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Welcome back to the Library!

The Library has reopened to members for browsing, checkout, and returns:

Tuesday-Friday 13h-18h and Saturday 11h-16h30.

A mask is required to enter the building for all visitors age 11 and up. Very limited seating is available. Please read our [reopening information](#) for more details.

We are phasing out our curbside lending program as we reopen, but if you have health concerns about entering the building, please email us at info@americanlibraryinparis.org and we will do our utmost to accommodate your needs.

Virtual Programs for Adults

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



**["The Grief Artist" with 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.



**[Nia Dance with 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.



**[The Invisible Emperor with Mark Braude:
Virtual Evening with an Author](#)**

Tuesday 23 June at 17h via Zoom

Please join us for a discussion with author and American Library in Paris Visiting Fellow Mark Braude about his recent book, *The Invisible Emperor: Napoleon on Elba from Exile to Escape*, a coup de coeur of the 2019 American Library in Paris Book Award shortlist committee and a community favorite. Mark's writing concentrates on Napoleon's exile in 1814-1815 and gives us an unexpected and fresh approach to a larger-than-life personality. As many of us continue to follow confinement or quarantine measures in the fight against COVID-19, themes of exile, banishment, and separation are at the forefront of our minds.

Free and open to the public via Zoom.

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



**["Cause of Death: COVID-19, Police Violence, or Racism?" with
Dr. Jean Beaman and Inès Seddki: Virtual Evening with an
Author](#)**

Wednesday 24 June at 17h via Zoom

Please join us for a special event, "Cause of Death: COVID-19, Police Violence, or Racism?" a conversation about racial inequalities in France and the United States with Dr. Jean Beaman and Inès Seddki. Inès will interview Jean about her research, including her book, *Citizen Outsider: Children of North African Immigrants in France*. Jean will then pose some questions to Inès about her organization, GHETT'UP. Finally, the two will discuss racism in France, particularly related to COVID-19 and police violence. They will also offer their perspectives on the recent protests in France for Adama Traoré and in support of the Black Lives Matter movement.

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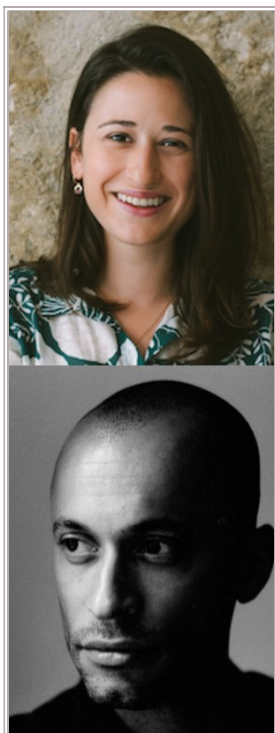
**["Empty Streets, Busy Lives" with Emilio Williams: Virtual
Evening with an Author](#)**

Tuesday 30 June at 17h via Zoom

Please join us as Emilio Williams presents "Empty Streets, Busy Lives: A surprising historical tour of *le septième* through the iconic photos of Eugène Atget (1857–1927)." A century ago, photographers Man Ray and Berenice Abbott discovered a treasure trove of photos that an unknown commercial photographer, Eugène Atget, had taken of the empty streets of Old Paris, now regarded as the foundational masterpieces of street photography. Emilio himself found an album of Atget's forgotten photos of the 7th arrondissement. For his lecture, Emilio will enrich the experience of viewing these rarely seen images with his surprising discoveries of the colorful figures who lived in the neighborhood and walked the streets around the American Library in Paris.

Free and open to the public via Zoom.

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



**[Lindsey Tramuta in conversation with
Thomas Chatterton Williams:
Virtual Evening with an Author](#)**
Wednesday 1 July at 17h via Zoom

Please join us for a conversation between Lindsey Tramuta and Thomas Chatterton Williams as they speak about her much-anticipated book, *The New Parisienne*.

Lifting the veil on the mythologized Parisian woman—white, lithe, ever-fashionable—Lindsey's work demystifies this oversimplified archetype and recasts the women of Paris as they truly are, in all their complexity. Featuring fifty activists, creators, educators, visionaries, and disruptors—such as Leïla Slimani, Lauren Bastide, and Mayor Anne Hidalgo—the book reveals Paris as a blossoming cultural center of feminine power and showcases those who are bucking tradition, making names for themselves, and transforming the city.

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 [Anissa Bouziane](#) and [Mark Mayer](#). You'll also find readings from our **At Home with the Library** series, including our latest videos with actors [Alan Cumming](#) and [Colman Domingo](#).

 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



Programs for kids and teens continue virtually for the month of June.

KIDS

Story Hour

(ages 3–5)
 Wednesday 17 June at 10h30 via Zoom
 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 19 June at 10h30 via Zoom
 Sing, dance, and exercise indoors as you dance along to songs such as "Go Bananas," "Jailhouse Rock," and "Princess Pat."
 Free and open to the public. [RSVP required.](#)

Train Your Brain

(ages 6-12)
 Saturday 20 June at 11h00 via Zoom
 Learn about your brain, find out about a few amazing braniacs from history, then discover tricks to help you train your brain!
 For Library members. [RSVP required.](#)

Story Hour

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 Wednesday 24 June at 10h30 via Zoom
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TEENS

YA Fantasy Book Club

(ages 12-Adult)
 Thursday 18 June at 16h30 via Zoom
 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 18h00 via Zoom
 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.](#)

Teen Writing Group Meeting (FULL)

(ages 12-18)
 Saturday 20 June at 17h00 via Zoom
 Group members will meet virtually with the link provided.
 For Library members. FULL.
 Interested in applying for the [2020-2021 Teen Writing Group?](#)

Friday Night Poets with National Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman

(ages 12-18)
 Friday 26 June at 18h00 via Zoom

volunteers!

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

[Virtual Bookworms: A Book Club for Kids](#)

(ages 9-12)

Thursday 25 June at 16h30 via Zoom

This month, we're trying out a new book group for kids! The aim of this group is to create a space for strong readers to share books they've enjoyed, and to foster discussion among our community of young readers. Bring along your current or most recent fiction or nonfiction read in English to talk about with the group during our online meeting.

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

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 pens and paper—we'll provide the inspiration!

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

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