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Counting Down to the Century Gala

The Library will be closing at 14h on 8 October 2020 for the Century Gala. We apologize for the inconvenience, and we appreciate your understanding as we prepare for our biggest fundraising event of the year.

If you would like to support the Library on its 100th anniversary, we invite you to join us at the Gala. Visit our website to [donate to the Gala](#) and receive your digital Gala pass.

The Century Gala on 8 October is fast approaching. You can still sign up for the Gala by reserving a digital-access pass on our website: www.americanlibraryinparis.com/gala.

Don't miss our exciting lineup that includes illustrious writers, literary luminaries, and award-winning author Susan Orlean.



For the first time ever, our Century Gala will feature a raffle. All Gala supporters will receive a raffle ticket, and prizes will be announced during the event.

Beyond bottles of Bordeaux from Vieux Château Certan and Burgundy from Château de Chamirey, Gala guests can win **book bundles** of works by favorite American Library in Paris authors who have spoken at our *Evenings with an Author* events:

The Paris Bundle: Works by Elaine Sciolino, Lindsey Tramuta, and Hollis Clayson

Upcoming Speakers Bundle: Books by Joyce Carol Oates, Edmund White, and Sheila Kohler

Buzz Bundle: Featuring Colson Whitehead, Ta-Nehisi Coates, David Sedaris

YA Favorites Bundle: Works by Clementine Beauvais, Elizabeth Acevedo, and Jacqueline Woodson

If you'd like the chance to win one of these fabulous prizes and support the Library, [buy your digital Gala pass](#) today!

Century Auction bidding starts Thursday 1 October

Bidding on our online Century Auction starts this Thursday 1 October at 19h (Paris time), and ends at midnight on the night before the Gala. Thanks to a group of generous supporters, we are presenting a curated collection of art, gifts, and experiences.

The auction is open to the public, and winners will be announced at the Gala.

To explore our auction items and begin bidding on 1 October: <https://www.32auctions.com/ALPCenturyAuction>



Auction items include:



A coveted Olympia Le-Tan book clutch. This hand-embroidered design, inspired by Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea*, makes the perfect gift for fans of literature and high fashion.



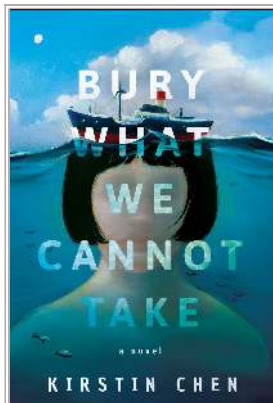
Original drawings by celebrated authors and illustrators, including Marielle the Mouse by Jeanne B. de Sainte Marie (above) and an adorable drawing by Amelia Bedelia illustrator Lynne Avril Cravath. Bids on illustrations start at 100€.



Luxury hotel stays, including a two night getaway to Ile de Ré, La Rochelle at the 5-star Hotel de Toiras & Villa Clarisse, valued at €1,100.00.

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: Kirstin Chen](#)

Wednesday 30 September at 19h30 via Zoom

Please join us for an interview and reading with Kirstin Chen, author of *Bury What We Cannot Take*. This novel opens on the day nine-year-old San San and her twelve-year-old brother, Ah Liam, discover their grandmother taking a hammer to a framed portrait of Chairman Mao—a day that forever changes their lives. Against the backdrop of early Maoist China, this captivating and emotional tale follows a brother, a sister, a father, and a mother as they grapple with an agonizing decision, its far-reaching consequences, and their hope for redemption.

Free and open to the public via Zoom.

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



[Evening with an Author: Harriet Welty Rochefort in conversation with Alan Riding](#)

Tuesday 13 October at 19h30 via Zoom

Join us for an interview with Harriet Welty Rochefort about her new book, *Final Transgression*, a story of two sisters, Caroline and Séverine, with very different trajectories and whose lives and destinies are profoundly altered by the outbreak and upheaval of WWII. Moderator Alan Riding is the former Paris bureau chief and European cultural correspondent for *The New York Times*. His most recent book is *And The Show Went On: Cultural Life in Nazi-Occupied Paris*.

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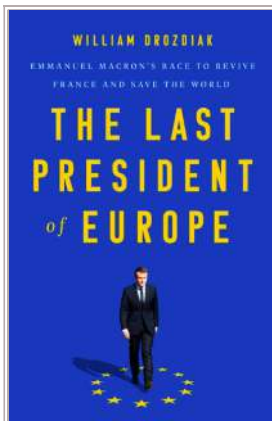
[Evening with an Author: Dalia Sofer](#)

Wednesday 14 October at 19h30 via Zoom

Please join us for a reading and interview with author Dalia Sofer to learn more about her latest novel, *Man of My Time*. Set in Tehran and New York, *Man of My Time* is the story of Hamid Mozaffarian, who, after decades of working with ambivalence for the Iranian government, travels on a diplomatic mission to New York, where he encounters his estranged family and retrieves the ashes of his father. Exploring variations of loss, *Man of My Time* is not only about family and memory, but also about the relationship between captor and captive, country and citizen, and individual and history.

Free and open to the public via Zoom.

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



[Evening with an Author: William Drozdiak in conversation with Elaine Sciolino](#)

Tuesday 20 October at 19h30 via Zoom

William Drozdiak will speak about his new book, *The Last President of Europe: Emmanuel Macron's Race to Revive France and Save the World*, in which he delivers the inside story of the daunting challenges Macron has faced as the last staunch defender of Europe: Trump's attacks on NATO and the international order, Merkel's weakness, Italy's government of nihilists and satirists, the *Gilets Jaunes*, the resurgence of anti-Semitism, and the turmoil of Brexit. This event will be moderated by Elaine Sciolino, contributing writer and former Paris bureau chief for *The New York Times*.

