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## Special e-Libris



## Book groups and more...

Engage in stimulating conversation about books and exchange perspectives about characters and plot in an informal and friendly environment. Our book groups highlight many interesting works, varying from recent biographies, poetry, historical novels and well-known classics, to recent prize-winning novels and more obscure titles that members might not have discovered for themselves. Read below for descriptions and dates of our fall book groups. Be sure not to miss a special walking tour/book group offered by Mary Jo Padgett on the American Revolution in Paris.

Book groups begin twice a year (in September/October and again in January/February) and meet once a

month at the Library. There is no additional fee for the book groups, but you must be a member of the American Library in Paris to participate. Space is limited.

To sign up for a book group, or to propose leading a group of your own, please send an email to [programs@americanlibraryinparis.org](mailto:programs@americanlibraryinparis.org).

To sign up for the special walking tour/book group with Mary Jo Padgett, please contact her directly at [maryjo@maryjopadgett.com](mailto:maryjo@maryjopadgett.com).

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## Americans in Paris, Famous and Not-so-Famous

This book group is led by Sharon Golec.

**DATES: All meetings will be at the Library at 17h00 on Thursdays**

26 September: *A Great Improvisation: Franklin, France and the Birth of America* by Stacy Schiff

24 October: *Envoy to the Terror: Gouverneur Morris and the French Revolution* by Melanie Randolph Miller

21 November: *The Other Americans in Paris: Businessmen, Countesses, Wayward Youth 1880 – 1941* by Nancy L. Green

19 December: *Paris Noir: African Americans in the City of Light* by Tyler Stovall

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## This is America: Views of America Today

This book group led by Ed Turner examines America today through diverse books, including a memoir, a novel, and a critique of America through an international lens.

**DATES: All meetings will be at the Library at 17h00 on Thursdays**

26 September: *The Death of Democracy* by Benjamin Carter Hett

24 October: *Fascism: A Warning* by Madeline Albright

21 November: TBD

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## Finding time for Proust

This book group led by Morgan Thomas will tackle Marcel Proust's masterpiece, *In Search of Lost Time* in

the company of fellow enthusiasts reading with all deliberate speed and probing its multiple layers and meanings together. As we continue reading Volume III (*The Guermantes Way*) there is room for a limited number of new members who already have some experience of reading Proust. Please inquire if you are interested. Reading is in French or English. Discussions in English.

**DATES: All meetings will be at the Library at 17h00 on Tuesdays**

17 September

22 October

10 December

7 January

4 February

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## **Celebrating works by the Library's *Evenings with an Author* speakers**

This book group led by programs coordinator Catherine Olien will provide the opportunity for an in-depth, participatory analysis and discussion of works by our *Evenings with an Author* guests in advance of their event at the Library. Covering a wide range of topics and genres, we hope to foster a community of readers who will also attend our evening events and come prepared with questions for our speakers.

**DATES: All meetings will be at the Library at 19h00 on Thursdays**

26 September: *Late in the Day* by Tessa Hadley

24 October: *The Falconer* by Dana Czapnik

28 November: TBD

19 December: TBD

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## **Special walking tour/book group with Mary Jo Padgett**



This walking tour/book group called "The American Revolution and How Paris Helped" is led by Mary Jo Padgett and includes both meetings and walking tours that reflect and confirm the significant Franco-American partnership of our nations in regards to the American Revolution. Interested in learning where these 23 sites are located and some of the history associated with each? Then sign up for one of the sessions. The Tuesday sessions are meetings at the Library, while the Thursday sessions feature a series of outdoor guided walks to the locations.

Through a presentation based on the book *Paris: Birthplace of the U.S.A.*, participants will enjoy a visual walk through Paris to places connected to the American Revolution and France.

There is no additional fee for Library members to participate in either the meeting and guided walks. Non-members can purchase a day pass for each session at the Library. Space is limited.

**For inquiries and to sign up, please contact Mary Jo directly at [maryjo@maryjopadgett.com](mailto:maryjo@maryjopadgett.com).**

**DATES: Meetings will be at the Library at 14h00 on Tuesdays**

8 October

15 October

22 October

29 October

**DATES: Guided walks will be at 14h00 on Thursdays**

(Participants should plan to attend each walk, since each one will take us through different neighborhoods and streets to step back in time to the American Revolution era.)

10 October

17 October

24 October

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