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Curbside Lending Continues



Déjà-vu? Librarian Bojan Kupirović (right) prepares books for our new curbside lending service (the first step in our progressive deconfinement), just as his long-ago predecessor (left, possibly Frederic "Freddie" Hawkins) wrapped books for the Library's Soldiers' Service in 1940. The Library managed to send over 100,000 books and magazines to Allied soldiers, hospitals, prisoners, and internment camps before the Soldiers' Service ceased when Paris was occupied.

Today, we're busy wrapping parcels of new reading material for our members, and it's been an absolute pleasure to see those of you who have come by so far. We currently have 10,000 books out, and we imagine that many of you would love to get your hands on new reading material after a long confinement. Visit our [curbside lending webpage](#) and follow the instructions to request books in the catalog and make an appointment. Appointments fill up quickly, so don't delay! And don't forget to bring a bag, your Library card, and a required mask to your appointment. You can return books without a reservation, Tuesday–Friday, 2pm–5:30pm.

All returning books are quarantined before being put back into circulation.

For detailed information about curbside lending and our health and safety measures, please visit our [website](#) and read the instructions and [FAQ's](#).

The Library's facilities remain closed presently, and all programs continue virtually.

Please email info@americanlibraryinparis.org with any questions.



Assistant Director Abigail Altman with returns destined for quarantine.

Virtual Evenings with an Author

All programs, including *Evenings with an Author*, book groups, and workshops, will continue virtually for the present time.



Dana Thomas

Wednesday 20 May at 17h via Facebook Live

A virtual book talk by *New York Times* bestselling author and journalist Dana Thomas, author of *Fashionopolis: The Price of Fast Fashion and the Future of Clothes*.

Free and open to the public via Facebook Live.

No RSVP required.

Simply head to our [Facebook page](#) to tune in live at 17h on Wednesday 20 May.

(The event will be recorded and a video will be available for viewing after the event.)



[Anissa Bouziane](#)

Tuesday 26 May at 17h via Zoom

Please join us for an informal conversation with author Anissa M. Bouziane. Anissa was born in Tennessee, daughter of a Moroccan father and a French mother. She grew up in Morocco, but returned to the US to attend Wellesley College, and went on to earn an MFA in fiction writing from Columbia University. Her debut novel, *Dune Song*, is rooted in her experience of witnessing the collapse of the Twin Towers.

Free and open to the public via Zoom.

[RSVP required](#) to receive meeting details and password.



[Mark Mayer](#)

Tuesday 2 June at 17h via Zoom

An exploration of distance (and social distance) in the literary imagination. Part craft talk, part Zoom performance, part lecture on literature, part creative self-help for the quarantined. Mark Mayer has an MFA from the Iowa Writers' Workshop and a PhD from the University of Denver. His first book, *Aerialists*, won the Michener-Copernicus Prize, and his stories have been published in *American Short Fiction*, the *Kenyon Review*, *Guernica*, and the *Iowa Review*. He is an Assistant Professor of Fiction Writing in the University of Memphis MFA program.

Free and open to the public via Zoom.

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Now on Youtube: If you missed one of our virtual programs or would like to watch one again, please visit our YouTube channel. You'll find videos of our recent events with Susan Harlan, Whitney Scharer, and Elaine Sciolino.



Find videos of past Library programs on YouTube.



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

Virtual Programming for Kids and Teens



Storytime: *Sofia Valdez, Future Prez* by Andrea Beaty and David Roberts (read by Celeste). Click on the image to watch the YouTube video!

KIDS

[Virtual Story Hour: Happy Birthday!](#)

(ages 3–5)

Wednesday 20 May at 10h30

Join us for an interactive story time featuring reading, songs and rhymes in English, all about birthdays. This event will be hosted by our children's and teens' services librarians and volunteers!

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

[Indoor Dance Party](#)

(all ages)

Friday 22 May at 10h30

Sing, dance, and get some exercise indoors with librarians and volunteers leading you in songs such as "Go Bananas" and "I'm a Believer."

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

[Happy Birthday to the Library!](#)

(all ages)

Saturday 23 May at 15h

Play trivia, enjoy readings and performances by special guests and more during this interactive event.

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

[Virtual Story Hour](#)

(ages 3–5)

Wednesday 27 May at 10h30

Three to five year-olds and their grown-ups are invited to join us for our weekly Wednesday Story

TEENS

[Teen Night: 8th Annual Literary Reaping, Part 1](#)

(ages 12-18)

Friday 22 May at 18h

Join us for an evening of trivia, challenges, and surprises. This event will feature special guests and will require participants to work in teams. Participants will be asked to provide materials from a short list of items which are readily available in most homes.

