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New Hours Starting 1 September

- **Fall hours:** Tue–Wed: 10h–19h | Thurs: 10h–21h | Fri–Sat: 10h–19h | Sun: 13h–19h | Mon: Closed
- **Masks** must be worn correctly at all times by all Library visitors ages 11+.
- Please see the [Covid-19](#) page on our website for detailed information about how the Library is ensuring the health and safety of the community.
- Please use our online tools as much as possible to **limit in-person contact**.
- Follow us on **social media** for staff book recommendations, event information, and updates on our Project 100 expansion.



Century Gala: RSVP by Monday 7 September

The Century Gala on 8 October 2020 is fast approaching. If you would like to attend one of our small, private dinners and be recognized in the Gala program, the deadline to RSVP is Monday 7 September.

The **Century Gala** will feature:

- An option to attend a **dinner** at the home of a Library supporter
- A **live-streamed keynote address** from award-winning author **Susan Orlean**
- **Author appearances** and interactive elements
- An **online auction** featuring 5 star luxury hotel experiences, artwork by celebrated authors and illustrators, and much more.

The Gala is the Library's most important fundraising event of the year, and your support is needed now more than ever. We hope you will join the Director, the Board of Trustees, donors, friends, members, writers, staff, and esteemed guests at this unique event.

To purchase tickets, please contact Morgan Wurzburger, the Library's Advancement Manager and your Century Gala Concierge: gala@americanlibraryinparis.org

For more information about the Century Gala: americanlibraryinparis.org/gala



Library Director Audrey Chapuis shares details about the upcoming Century Gala.

Virtual Programs for Adults

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

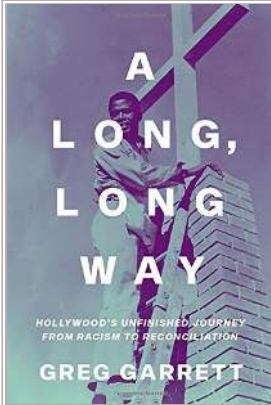


[Evening with an Author: Dr. Hollis Clayson on *Illuminated Paris*](#)

Tuesday 1 September at 19h30 via Zoom [FULL]

Dr. Hollis Clayson will be speaking about her latest book, *Illuminated Paris: Essays on Art and Lighting in the Belle Époque*. In a richly-illustrated presentation, she will explain her interest in artificial lighting technologies and highlight the artworks that most fascinated her and informed her work.

Free and open to the public via Zoom.
THIS EVENT IS FULL.



[Evening with an Author: Dr. Greg Garrett on Race and Racism in Hollywood Films](#)

Wednesday 2 September at 19h30 via Zoom

Dr. Greg Garrett will discuss how Hollywood films have both mirrored a racist society and offered alternative visions of tolerance and acceptance—sometimes in the same movie! He'll also discuss how watching films with awareness offers us a vision of how racial reconciliation might work.

Free and open to the public via Zoom.
[RSVP required](#) to receive meeting details and password.



[Evening with an Author: Dr. Alice Jardine on Julia Kristeva](#)

Tuesday 8 September at 19h30 via Zoom

Please join us as we welcome Dr. Alice Jardine, author of *At the Risk of Thinking: An Intellectual Biography of Julia Kristeva*, the first biography of Julia Kristeva—one of the most celebrated feminist intellectuals in the world. Dr. Jardine brings Kristeva's work to a broader readership by connecting Kristeva's personal journey, from her childhood in Communist Bulgaria to her adult life as an international public intellectual based in Paris, with the history of her ideas.

Free and open to the public via Zoom.
[RSVP required](#) to receive meeting details and password.



[Evening with an Author: Tony Maniaty on Journalism and Cinema](#)

Wednesday 9 September at 19h30 via Zoom

Writer Tony Maniaty will speak about the influence of parallel careers in journalism, authorship, photography and screenwriting in shaping his identity—and the critical impact of cinema on his writing and thinking. Tony is the author of two novels and two works of non-fiction, including *Shooting Balibo*, his acclaimed memoir of reporting the East Timor conflict, in which five of his TV news colleagues lost their lives, and his return as a consultant on the feature film *Balibo*.

Free and open to the public via Zoom.
[RSVP required](#) to receive meeting details and password.



Writing Workshop with Gail Folkins

Thursday 10 September at 19h00 via Zoom

We invite members to sign up for our first writing workshop of the season, hosted by author Gail Folkins and focused on the art of creative nonfiction—a true story told in a literary style, marrying fact with poetry, resulting in writing that is both informative and engaging. This session provides a start in the creative nonfiction style by recreating dialogue, characters, and settings to explore true events and their impacts. In addition, participants will have an opportunity to explore their voices and possible writing genres, whether memoir, travel writing, or journalism.

