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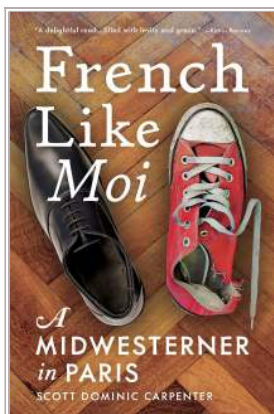
New e-books from OverDrive

Ready your e-reader: We've recently added 139 new books to our OverDrive e-book collection. You'll find popular favorites, classics, titles shortlisted for the upcoming [American Library in Paris Book Award](#) (to be announced in January), recent *Evenings with an Author* features, books for kids and teens, and much more.

You're sure to find something enticing to download to your e-reader or device. See the [catalog](#) for all our e-book titles, and visit our [OverDrive guide](#) for detailed information about how to borrow e-books.

Programs for Adults

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



[Evenings with an Author: Scott Carpenter in conversation with Erin Byrne](#)

Tuesday 24 November at 19h30 via Zoom

Join Erin Byrne as she interviews Scott Dominic Carpenter about his hilarious new memoir, *French Like Moi: A Midwesterner in Paris*. When Scott moved from Minnesota to Paris, little did he suspect the dramas that awaited: scheming neighbors, police denunciations, surly demonstrators, cooking disasters, medical mishaps—not to mention all those lectures about cheese! Scott guides us through the merry labyrinth of the everyday, one hilarious faux pas after another.

Free and open to the public via Zoom.

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



[Evenings with an Author: Peter Gumbel in Conversation with Charles Fleming](#)

Wednesday 25 November at 19h30 via Zoom

In 1939, with Europe on the brink of war, Peter Gumbel's grandparents fled Nazi Germany for England. In 2019, appalled by the result of the Brexit referendum and the ugliness it exposed in UK politics and wider society, he became a citizen of Germany, the country that had persecuted his grandparents eighty years earlier.

In his latest book, *Citizens of Everywhere*, Gumbel uses the story of his family to explore existential issues of identity and belonging in today's unsettled world.

Free and open to the public via Zoom.

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



[Friday Firesides: A cozy social hour on Zoom](#)

Fridays on 27 November and 4 December at 17h00

Friday Firesides is open to all Library members, worldwide. Two sessions remain in this limited series. These lively, informal discussions are led by Programs Manager Catherine Olien. Participation is free, and you can attend as many Firesides as you'd like.

Contact programs@americanlibraryinparis.org with any questions. We hope these get-togethers will deliver moments of warmth, brightness, and levity for the chilly weeks ahead.

Free and open to Library members via Zoom.

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

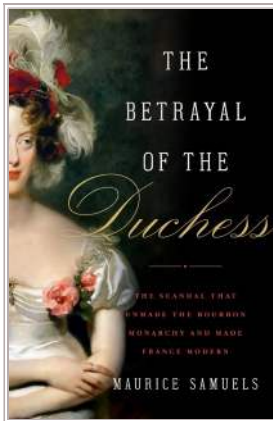


[Writing Workshop with Mamta Chaudhry](#)
Thursday 3 December at 19h00 via Zoom

In this writing workshop with author Mamta Chaudhry, we'll focus on the passage of time and the persistence of memory. Clocks and calendars in fiction, poetry, and memoir don't always keep step with the chronology of real life; instead of marching relentlessly forward, time often loops back on itself, blurring the boundaries between past and present. We'll explore strategies to structure and layer time to make your writing richer and deeper.

Library Members only; meeting via Zoom.

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



[Evenings with an Author: Dr. Maurice Samuels](#)
Tuesday 8 December at 19h30 via Zoom

Join us for a book talk on *The Betrayal of the Duchess: The Scandal that Unmade the Bourbon Monarchy and Made France Modern*. The year was 1832, the French royal family was in exile, and the Duchesse de Berry—the mother of the eleven-year-old heir to the throne—hatched a plot to restore the Bourbon dynasty. Her betrayal by her trusted advisor, the son of France's Chief Rabbi, became a cause célèbre for Bourbon loyalists and ignited a firestorm of hate against France's Jews.

Free and open to the public via Zoom.