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

Teen Advisory Group Meeting (FULL)

(ages 12-18)

Friday 29 May at 17h

Group members will meet virtually.

For Library members. This group is full.

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

[Writing from the Heart: The Game with Jane Mobbille](#)

(ages 12-18)

Friday 5 June at 18h

Join us for a virtual Teen Night with life coach and memoir writer Jane Mobbille! Throw the dice, spin some (tall) tales, and write your own answer key as we create our own homemade games together.

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

Teen Writing Group Meeting (FULL)

Hour! The program lasts 45 minutes and features songs, stories and hand rhymes in English.

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

Toddler Time

(ages 1-3)

Thursday 28 May at 10h30

Songs, rhymes and stories in English for the very young.

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

(ages 12-18)

Saturday 6 June at 17h

Group members will meet virtually.

For Library members. This group is full.

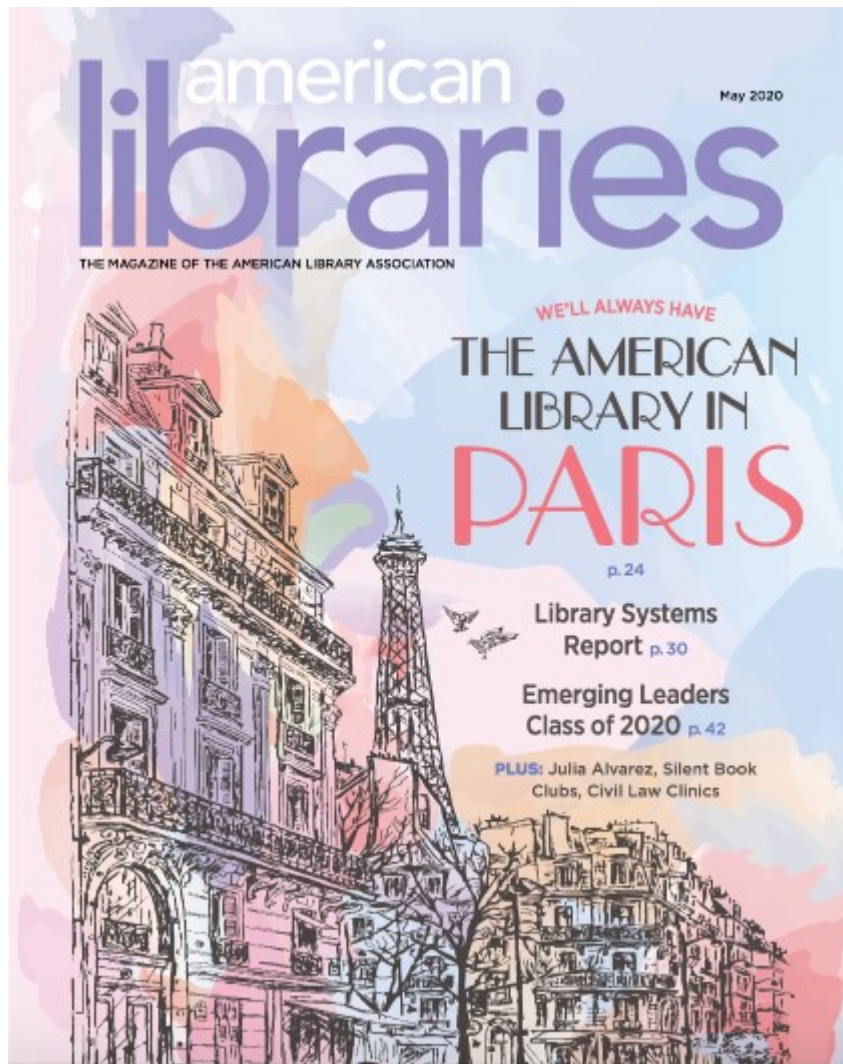
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Champs-Élysées Film Festival



Every year we partner with the [Champs-Élysées Film Festival](#) to share their program of French and American independent films with our members. This June, with cinemas closed, the Festival is all online and all free to watch in France. The program will be announced Wednesday 20 May, and we encourage you to explore their lineup. It's an amazing opportunity to discover emerging independent filmmakers, for free!

American Libraries Magazine



The Library is thrilled to be the cover story in the American Library Association's May issue of *American Libraries* magazine. The article, "We'll Always Have the American Library in Paris," celebrates our 100 years of rich history and our ongoing mission. Click on the cover image to link to the full article.

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