Free and open to the public via Zoom.

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



[Writing Workshop with Susan Tiberghien](#)

Thursday 22 October at 19h00 via Zoom

Interested in moving forward with a writing project in the wake of what has been an extremely turbulent year? Join us for a multi-genre workshop, "Finding Our Stories for a New Tomorrow," with author and writing instructor Susan Tiberghien. Susan will share her approach, guide us through writing prompts, and answer any questions you might have about technique and practice. An American writer living in Geneva, Susan is the author of four memoirs.

Library Members only; meeting via Zoom.

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



Past programs on YouTube, including recent Evenings with Clara Oropeza and Mamta Chaudhry.



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



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

Programming for Kids and Teens



Teen Program Spotlight

Join Bilingual(-ish), an online workshop with graphic novel author and artist Kate Gavino.

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

Friday 2 October at 19h00

KIDS' EVENTS

[Virtual Story Hour](#)

(ages 3–5)

Wednesday 30 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](#)

(ages 3–5)

Wednesday 30 September at 14h30

Join us for an interactive story time in a *very* small group featuring reading, songs, and rhymes in English. Masks are required for all participants over the age of 11. For Library members. [RSVP required.](#)

[Halloween Extravaganza Registration Opens Online](#)

(all ages)

Thursday 1 October at 10h00

Registration opens on 1 October for our Halloween Extravaganza on Saturday 31 October. Sign up for in-person and virtual activities include a virtual dance party, Halloween Story Times, a costume contest, and much, much more! There is no need to register in advance to trick-or-treat in the neighborhood on 31 October. Library members : Registration opens on 1 Oct. Non-members: Registration begins on 15 Oct.

[Virtual Story Hour](#)

(ages 3–5)

Wednesday 7 October at 10h30

Join us for a virtual, interactive story time featuring reading, songs, and rhymes in English. For Library members. [RSVP required.](#)

[Story Hour](#)

(ages 3–5)

Wednesday 7 October at 14h30

Join us for an interactive story time in a *very* small group featuring reading, songs, and rhymes in English. Masks are required for all participants over the age of 11. For Library members. [RSVP required.](#)

[Rumbles and Eruptions](#)

(ages 6–12)

Saturday 10 October at 11h00 on Zoom

Children and their grown-ups are invited to join us for an interactive event all about volcanoes. You'll learn how they work, then you can create your own! Caregivers are requested to participate in the program.

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

[Toddler Time](#)

(ages 1–3)

Thursday 15 October at 10h30

Join us for an interactive event in the park

DIY Costumes: Wings, Wands, and More!

(ages 6-12)

Saturday 3 October at 11h00 on Zoom
Children and their grown-ups are invited to a virtual crafting event to help you get ready for Halloween. Caregivers are requested to participate with their children.

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

featuring reading, songs, and rhymes in English in a small group setting. This event will be moved indoors for a very small group if there's a chance of rain. Masks are required for all participants over the age of 11.

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

TEENS' EVENTS

Bilingual-ish with Kate Gavino

(ages 12-18)

Friday 2 October at 19h00

Join graphic novel author and artist Kate Gavino for a virtual workshop that explores the highs and lows of being bilingual, whether you're perfectly fluent in many languages or struggling to get by in more than one.

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

Teen Writing Group meeting

[Virtual/Outdoors](FULL)

(ages 12-18)

Saturday 3 October at 17h00

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

By application. This group is full.

Creating Characters: Haunted Paris

Halloween Tours casting

(ages 14-adult)

Friday 9 October at 19h00

Help us create an evening of scares for visitors who attend the Halloween Extravaganza event on Saturday 31 October.

Open to members and non-members. [RSVP required](#).

Master Shot Film Club meeting

[Virtual/Outdoors]

(ages 12-18)

Saturday 10 October 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](#).

Youth Leadership Program: First Meeting

[Virtual/In-person](FULL)

(ages 14-18)

Friday 16 October at 19h00

Hosted by the Library with Toastmasters Paris.

By application. This group is full.

Halloween Decorations: Make Your Own

[Virtual]

Friday 23 October at 19h00

Join us for a creative workshop where we will create our own Halloween decorations using supplies readily available in most homes.

Participants will be invited to pick up supplies at the Library before the event.

Register before 15 October to save your spot!

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



Upcoming virtual event by the Library's partner Pandemonium U:

[Betrayal in Occupied France: Who killed Jean Moulin, leader of the French Resistance?](#)
With Patrick Marnham, author of *War in the Shadows*, in conversation with Simon Kuper
Friday, October 9 at 9:00 am Pacific / noon NY / 17:00 London / 18:00 Paris

Visit the [PAN U website](#) for detailed information.

PANDEMONIUM U is 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.

Welcome to the team



Gabrielle McFarland, a masters student in International Economic Policy at Sciences Po, is the Library's Advancement Intern through early November 2020. Originally from Kansas, Gabby is assisting with the Gala, communications, fundraising, and programs.



Heidi Mueller, a longtime Library volunteer, has recently taken on the role of Volunteer Coordinator. This volunteer position is essential to the management of our volunteer program, and we're thrilled to welcome Heidi on board as she takes over the screening of volunteer applications and scheduling shifts.

If you're interested in becoming a library volunteer, please [fill out an application](#) on our website.

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