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## **National Youth Poet Laureate and Writer-in-Residence Amanda Gorman: A special teen writing workshop**



**Virtual writing workshop and Q&A: National Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman (ages 12-18)\***

**Friday 26 June at 18h via Zoom**

**Free and open to the public**

**[Advanced registration](#) is required to receive meeting details and password**

Join us for a very special virtual writing workshop, just for teens. During this interactive event, Amanda Gorman will guide participants in a poetry exercise, then answer questions about her work. Participants will be required to provide their own writing materials.

\*This event is strictly limited to participants ages 12-18.

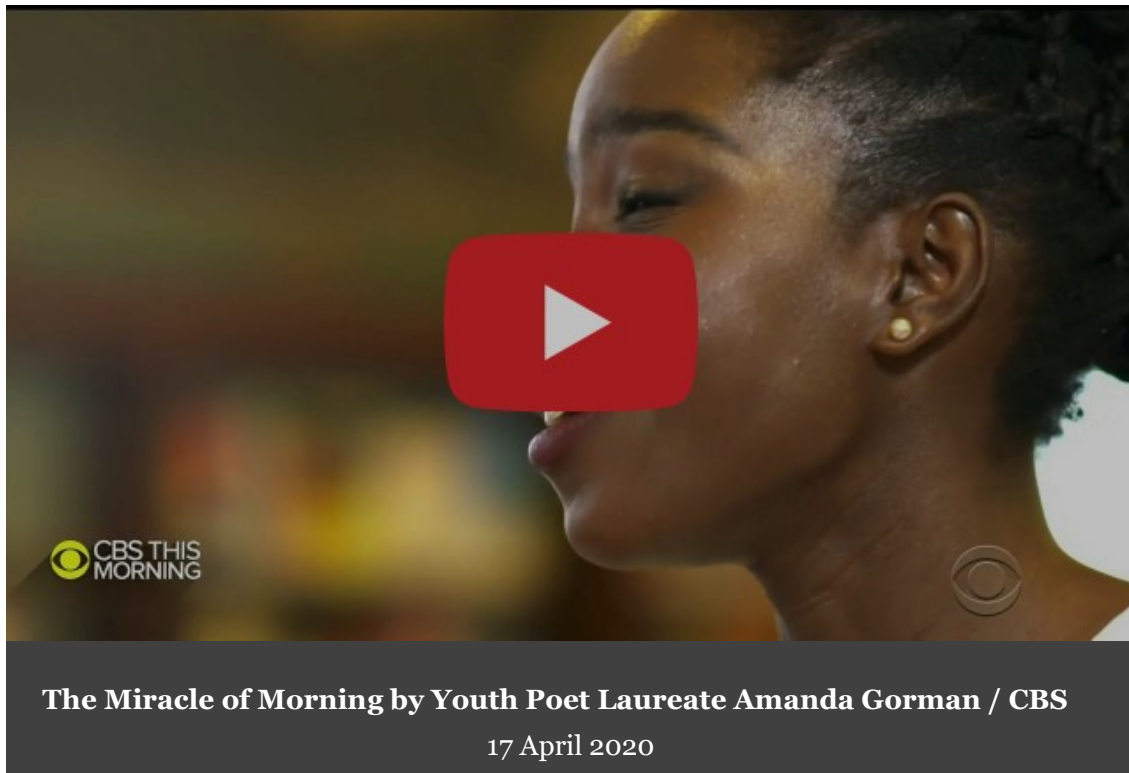
About Amanda:

At 22, Amanda Gorman is heralded as “the next great figure in American poetry.” Amanda made history in 2017 by being named the first ever National Youth Poet Laureate of the United States. Born and raised in Los Angeles, she is a recent graduate of Harvard, where she studied Sociology.

Since publishing the poetry collection *The One for Whom Food Is Not Enough* at 16, her writing has won her invitations to the Obama White House and to perform for Lin-Manuel Miranda, Al Gore, Secretary Hillary Clinton, Malala Yousafzai, and others. Amanda has performed 4th of July and Thanksgiving poems for CBS, and she has spoken at events and venues across the US, including the Library of Congress and Lincoln Center.

We're pleased to host Amanda as the Library's virtual [Writer-in-Residence](#) for the summer. Amanda had been invited as the summer 2020 Writer-in-Residence, and while she can't be at the Library in person this year, she has graciously offered to present this virtual event. We look forward to welcoming her to Paris when that is possible.

The Writer-in-Residence program is made possible by The De Groot Foundation.



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## Introducing PANDEMONIUM U



The Library is proud to partner with PANDEMONIUM U, a free, online lecture series founded by journalist and author Pamela Druckerman and *Financial Times* journalist Simon Kuper. PANDEMONIUM U and the American Library in Paris share a philosophy of promoting engaged civic discourse with world-class experts, thinkers, and writers.

