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Library Expansion Breaks Ground!



The rumblings of hammers and drills at the Library over the next few weeks will soon make way

for the pitter patter of little, and not so little, feet in the expanded Children's and Teens' Department. You may experience some noise, and we appreciate your patience. Some shelves in the biography section will be temporarily inaccessible for browsing.

We will be sharing updates on the expansion in *e-Libris* and on the Library's social media, and we can't wait to unveil the results in the fall. #project100



Virtual Programs for Adults

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



[\(FULL\)Evening with an Author: Lindsey Tramuta in conversation with Thomas Chatterton Williams](#)
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.

(THIS PROGRAM IS FULL. Video and audio recordings will be shared on our YouTube channel and our podcast, *Evenings with an Author*.)



[Evening with an Author: Alice Jardine in conversation with Loren Wolfe](#)
Tuesday 7 July at 17h via Zoom

Please join us as we welcome Alice Jardine, author of *At the Risk of Thinking: An Intellectual Biography of Julia Kristeva*, in conversation with Loren Wolfe. Alice's latest book is the first biography of Kristeva, one of the most celebrated intellectuals in the world. Discover Kristeva's journey from her childhood in Communist Bulgaria to her adult life as an international public intellectual based in Paris.

Free and open to the public via Zoom.

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



[Evening with an Author: Alex Beam](#)
Wednesday 8 July at 17h via Zoom

Please join us for a conversation with Alex Beam, author of *Broken Glass: Mies van der Rohe, Edith Farnsworth, and the Fight over a Modernist Masterpiece*. Alex's stage is the captivating and problematic Farnsworth House in Plano, Illinois. His main characters: Celebrated modernist architect Mies van der Rohe and friend-cum-patron Doctor Edith Farnsworth. Alex will present his extensive research, reflections on the legacies and personalities of the twentieth century's architectural "giants," and thoughts on the difference between creating and actually living with (and within) daring design and architecture.

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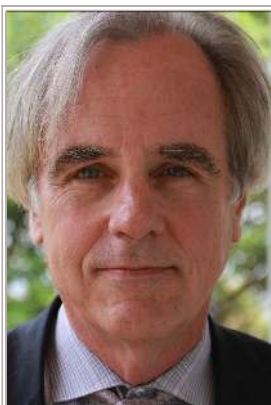


[Writing Workshop with Anissa Bouziane](#)
Thursday 9 July at 17h via Zoom

Many of us see the process of deconfinement as a new beginning, much like a blank page. This writing workshop will encourage participants to reflect upon their personal experiences of confinement and imagine their way out through writing. With Anissa as our guide, we will consider what confinement has taught us about our own powers of observation and imagination, and how these might be translated onto the page. This workshop will feature a mix of instruction and quiet time for reflection and writing prompts.

Open to Library members via Zoom.

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



[Ask the Doctor: COVID-19 update by Dr. Rob Murphy](#)
Wednesday 15 July at 17h via Zoom

American Library in Paris member Dr. Robert L. Murphy has been at the forefront of every infectious disease global crisis since the AIDS pandemic in the 1980s. In this Zoom session, Dr. Murphy will share the latest updates in the fight against COVID-19 and answer questions from the audience. He will join us from Chicago, where he is the Executive Director of the Institute for Global Health at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine.

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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 [Traci Brimhall](#), [Mark Braude](#), and [Jean Beaman](#).

You'll also find readings from our **At Home with the Library** series, including our latest videos with actors [Hala Alyan](#) and [Bob Balaban](#).

 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



KIDS

[Virtual Story Hour](#)

(ages 3–5)

Wednesday 1 July at 10h30 via Zoom

Join us for a virtual, interactive story time featuring reading, songs, and rhymes in English. This event is hosted by our children's and teens' services librarians and volunteers!

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

[Story Hour in the Park](#)

(ages 3–5)

Wednesday 1 July at 14h30

Join us for an interactive story time at the park featuring reading, songs, and rhymes in English in a small group setting. This event is hosted by a librarian and a volunteer!

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

[Virtual Red, White, and Blue Party](#)

(ages 6-12)

TEENS

[Teen Clubs 2020-21: Deadline to Apply 31 July](#)

(ages 12-18)

Teens can apply now for our popular clubs, including the [Youth Leadership Program](#), the [Teen Writing Group](#), the [Master Shot Film Club](#), and the [Teen Advisory Group](#). If you are interested in applying for more than one club, please feel free to do so, but if you have a top choice, please make a note of that in the application for that club. We try to accommodate as many teens as possible, and each club has limited enrollment.

[Capture the Flag](#)

(ages 12-18)

Friday 10 July at 17h30

Join us for a game of capture the flag on the Champ de Mars (weather permitting). We'll meet at the Library to divide you into teams and go

Saturday 4 July at 11h00 via Zoom
Put on your red, white, and blue, and join us for crafts, a trivia session with questions about France and the US, and a reading.
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Sweet Summer Crafts

(ages 6-12)
Saturday 11 July at 11h00 via Zoom
Grab some colored pencils and join us for a craft session hosted by Children's and Teens' Services Librarian Kirsty, who will lead you in a few projects to make your summer a little cooler!
For Library members. [RSVP required.](#)

Virtual Summer Reading Quest

(all ages)
July and August 2020
Keep track of your reading over the summer, discover new books, and win prizes by completing our Summer Reading Challenge!
For Library members. [RSVP required.](#)

over the rules of the game, then we'll set out as a group to play.

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

Virtual YA Fantasy Book Club

(ages 12-18)
Friday 17 July at 16h00 via Zoom
Join fantasy fans to discuss new worlds and novels with like-minded readers. Bring along your current or most recent fantasy read to talk about with the group during our online meeting
For Library members. [RSVP required.](#)

Virtual Ten Book Challenge for Teens

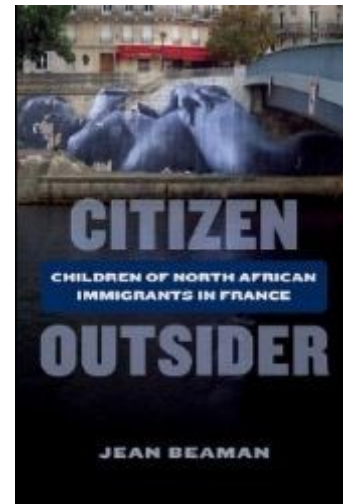
(ages 12-18)
July and August 2020
Keep track of your reading over the summer, try out new books, and win prizes by completing our Ten Book Challenge!
For Library members. [RSVP required.](#)

New Podcast Episode

"Cause of Death: COVID-19, Police Violence, or Racism? A Conversation about Racial Inequalities in France and the United States"

In the latest episode of the Library's podcast, *Evenings with an Author*, Inès Seddiki interviews Dr. Jean Beaman about her research, including her book, *Citizen Outsider: Children of North African Immigrants in France*.

Dr. Beaman then poses questions to Ms. Seddiki about her organization, GHETT'UP. Finally, the two discuss racism in France more broadly regarding COVID-19 and police violence. They also offered their thoughts and perspectives on the recent protests in France for Adama Traoré and in support of the Black Lives Matter movement.



Recorded live on Zoom on 24 June. The *Evenings with an Author* podcast is produced by Member Services Assistant Elliot Rambach and features authors, filmmakers, musicians, journalists, scholars, and other public figures.

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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