangal).

Please contact programs@americanlibraryinparis.org to request more information or to sign up.

Upcoming holiday closures

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Book Lovers Crafternoon

Saturday 3 November
15h00 - 16h00

Join us for a reading of the picture book *The Jacket* by Kirsten Hall, then make crafts for yourself and other booklovers you know! No sign-up necessary!

And as always...

Wednesday Story Hour

Every Wednesday
10h30-11h30
and 14h30-15h30

This offering is for children ages 3-5. Regular Wednesday Story Hours will continue through the Toussaint Holidays.

Please [check here](#) for the full schedule and details. No sign-up necessary!

Toddler Time

space available in the Library on Saturday 27 October.

Holiday closures:

Thursday 1 November

Sunday 11 November

The Library will close at 18h00 on Thursday 8 November.

8 November

10h30-11h00

22 November

10h30-11h00

17h00-17h30

This offering is for children ages 3-5.

Rhymes, songs, and stories in English.

All children must be accompanied by an adult lap. [Sign-up is required.](#)

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 23 October | 19h30

Evenings with an Author

Sophie Pedder, *Revolution Française: Emmanuel Macron and the Quest to Reinvent a Nation*

Wednesday 24 October | 19h30

Evenings with an Author

Laura Spinney, *Pale Rider: The Spanish Flu of 1918 and How it Changed the World*

Tuesday 13 November | 19h30

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)
Panel on Internet Governance

Wednesday 14 November | 19h30

Evenings with an Author

Brian Van Reet, *Spoils: A Novel*

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.](#)

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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