We invite you to discover PANDEMONIUM U's upcoming programs:

**“Let’s Talk about Women and Race (in France)”**

**Friday 19 June at 18h** (Paris time)

with activist and writer **Rokhaya Diallo** &

author and journalist **Lindsey Tramuta**

**“How the 1919 Paris Peace Settlements Shaped Today’s World”**

**Wednesday 24 June at 18h** (Paris time)

with historian **Margaret MacMillan**, award-winning author of *Paris 1919: Six Months That Changed the World*

**“The Rebuilding of Notre Dame”**

**Friday 26 June at 18h** (Paris time)

with **R. Howard Bloch**, professor of French at Yale

All programs are accessible live via the following Zoom link:

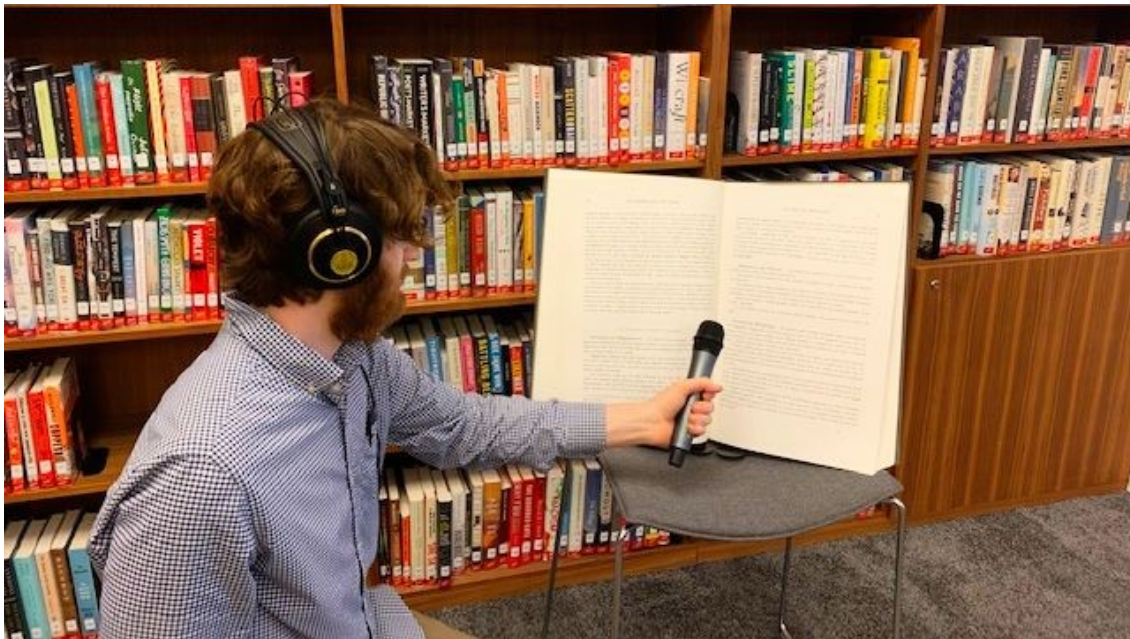
<https://zoom.us/j/7917404469>

Meeting ID: 791 740 4469

View their latest [newsletter](#). Recordings of past Pandemonium U programs are available via their [YouTube channel](#).

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## **Podcast: *Evenings with an Author***



Did you know that the Library has a podcast, *Evenings with an Author*? Recorded live at the American Library in Paris (or on Zoom!) during *Evenings with an Author* events, the podcast is produced by Elliot Rambach and features authors, filmmakers, musicians, journalists, scholars, and other public figures.

Don't miss the latest episodes: Mark Mayer presents "Distance (and Social Distance) in the Literary Imagination" and Anissa M. Bouziane discusses her debut novel, *Dune Song*.

Available on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), [Stitcher](#), or wherever you get your podcasts.

[Evenings with an Author events](#) are supported by generous donations from GRoW @ Annenberg, Library members, and those who attend programs.

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## Young Authors Fiction Festival winners announced



This year, the Library's Young Authors Fiction Festival (YAFF) received 630 entries, written by children from fifty schools and writing classes in and around Paris. We congratulate all who participated.

YAFF 2020 culminated in two virtual celebration events on Friday 12 June. The celebrations included the announcement of the winners ([see full list](#)), comments from the judges, and readings of one of the finalists' stories in each grade. Over 200 people attended, including the young author finalists, parents, teachers, and Library volunteers who judged for the festival. We look forward to YAFF 2021. Until then... happy writing!

Read our [blog post on YAFF 2020](#) with a full list of the winners.

Order a [YAFF Celebration Booklet](#), where we publish all the finalists' stories.

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