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What's on at the Library



Evenings events: Feminism in France v. America, an optimistic tale from war-torn Afghanistan, and two Cold War dramas

Join us this month for evening events at the Library: a lively discussion on French and American feminism moderated by [Lauren Collins](#) with panelists [Rokhaya Diallo](#), [Alice Pfeiffer](#), and [Lindsey Tramuta](#) (12 June); [David Sherman](#) talks about sustainable animal health care in *That Sheep May Safely Graze: Rebuilding Animal Health Care in War-Torn Afghanistan* (18 June); Visiting Fellow [Molly Antopol](#) shares insights on her novel-in-progress *The After Party* (19 June); and [Timothy Jay Smith](#) captures

post-Cold War Poland in his literary thriller *The Fourth Courier* (24 June).

We are grateful to GRoW @ Annenberg at the Annenberg Foundation for its continuing support of *Evenings with an Author*. Please check our programs calendar for updates.

Doors open at 19h00 for evening events, which begin promptly at 19h30.

EVENING EVENTS CALENDAR



Teen Events (ages 12-18)

Looking for ways to keep busy this summer? Teens can sign-up for our Summer Reading Challenge, and win new books! Find out more [here](#), and try to complete all ten challenges. We know that many of you are eager to find out more about our teen clubs for next year. Applications are open for the [Teen Advisory Group](#) (Library members only), the [Master Shot Film Club](#), the [Teen Writing Group](#), and the [Youth Leadership Program](#) (partnered with Toastmasters). Are you a fan of YA literature? Try your hand at our [Teen Lit Pop Quiz](#)!

TEEN EVENTS CALENDAR

Children's Events (ages 0-12)

Our Summer Reading Challenge starts now! Children and teens can all win books for their summer reading! [Stop by the Children's and Teens' Services Desk](#) to sign-up anytime during open hours. Illustrator and author [Noah Grigni will do a reading](#), book signing, and watercolor workshop this

Saturday at 15h00. Aspiring artists are invited to our [Saturday program on 22 June](#) for ages 6-10. Find out about heroes real and fictional during our [Saturday program on 29 June](#). Congratulations to all of the writers who submitted stories to our Young Authors Fiction Festival! The Library will be celebrating these young writers during a [YAFF celebration](#) at the Library on Friday.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS CALENDAR

Gala Dinner 2019



Thank you to everyone who was involved with the Library's annual celebration on 6 June. Over 200 attendees gathered at the *Automobile Club de France* to celebrate literature and support the Library. Keynote speaker and honoree Martin Amis entertained the audience with a humorous talk on the pleasures and limitations of fiction. As the most important fundraising event of the year, the Gala was a great success and will provide the Library with many exciting opportunities during its 99th year in Paris. More details of the Gala will appear in the summer issue of *Ex Libris*. In the meantime, enjoy our photo gallery of the evening festivities through the lens of photographer Krystal Kenney.

GALA PHOTO GALLERY

Library Annual Report 2018



The Library's 2018 Annual Report covers activities and operations during that year, which saw a healthy increase in membership, daily visitors, book borrowing, and digital resource use. Some highlights of the year included Sir Salman Rushdie at our Gala Dinner, the inauguration of our Writer-in-Residence program with Viet Thanh Nguyen, the launch of our Sponsored Membership Program, and workshops offered by Visiting Fellows Vanessa Manko and Hala Alyan. Book lending is booming with a thirteen percent increase from the previous year. On the cusp of our centennial, we look forward



to hearing more about what the Library means to our

members and how we can best serve our community.

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Workshops on publishing and writing



Join literary agent **April Eberhardt** on [Thursday 13 June at 19h00](#) for a workshop that examines the state of publishing today along with the pros and cons of traditional and self-publishing. On [Saturday 22 June at 14h00](#), Library Visiting Fellow **Molly Antopol** will lead a workshop exploring storytelling through fiction and memoir. Participants will come away with a completed story or essay. On [Saturday 29 June at 14h00](#), **Susan Tiberghien** will explore how writers go in and out of darkness to find their stories. Sign-ups are required for the workshops: Library members (15€) and non-members (25€).

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Library Culture Picks for June



This month's Culture Picks by volunteer Mike Duffy present sharply contrasting artistic visions of domestic interiors and the outdoors in the works of late 19th-century French artists (*The Nabis and Decor: Bonnard, Vuillard, Maurice Denis...* at Musée du Luxembourg) and a Danish contemporary of theirs (*Hammershøi: The Master of Danish Painting* at Musée Jacquemart-André). As the summer begins, contemporary Japan provides an engaging game-like experience for children (*Monsters, Manga and Murakami* at Le Musée en Herbe), a fantasy life outside of homes and gardens. Books selected for Library's Culture Picks are displayed in the Members' Lounge and can be checked out. Read more on the Library blog.

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European travel spotlight: Portugal



When we hear about Portugal, the first things that comes to mind are the beautiful cities of Lisbon and Porto. But Portugal is much more than these two cities. There is the sea with beautiful beaches (Costa Vicentina), mountains (Serra da Estrela), and the countryside (Serra do Gerês). The food is very good and affordable, and the people are very friendly (and do not worry, they also speak English!). We've selected a variety of travel guides, books by the best-known Portuguese authors (Fernando Pessoa, Camões, and José Saramago, who received the 1998 Nobel Prize in Literature), and books on the history of one of the oldest countries in Europe. All books are displayed in the Members' Lounge and can be checked out.

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