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Curbside Lending and Returns Hours Extended

Curbside lending is going strong, and we are heartened by the positive feedback from members who have used the service so far. This week we're extending our curbside hours, giving you more appointment slots for curbside lending and more opportunities to return your books. Visit our [curbside lending webpage](#) and make an appointment today to pick up new reading material.

Don't forget to bring a bag, your Library card, and a required mask to your appointment. Please email info@americanlibraryinparis.org with any questions.

Book Returns (no reservation required):

Tuesday-Friday 13h30-17h30 and Saturday 11h00-16h00.

Library Resources for Understanding

"[T]he mission of the Library—to educate, welcome and respect all perspectives, convene safe and productive conversations, and offer opportunity to all—directly combats divisiveness, ignorance, hate, and racism."

—Tony Marx, New York Public Library President

In the wake of recent protests in the United States following the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis on 25 May, readers have reached out to us for resources to learn more about these events, and the issues underlying them. In pre-pandemic times, members browsed the stacks for deeper understanding. While our stacks are closed, we suggest the following reading lists, compiled by reputable outlets. Many of these titles are in the American Library in Paris collection and may be requested via curbside lending:

- [An Antiracist Reading List](#) from the *New York Times*
- [Social Justice Reading List](#) from the Skokie (IL) Public Library
- Anti-racism Reading Lists for [Adults](#) and [Young Readers](#) from the Santa Cruz (CA) Bookshop
- [Books on Racism, Sexism, and Class](#) from Goodreads
- A thoughtful [blog post](#) by New York Public Library President Tony Marx on the role of libraries as safe spaces for learning and conversation to combat ignorance and injustice.

If you have recommendations for additional resources that are not currently in the Library's collection, we invite you to request them [here](#).

Virtual Programs for Adults

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



Mark Mayer: Virtual Evening with an Author
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.

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



Dispatches from the Library
with Director Audrey Chapuis
Wednesday 3 June at 17h via Zoom

Join Library Director Audrey Chapuis to catch up about the **Library's recent activities and plans** for progressive deconfinement.

Free and open to the public via Zoom.

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



Jessie Kanelos Weiner: Virtual Watercolor Workshop
Thursday 11 June at 17h via Zoom

Please join us for a **watercolor workshop** with illustrator Jessie Kanelos Weiner. Jessie will walk participants through her **creative process**, her watercolor tips and tricks, and some backstory on how her time in Paris shaped her career as a professional watercolorist.

Free, open to Library members only.

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



Traci Brimhall: Virtual Evening with an Author
Tuesday 16 June at 17h via Zoom

Join us for an evening of reading and discussion with poet and essayist Traci Brimhall. We will hear Traci read from her new essay “The Grief Artist” about the role of **creativity and grief**, as well as discuss the work she is doing now researching creativity during epidemics. She lives 20 miles from the source of the 1918 flu outbreak and is looking at both the art produced at that time, as well as what it means to grieve long distance.

Free and open to the public via Zoom.

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



Hiie Saumaa: Virtual Movement Workshop
Thursday 18 June at 17h via Zoom

Back by popular demand! In this workshop, we learn to **connect to our home, the body, through movement**. The class is based on Nia dance, a technique developed in the US in the 1980's. This method blends movements from dance arts, martial arts, and healing practices. In Nia, the focus is always on how you feel when you move and on finding comfort, energy, ease, and support through movement. No previous dance experience is necessary.

Free, open to Library members only.

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

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. You'll also find readings from our **At Home with the Library** series, where stars of the screen, stage, and page read the works of writers whose own histories are interwoven with that of the Library.



Find videos of past Library programs on YouTube.



