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# The American Library in Paris

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## Welcome back from the Director

In September, Paris revives from the summer heat, reanimated with the prospects of fall. In a matter of mere days, the city is transformed: tourist lines thin as streets fill back up with busy commuters, shops reopen their shuttered windows, and the American Library in Paris welcomes back thousands of readers. A new exciting season at the Library awaits, and we're happy to help you adjust, post-*vacances*. Just because we are no longer swinging on a hammock with a page-turner doesn't mean we have to relinquish our reading habits.

In fact, autumn is a perfect time to expand your reading interests. Get inspired by *Les Curiosités*, book displays curated by Library staff, or consult [NoveList](#), a digital readers' advisory service available to members. Whatever your reading proclivities—print or digital, short- or long-form—you'll find content that will educate and entertain. The Library also offers ways for you to connect with other readers, writers, and thinkers: attend one of our thought-provoking [Evenings with an Author](#), [book groups](#), and [writing workshops](#) for all ages. We look forward to seeing you in the stacks and reading rooms this fall.

Audrey Chapuis  
Library Director

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## What's on at the Library



## Evening events: A model turned photographer, war of words, a panel on the Paris *banlieue*, Eisenhower, and much more...

Welcome back to a new season of evening events at the Library: [Whitney Scharer](#) on her book about Lee Miller and Man Ray *The Age of Light* (3 September); [Peter Martin](#) on *The Dictionary Wars: The American Fight Over the English Language* (4 September); a [panel discussion](#) about the topic of the Paris *banlieue* moderated by Mira Kamdar with Mehdi Boughteghmès, Mona Prudhomme, and Nicolas Le Goff (10 September); [Will Hitchcock](#) on *The Age of Eisenhower* (11 September); [Elizabeth Acevedo](#) on her award-winning YA novel *The Poet X* (16 September); and much more.

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**

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## Teen Events (ages 12-18)

We're excited to announce that National Book Award winner [Elizabeth Acevedo](#), author of *The Poet X* and *With the Fire on High*, will host an event at the Library on Monday 16 September. This event is open to teens and adults. Applications for our teen clubs are now closed, and while they are full for the year, we have plenty of other ways teens can meet fellow bookworms and English speakers in Paris. Our Teen Nights begin this month on Friday 6 September with a [musical theater workshop](#) for singers and amateurs alike and a short story workshop on Friday 20 September. We'll be announcing details about our Halloween Extravaganza soon, but in the meantime, teen and adult Library members can sign up to [help write the script](#) for our Haunted Library, which will be held in the evening on Saturday 26 October.

[TEEN EVENTS CALENDAR](#)

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## Children's Events (ages 0-12)

We're back to our regular programming schedule with two [Story Hours](#) each Wednesday at 10h30 and 14h30, Toddler Times at 10h30 and 17h00 on Thursday twice a month, and with events for ages 6-10 or 6-12 every [Saturday afternoon](#) at 15h00. We will be welcoming new guests and returning local talent: Jion Sheibani will [read her debut picture book](#) and demonstrate her art process, *Amelia Bedelia* illustrator [Lynne Avril](#) will host an event, the Paris Playhouse team will host a [workshop for kids](#), and Georgia Gray and Lisa Bidnall will host workshops for teens in September and for kids in October. Our popular [Bookworms](#) book club for children ages 9-12 will return this month, and you can sign up now for Sunday workshops for children ages 8-12 on spelling, [scary story writing](#), and [research skills](#). Karen Kraut will return this month to host another of her popular presentations on [collaborative problem solving](#) for parents.

### English Conversation Group starts up



The Library is pleased to offer a 10-session English conversation group for Library members, which is a great way for English language learners to improve their speaking skills. We invite you to engage in stimulating conversation on a variety of topics moderated by a CELTA-trained Library volunteer in a friendly, small group environment. Meetings will be held at the Library on Saturdays from 14h00-16h00, beginning 14 September to 30 November. There is no additional fee for joining a conversation group, but you must be a member of the Library. Space is limited and more information is on our website.

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### Got time and talent? Become a Library volunteer



The Library is seeking motivated individuals to join our volunteer team. More than seventy volunteers donate their time and provide valuable assistance to our staff and patrons all year round. Our volunteers range in age from young adults to seniors. Work assignments are available weekdays, evenings, and weekends, and we ask for a commitment of 4 months. We are particularly recruiting for volunteers to help with our popular evening events. New volunteer positions have just opened up in the Children's and Teens' Services Department as well. All [applications](#) can be submitted via the Library website.

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## Les Curiosités curated book displays



What's on your fall reading list? Be sure to look at *Les Curiosités*, our curated book displays in the Members' Lounge. Browse staff recommendations of nonfiction, classics, young adult fiction, and more, on a variety of popular and eclectic topics. On display right now are "Once Upon a Time...", "Reading Rock and Roll," "Left-handed Writers," and other themes. All books on display are available for check-out by Library members. Each time you're at the Library, you'll find inspiration for your next read from our ever-changing book displays, including the regularly updated *Les Curiosités*.

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## New books unpacked, suggestions open at all times

The French *rentrée* is translated literally as "the return" but in the Library's Collections department, the *rentrée* is known as "the arrival." Boxes of books ordered over the summer are starting to arrive, full of new fall releases and member requests. Have a glance at our New Books shelves to see the latest additions, and feel free to fill out a suggestion form if there's something on your reading list we overlooked. Don't forget to check out new e-books available on [OverDrive](#), too.

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