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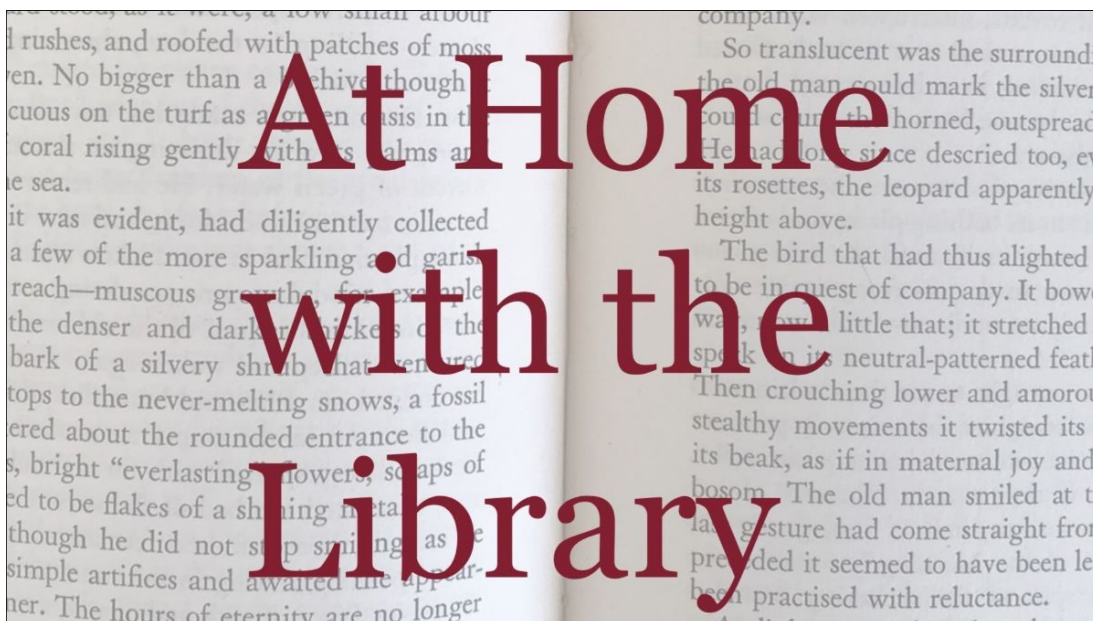
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The Stars Shine Bright from Home



In a very special upcoming video series, beloved actors and writers, including **Alan Cumming**, **Martha Plimpton**, and **Denis O'Hare**, will be bringing the American Library home to you, all in tribute to the

Library's 100 years of service. This star-studded cast will bring to life the prose of writers associated with the Library, from Hemingway to Julia Child. Every few days a new reading will be launched. Make sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates.

A special thanks to Denis O'Hare for his inspiration and leadership on the project.



Centennial Gala Moves to the Fall

The annual Gala is a special moment for our community to gather, celebrate literature, and support the mission of the Library, one that is particularly meaningful this year as we mark one hundred years of service.

As you know, measures are now in place around the world to protect our health and safety. In light of those measures, the Library will be postponing the Gala until this fall. We are looking forward to hosting a live event with Gala honoree Susan Orlean. Understanding that there is some uncertainty about the evolution of public health conditions and travel restrictions, the event will incorporate in-person and virtual elements to be sure that we can all come together on this historic occasion, whatever the circumstances. Please stay tuned for more information about the event, including the date and location.

If you have any questions about the Gala or would like to reserve your seats for the fall, please contact Morgan Wurzburger at gala@americanlibraryinparis.org.



Virtual Evenings with an Author



[Elaine Sciolino](#)

Tuesday 21 April at 17h via Zoom.

Please join us for an informal and uplifting check-in with author and journalist Elaine Sciolino. Elaine is confined on the rue des Martyrs, the subject of her 2016 book, *The Only Street in Paris: Life on the Rue des Martyrs*. Despite the circumstances, this unique Parisian *quartier*—and its residents—retain a certain degree of pre-Covid-19 life and charm. Tune in to our live event to see how Elaine is experiencing confinement, what new hobbies she's acquired, and get the latest news on her most recent book, *The Seine: The River that Made Paris*. Elaine is a contributing writer and former Paris bureau chief for the *New York Times*.

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



Susan Harlan

Tuesday 28 April at 17h via Zoom.

Join a live talk with author and professor Susan Harlan, who has the rare gift of making the ordinary extraordinary for her readers and audiences. Susan will share a personal essay about the tote bags she's acquired on her travels, touching on themes that are at the forefront of our minds right now: travel, home, and souvenirs. Susan's essays have appeared in *The Guardian US*, *The Paris Review Daily*, and many other publications. Her book *Luggage* (Bloomsbury, 2018) takes readers on a journey with the suitcases that support, accessorize, and accompany our lives.

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



Whitney Scharer

Tuesday 5 May at 17h via Zoom.

We're pleased to present author Whitney Scharer, author of *The Age of Light*. Her absorbing debut tells a fictionalized account of Lee Miller's life, focusing on the years she spent in Paris and her tumultuous relationship with Surrealist artist Man Ray. An icon during her own time, Miller's bold vision and fearlessness still serve today as a template for a life lived fully. In Whitney's novel, we follow Lee through her time as a model, Surrealist photographer, fashion photographer, war correspondent, and gourmet chef. Whitney will discuss her book, as well as provide us with updates about its reception and translation.

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



Visit our Facebook page for information about our upcoming virtual events and Evenings with an Author.

Virtual Programming for Kids and Teens



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

KIDS

[Music Together with Stacey Pavese Debré \(FULL\)](#)

(ages 0-5)

Saturday 18 April at 11h

Sing, dance and make music!

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

[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](#).

[Children's and Teens' Services Virtual Helpdesk](#)

(all ages)

Tuesday 21 April from 11h-12h

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.

For Library members. No registration required.

[Story Hour: Classics and Favorites](#)

(ages 3-5)

Wednesday 22 April at 10h30

Join us for an interactive story time featuring reading, songs, and rhymes in English from our children's and teens' services librarians and volunteers!

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

[Toddler Time](#)

TEENS

[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.

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

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[Teen Night: Candy Olympics](#)

(ages 12-18)

Friday 24 April at 19h

Join us for an evening of sweet success: Trivia, candy games, and more! Participants will need a small supply of candy for certain portions of this event. All abilities and skill-sets welcome!

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

[Teen Writing Group Meeting \(FULL\)](#)

(ages 12-18)

Saturday 2 May at 17h

Work on your writing, get feedback.

This club is full. Find out how to [apply for 2020-2021](#).

(ages 1-3)

Thursday 23 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 24 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.](#)

Sing-Along with Librarians and Volunteers

(all ages)

Saturday 25 April at 15h

Join us for an hour of singing, including childhood classics, librarian favorites, and well-known hits.

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

YA Fantasy Book Club

(ages 12-adult)

Thursday 14 May at 16h30

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

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

E-books for children and teens:

We have plenty of e-books to satisfy young bookworms, from picture books by Robert Munsch, to children's novels like *Holes* by Louis Sachar, to fantasy and realistic fiction for teens such as *The Cruel Prince* and Angie Thomas's latest, *On the Come Up*. Below the search bar on our [online catalog](#), you'll find recommendations for children's graphic novels, picture books, children's novels, and more. We also have a curated selection of e-books available for our younger members on [OverDrive and TumbleBooks](#). So explore our catalog to find your next great read! Our staff is available remotely to assist you if you need e-book reading recommendations or help accessing our online resources.

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