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Virtual programming for adults



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Virtual Writing Workshop with Katrin Schumann

Seven Key Questions You Need to Answer to Successfully Publish Your Nonfiction Book

Thursday 9 April at 17h

We are pleased to offer our first virtual writing workshop for adults with best-selling fiction and non-fiction author Katrin Schumann. Whether you're a beginner or deep into multiple edits, this session will help you identify successful strategies for publishing your book-length memoir, narrative non-fiction, or how-to.

You must register in advance, and space is limited.

A confirmation with instructions on how to participate virtually will be emailed by Tuesday 7 April.

Free and open to Library members. [RSVP required.](#)

Virtual Movement Workshop with Hiie Saumaa

Joy of Movement

Thursday 16 April at 17h

Join the Library's first-ever virtual adult movement workshop with writer, dance scholar, and movement educator Hiie Saumaa, formerly a fellow at Columbia University's Institute for Ideas & Imagination in Paris. You'll learn to connect to your body through the Nia technique, a method that blends dance arts, martial arts, and healing practices. In Nia the focus is on finding comfort, energy, ease, and support in movement. No previous dance experience is necessary; all ages can participate (though this workshop is intended primarily for adults). We will dance barefoot and in comfortable exercise clothes.

Free and open to Library members. [RSVP required.](#)

New virtual book group: *Our Mutual Friend*

New Virtual Book Group: *Our Mutual Friend* by Charles Dickens

Weekly on Wednesdays at 17h via Zoom

Led by the Library's Programs Manager Catherine Olien, this book group will dive into the weird and wonderful literary landscape of *Our Mutual Friend* by Charles Dickens. The book is in the public domain and is available for free online.

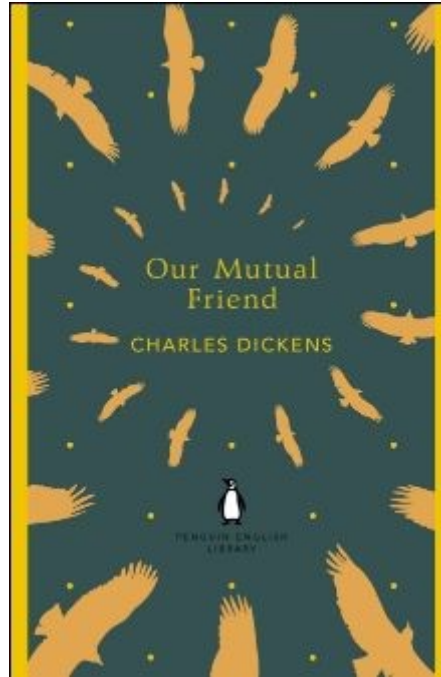
Open to Library members.
Space is limited to 20 spots.
[Registration is required](#). After registration you will receive an email confirmation and instructions on how to participate via Zoom.

Meeting Dates: Wednesdays at 17h–19h
8, 15, 22, 29 April and 6 May
We'll begin on 8 April with a casual meet and greet with participants.
No reading will be due at this first session.

Please see the [Book Groups page](#) on our website for the complete schedule.

Access *Our Mutual Friend* for free online via Project Gutenberg:

- [eBooks](#)
- [Webpage with the complete text](#)



YAFF thank you



The [Young Authors Fiction Festival](#) is an outlet for creativity and self-expression for the young members of our community. We felt it was particularly important to keep YAFF going during this challenging time, and we are happy to announce that we received 630 stories from authors ages 5–18 by the 1 April deadline.

The stories will be judged in two rounds by 90 volunteer judges, and results will be announced to all participants at the end of May. Thank you to all the teachers, parents, and judges, the Library YAFF team, and all the young authors for supporting YAFF in another great year! If you'd like to support this wonderful creative initiative, then please get in touch with yaff@americanlibraryinparis.org.

Virtual programming for kids



Check out our curated online resources for [kids](#).

Story Hour: Classics & Favorites

(ages 3–5)

Wednesday 8 April at 10h30

Join us for an interactive story time featuring reading, songs and rhymes in English.

For Library members. [RSVP required](#).

Toddler Time

(ages 1–3)

Thursday 9 April at 10h30

Join us for an interactive story time featuring reading, songs and rhymes in English.

For Library members. [RSVP required](#).

Indoor Dance Party

(all ages)

Friday 10 April at 10h30

Sing, dance and get some exercise indoors as we lead you through songs such as "Go Bananas" and "Twist and Shout."

Free and open to the public. [RSVP required](#).

Ridiculous Rhymes Poetry Workshop

(ages 9–12)

Friday 10 April at 11h30

Read funny poems and rhymes, then create your own original creations during this interactive workshop.

For Library members. [RSVP required](#).

Indoor Gardens

(ages 6–12)

Saturday 11 April at 15h

Learn about indoor gardens, and miniature gardens and learn how to make your own during this interactive workshop. Discover our online resources, and get tips for searching out facts online.

For Library members. [RSVP required](#).

Story Hour: Stories in Rhyme

(ages 3–5)

Wednesday 15 April at 10h30

Join us for an interactive story time featuring reading, songs and rhymes in English.

For Library members. [RSVP required](#).

Indoor Dance Party

(all ages)

Friday 17 April at 10h30

Sing, dance and get some exercise indoors as we lead you through songs such as "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" and "Rockin Robin."

Free and open to the public. [RSVP required.](#)

Percy Jackson Party

(ages 6–12)

Saturday 18 April at 15h

Play Percy Jackson trivia, learn about the myths and characters and more during this interactive workshop.

For Library members. [RSVP required.](#)

Virtual programming for teens



Check out our curated online resources for [teens](#).

Teen Writing Group meeting (FULL)

(ages 12–18)

Saturday 4 April at 17h

Join fellow aspiring writers in a relaxed and creative setting where you can share your ideas, get feedback and work on your technique.

This club is full.

[Find out how to apply for 2020–2021](#)

Children's and Teens' Services Help Desk

(ages 12–18)

Tuesday 7 April from 10h30–12h30

Children and teens are invited to drop in and get help or reading recommendations from our Children's and Teens' Services Manager Celeste and Children's and Teens' Services Librarian Kirsty, who will be available virtually from 10h30–12h30.

For Library members. No registration required. Click the title link for login information.

Teen Writing Group meeting (FULL)

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Saturday 11 April at 17h

Join fellow aspiring writers in a relaxed and creative setting where you can share your ideas, get feedback and work on your technique.

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YA Fantasy Book Club

(ages 12–adult)

Thursday 16 April at 16h30

Join fantasy fans to discuss new worlds and novels with like-minded readers.

For Library members. [RSVP required](#).

Master Shot Film Club meeting (FULL)

(ages 12–18)

Saturday 18 April at 17h

Explore script-writing, camera work, directing, editing and more.

This club is full.

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