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

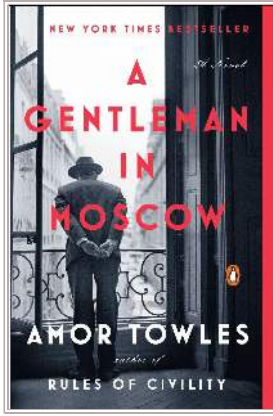


[Evenings with an Author: Kristen Richardson](#)
Wednesday 9 December at 19h30 via Zoom

We invite you to discover *The Season: A Social History of the Debutante*. Author Kristen Richardson traces the social seasons of debutantes on both sides of the Atlantic. Originally conceived as a way to wed daughters to suitable men, debutante rituals have adapted and evolved as marriage and women's lives have changed. *The Season* reveals the complex emotional world of the girls at its center.

Free and open to the public via Zoom.

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



[Evenings with an Author: Amor Towles in conversation with Mark Mayer](#)




Wednesday 16 December at 19h30 via Zoom

Please join us for a special conversation with author Amor Towles (moderated by Mark Mayer) about writing, inspiration, and his hugely popular novel, *A Gentleman in Moscow*. Published in 2016 and on the *New York Times* bestseller list for over a year while in hardcover, it was named as one of the best books of 2016 by the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Washington Post*, the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and *NPR*.

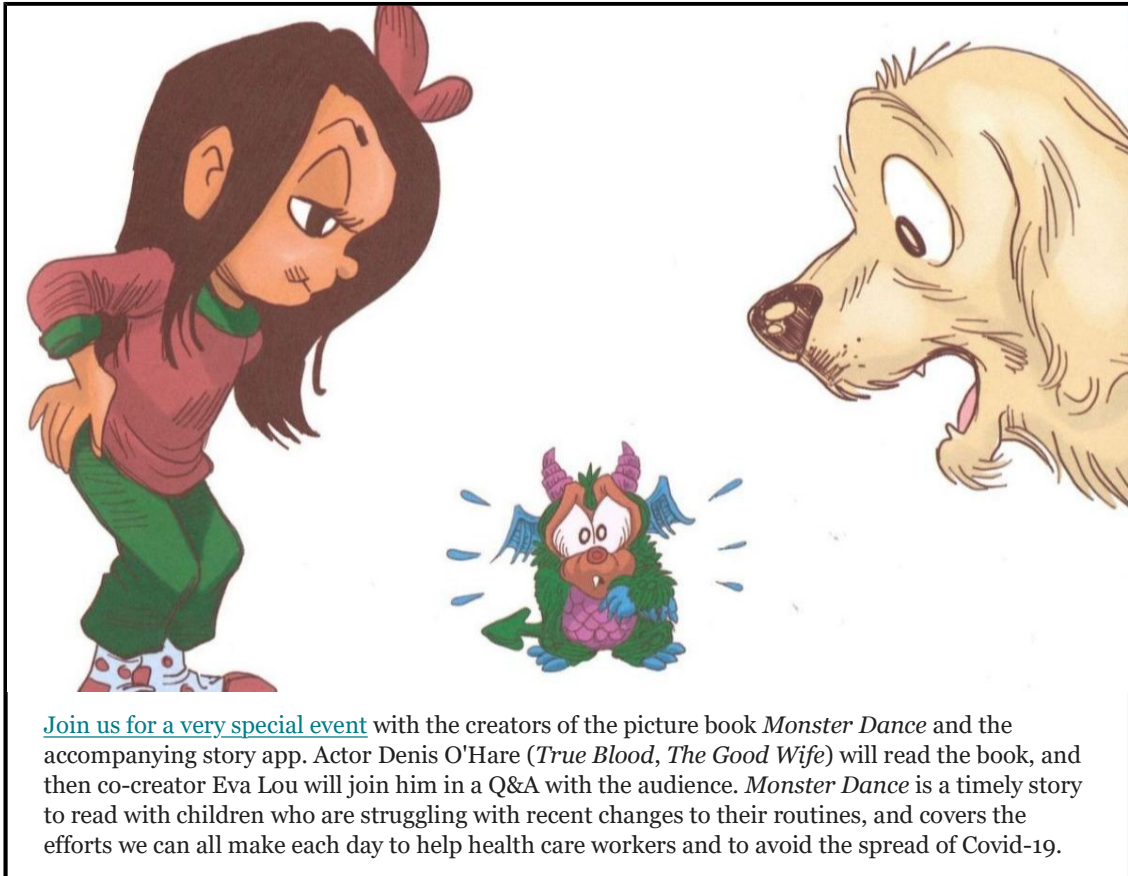
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 -  Listen to our podcast, Evenings with an Author, available wherever you get your podcasts.
 -  Visit our Facebook page for information about upcoming virtual events and Evenings with an Author sponsored by GRoW @ Annenberg.
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Programming for Kids and Teens



KIDS' NEWS AND EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

RECOMMENDED READS: Do you and your child need help navigating this unique time? Check out our [list of recommended picture books](#) on the subjects of new routines, germs, disappointment, and anxiety.