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

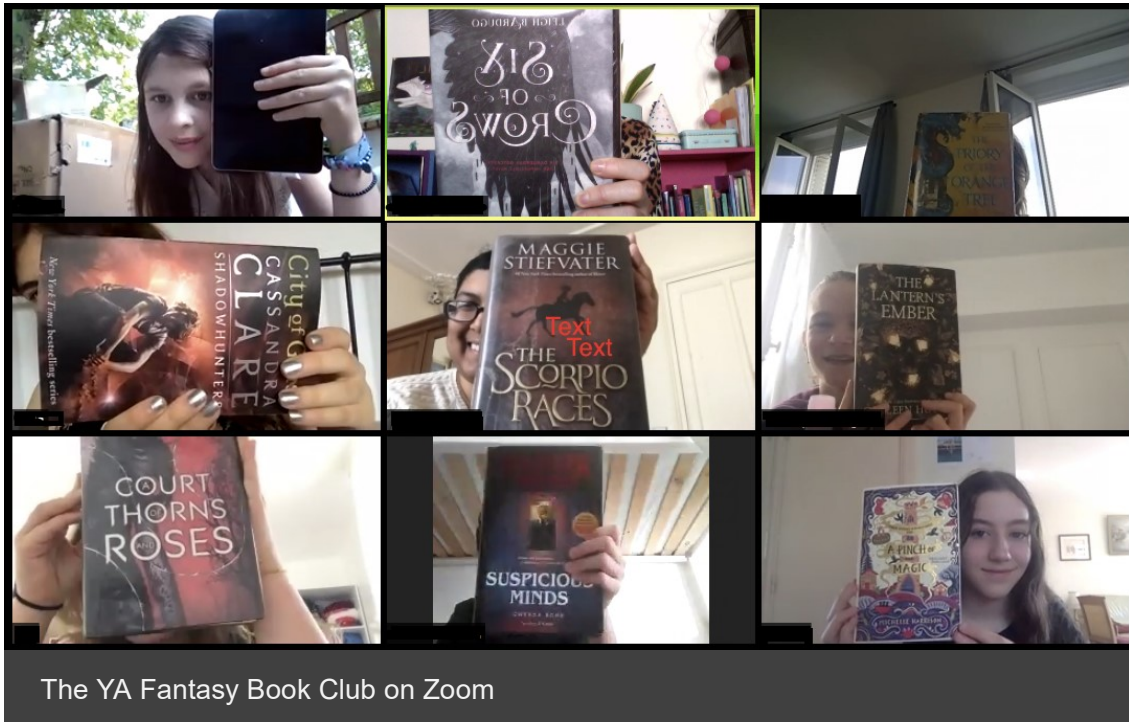
2020 Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 9 June at 19h30

All members of the American Library in Paris are invited to the Annual General Meeting of the American Library in Paris, Inc., a membership corporation organized under the laws of Delaware and operating in France. The Library Director, Chairman of the Board, and Board Trustees will live-stream from the Library to report on activities from 2019. Members may participate via Zoom. Please email programs@americanlibraryinparis.org to register for the meeting. Zoom details will be sent prior to the meeting to those who have

registered.

Virtual Programming for Kids and Teens



All programs for kids and teens will continue virtually for the month of June.

KIDS

Story Hour

(ages 3–5)

Wednesday 3 June at 10h30

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

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

Indoor Dance Party

(all ages)

Friday 5 June at 10h30

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

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

DIY Crafts: Costumes

(all ages)

Saturday 6 June at 11h

Make a cool headpiece or mask during this DIY crafting event. Participants will receive a list of required materials (all readily available in most homes) and then our librarians and volunteers will lead you through fun craft projects to help

TEENS

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)

(ages 12-18)

Saturday 6 June at 17h

Group members will meet virtually.

For Library members. This group is full.

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

Master Shot Film Club Meeting (FULL)

(ages 12-18)

Saturday 13 June at 17h

Group members will meet virtually with the link provided.

For Library members. This group is full.

you get ready for your next costume party.
For Library members. [RSVP required.](#)

Story Hour

(ages 3–5)

Wednesday 10 June at 10h30

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

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

Indoor Dance Party

(all ages)

Friday 12 June at 10h30

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

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

Harry Potter Party

(ages 6+)

Saturday 13 June at 11h

Put on your wizard robes and join us for an afternoon dedicated to all things Harry Potter: readings, trivia, crafts, and games, and a reading of J.K. Rowling's latest stories.

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

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

YA Fantasy Book Club

(ages 12-Adult)

Thursday 18 June at 16h30

Our popular new book club for fantasy fans continues in June. Register now to join virtually, and discuss other worlds with like-minded readers.

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

Teen Lit Taboo

(ages 12-18)

Friday 19 June at 18h

Join us for a virtual Teen Night! Show off your fabulous memory of all things related to teen literature by competing in an evening of this custom-made guessing game!

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

Friday Night Poets with National Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman

(ages 12-18)

Friday 26 June at 18h

Join us for a writing workshop and Q&A with National Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman. During this interactive virtual workshop, Amanda will guide participants in a poetry exercise, then answer questions about her work. Participants will be required to provide their own writing materials. We'll provide the inspiration.

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

Champs-Élysées Film Festival



Maya Hawke and Rachel Hilson in AS THEY SLEPT

The [Champs-Élysées Film Festival](#) opens Tuesday 9 June. Each year the Library partners

with the Festival to offer a discount to our members, but this spring , it's all free and all online to viewers in France. Don't miss this year's top picks from Catherine Olien, the Library's Programs Manager:

1. [Grève ou Crève](#) (French feature length)
2. [Slow Machine](#) (American feature length)
3. [Qu'importe si les Bêtes Meurent](#) (French short)
4. [As They Slept](#) (American short)
5. [Beauty Boys](#) (French short)

The Festival runs 9-16 June, and feature-length films have a limited number of virtual "seats" available. Visit their [website](#) to explore the program of French and American independent films, masterclasses, music, and more.

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