Open to Library members. [RSVP required.](#)



Evening with an Author: Mamta Chaudhry in conversation with Russell Banks

Wednesday 16 September at 19h30 via Zoom

Mamta Chaudhry's debut novel, *Haunting Paris*, is set in Paris in 1989. A timeless story of love and loss, *Haunting Paris* matches emotional intensity with lyrical storytelling to explore grief, family secrets, and the undeniable power of memory. For her virtual evening at the Library, Mamta will be in conversation with Russell Banks, author of *Cloudsplitter* and *Continental Drift*, and twice a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize.

Free and open to the public via Zoom.

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



Writing Workshop with Timothy Jay Smith

Thursday 17 September at 19h00 via Zoom

We're delighted to be offering a writing workshop with Paris Prize for Fiction winner and Lambda Award nominee Timothy Jay Smith.

Topics will include: Finding a story and developing it; how much research is required; finding/developing characters; how to adapt real people and places to the page; the writing process; query letters and press releases; and marketing, including publicists, social media, and videos.

Open to Library members. [RSVP required.](#)



Evening with an Author: Dr. Clara Oropeza

Tuesday 22 September at 19h30 via Zoom

Please join us for an evening with Dr. Clara Oropeza, author of *Anaïs Nin: A Myth of Her Own*, which traces Nin's literary craft by following the intimacy of self-exploration and poetic expression attained in the details of the quotidian, transfigured into fiction. By digging into the mythic tropes that permeate both her literary diaries and fiction, this book demonstrates that Nin constructed a mythic method of her own, revealing the extensive possibilities of an opulent feminine psyche.

Free and open to the public via Zoom.

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



Mindfulness Workshop for Creatives with Daria Steketee **Thursday 24 September at 19h00 via Zoom**

Please join us for a relaxing and informative session in which you'll get a preview of Mindfulness Meditation techniques, all of which can be used for writers and other creatives looking to find their flow.

This workshop presents a secular approach to Mindfulness that focuses on how it can be practical and helpful in our daily lives. Participants will take away practical and accessible ways to reduce stress, increase enjoyment of the present moment, and promote resilience. No prior experience in meditation necessary.

Open to Library members. [RSVP required.](#)



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



Past programs on YouTube.



Listen to our podcast, Evenings with an Author, available wherever you get your podcasts.

Programming for Kids and Teens



KIDS' EVENTS

Virtual Story Hour

(ages 3–5)

Wednesday 2 September at 10h30

Join us for a virtual, interactive story time featuring reading, songs, and rhymes in English.

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

Roman Invasion!

Toddler Time in the Park

(ages 1–3)

Thursday 10 September at 10h30

Join us for an interactive event at the park featuring reading, songs, and rhymes in English in a small group setting. Masks are required for all participants over the age of 11.

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

(ages 6–12)

Saturday 5 September at 11h00

Discover Roman art and mosaics and learn how they were used in Roman life, then make your own Roman style mosaic!

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

Virtual Story Hour

(ages 3–5)

Wednesday 9 September at 10h30

Join us for a virtual, interactive story time featuring reading, songs, and rhymes in English.

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

Story Hour in the Park

(ages 3–5)

Wednesday 9 September at 14h30

Join us for an interactive story time at the park featuring reading, songs, and rhymes in English in a small group setting. Masks are required for all participants over the age of 11.

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

TEENS' EVENTS

Photo Scavenger Hunt

(ages 12–18)

Friday 11 September at 19h00

Work in teams to complete photo challenges throughout the 7th arrondissement. Children's and Teens' Services Manager Celeste and volunteers will give you tips and tricks on how to take better photos as we compete and learn about framing, angles, perspective, and more. Masks are required for all participants.

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

Teen Writing Group Meeting

–Virtual/Outdoors

(ages 12–18)

Saturday 12 September at 17h00 [FULL]

Join fellow aspiring writers in a relaxed and creative setting where you can share your ideas, get feedback, and work on your technique.

For members, by application. This group is full.

Dance Party—Virtual AND Outdoors!

(all ages)

Saturday 12 September at 11h00

Children and their grown-ups are invited to join us for a dance party direct to your living room, kitchen, bedroom, or wherever you connect, OR join us in person on the Champ de Mars.

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

Virtual YA Fantasy Book Club

(ages 12–18)

Thursday 17 September at 17h00

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](#).

Master Shot Film Club Meeting

–Virtual/Outdoors

(ages 12–18)

Saturday 19 September at 17h00

Share your ideas, get feedback, and work on your technique, while learning about how to produce high quality short films.

For members, [by application](#).

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