NEW E-BOOKS FOR KIDS: We've recently added new e-books for children to our digital collection. You can browse our [catalog](#).

[Story Hour](#)

(ages 3–5)

Wednesday 25 November at 10h30 and 14h30

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

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

[Thanksgiving Bake and Book Talk #1](#)

(ages 6-12)

Wednesday 25 November at 17h00

Children's and Teens' Services Librarian Kirsty will lead participants in the creation of apple cookies; as the cookies bake, the group will take turns sharing their latest reads.

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

[Spectacular Scots](#)

(ages 6-12)

Saturday 28 November at 11h00

Join Children's and Teen's Librarian (and native Scot!) Kirsty McCulloch Reid for stories and facts about Scottish men and women who have changed the world. Did you know that a Scot

[Thanksgiving Bake and Book Talk #2](#)

(ages 6–12)

Saturday 28 November at 17h00

Children's and Teens' Services Manager Celeste will lead participants in the creation of a simple, no-bake pumpkin mousse, then participants will take turns sharing their latest reads.

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

[Story Hour](#)

(ages 3–5)

Wednesday 2 December at 10h30 and 14h30

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

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

[A Very Special Story Hour: Monster Dance](#)

(ages 3–5)

Saturday 5 December at 11h00

Enjoy a reading of *Monster Dance* by actor Denis O'Hare, then stay for a Q&A with the book's creators, Eva Lou and Denis O'Hare.

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

invented the first television? The first telephone?

And the antibiotic Penicillin?

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



TEEN PROGRAMS AND INFO

COLLECTIONS UPDATE: We've recently added new e-books for teens to our digital collection. Visit our online [catalog](#) to browse our e-sources. For help choosing your next book, either digital or print, send an email to our Children's and Teens' Services Manager Celeste (celeste@americanlibraryinparis.org), and name a few books you've recently enjoyed; our team will put together a selection of recommended reads for you.

SAVE THE DATE: Join [author Lexie Bean](#) and [illustrator Noah Grigni](#) on 16 January for a dynamic discussion on inspiration, identity, and the creative process.

[The Hero's Journey: A Writing Workshop with Amy Plum](#)

(ages 12–18)

Friday 27 November at 19h00

Have you ever wondered what makes an epic story? Join Amy Plum (author of the bestselling *Die for Me* trilogy) as we analyze classic tales of the "hero's quest", then create stories of our own.

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

[Teen Writing Group Meeting \(FULL\)](#)

(ages 12–18)

Saturday 5 December 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.

For Library members. By application—FULL.

[Fantasy Book Club: Prequels, Companions, and Multiverses](#)

(ages 12–adult)

Saturday 12 December at 14h00

Bring along your current or most recent fantasy read to talk about for this online book group. For this December meeting, participants are encouraged to read a companion novel, prequel, or a book in a multiverse ([suggestions here](#)), but all fantasy reads are good fodder for discussion.

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

Master Shot Film Club Meeting

(ages 12–adult)

Saturday 12 December at 17h00

Led by Paris-based filmmaker and writer Clarence Tokley, this club allows budding filmmakers to meet in a relaxed and creative setting where they can share their ideas, get feedback, and work on their technique, all while learning about how to produce high quality short films.

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

Press Room



Director Audrey Chapuis moderated a panel for the 2020 Miami Book Fair. On the topic of libraries, the discussion featured author Janet Skeslien Charles; Nancy Pearl, renowned librarian and inspiration for a [librarian action figure](#); and Ray Baker, Director of the Miami-Dade Public Library System. American Library in Paris Advisory Council member Clydette de Groot gave an introduction.

Link to a recording of the event:

<https://miamibookfaironline.com/event/libraries-in-troubled-times>

The 2020 Miami Book Fair was completely virtual this year. All programs are free to watch, but you do have to register on the [Miami Book Fair Online website](#).



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

["Who is Emmanuel Macron?" with William Drozdiak](#)

Friday, December 4 @ 9:00 am Pacific / noon NY / 17:00 London / 18:00 Paris

SAVE THE DATES:

Dec 11: [Rachel Mesch on "Before Trans—Surprising gender stories from 19th century France"](#)

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