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## What's on at the Library



### Evening events: American politics, the history of blackface, the artistic use of the black model, the vampire king, and more...

Join us for our final evenings events at the Library this season: [Gloria J. Browne-Marshall](#) will discuss the 400th anniversary of the African arrival in the Virginia Colony (25 June); American actor [Denis O'Hare](#) will talk about his work and career with Elliot Rambach (26 June); authors [Nancy MacLean](#) and [Margaret R. Somers](#) will focus on the current American political landscape (2 July); [Library Visiting Fellow Rhae Lynn Barnes](#) will examine the history of blackface in the U.S. and France (3 July); and [Denise Murrell](#), co-curator of *Le modèle Noir de Géricault à Matisse*, [Henry Roy](#), Franco-

Haitian photographer and author, and **Jake Lamar**, award-winning author, will talk about the [use of the black model in historical and contemporary art forms](#) (9 July).

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

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

## EVENING EVENTS CALENDAR



## Teen Events (ages 12-18)

Congratulations to the teen authors who won awards for the 2019 YAFF! Winning stories from grades 6-12 were published in a celebration booklet, which can be found on our Teen Mezzanine. Teens can sign up for our July writing workshop with author Katherine Marsh. Looking for a way to keep busy this summer and to win new books? Learn about our Summer Reading Challenge's ten challenges for teens [here](#). 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)

Congratulations to all of the young writers who submitted stories to the 2019 YAFF! You can read the winning stories from grades K-5 in the children's celebration booklet, which is available in the Children's

Library. Our Summer Reading Challenge has begun! 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. Find out about heroes real and fictional during our [Saturday program](#) on 29 June. Wednesday Story Hours continue throughout the summer with sessions at 10h30 and at 14h30 over the next two weeks, then afternoon sessions only for the rest of July and August.

## CHILDREN'S EVENTS CALENDAR

### Library Visiting Fellow Rhae Lynn Barnes



The Library is pleased to welcome [Visiting Fellow Rhae Lynn Barnes](#), Assistant Professor of American Cultural History at Princeton University, and specialist on the globalization of American popular culture and racism. While at the Library, Rhae Lynn will complete her first book, *Darkology: When the American Dream Wore Blackface*, which maps the political, economic, and global cultural geography of amateur blackface minstrelsy. She will also conduct research for a new edition of the *Image of the Black in Western Art* series. Rhae Lynn will speak at the Library on Wednesday 3 July and conduct a writing workshop on Thursday 11 July.

## ATTEND

### Workshops on writing and getting unstuck



On [Saturday 29 June](#), returning workshop leader **Susan Tiberghien** will explore how writers go in and out of darkness to find their stories. On [Thursday 4 July](#), **Leslie-Ann Murray** will lead a generative writing workshop where participants will be given free-writing prompts to help emerging writers get unstuck. On [Thursday 11 July](#), **Visiting Fellow Rhae Lynn Barnes** will show how visual literacy, observational skills, and photography can transform



your writing.

Sign-ups are required for the workshops: Library

members (15€) and non-members (25€).

**ATTEND**

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## And the 2019 YAFF winners are...



The [2019 Young Authors Fiction Festival](#) culminated with a celebration event on Friday 14 June at the Library that was attended by over 200 people, including the young author finalists, parents, and teachers. Each finalist was awarded a certificate and a personalized bookmark with a comment from a judge who read their story. This year we received a record-breaking 841 entries from 50 schools and writing classes located in and around Paris. The Library thanks the 94 judges who volunteered their expertise to read all the stories and choose the winners, as well as the stellar volunteer 2019 YAFF organizing committee. Check out the Library blog for the full list of winners and a photo gallery.

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## Make the best of your summer with our magazines



Summer is here — time to go on vacation, to rest, and to enjoy doing only the things you really want to do. Let the Library add some inspiration to your hot summer days with our selection of cool magazines. We are now subscribed to *The Idler*, a bimonthly magazine which aims to return dignity to the art of loafing. Read *National Geographic Traveler* and *Condé Nast Traveler* to find your next nearby or exotic vacation destination. If you want to spend your summer days being creative, crafty, or culinary we suggest our magazines *Martha Stewart Living* and *Real Simple*. For more magazine recommendations, read the Library blog.

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