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## **American Library in Paris Book Award Ceremony Join us live on 14 January**

**The 2020 American Library in Paris  
Book Award Ceremony  
Honoring literature. Interpreting France.**

**Date: 14 January 2021 at 19h30 CET**

**Location: Hosted live on Zoom**

Please [RSVP](#) to be added to the event's guest list.

Login information will be sent to you in January.

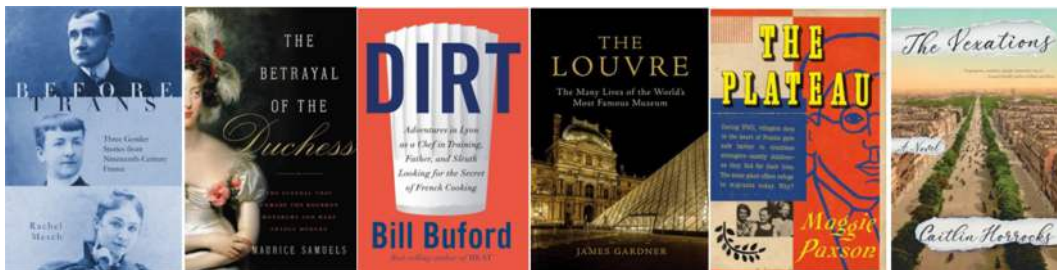
**RSVP**

You're invited to discover the winner of the 2020 prize and listen to a live talk from the author of the winning book. The evening will include a presentation of the shortlisted titles by the screening committee, remarks by the jury, and other special surprises.

The ceremony is also an opportunity for us to thank our donors, who have so generously supported the Library throughout this challenging year. Because of the event's virtual format, we are able to open the ceremony to a global audience for the first time. There is no cost to attend.

Please visit our website for more information about this year's prize: [americanlibraryinparis.org/bookaward](http://americanlibraryinparis.org/bookaward)

The American Library in Paris Book Award is made possible by the Florence Gould Foundation, with special thanks to our Book Award Patrons. If you are interested in supporting the Book Award, please contact [giving@americanlibraryinparis.org](mailto:giving@americanlibraryinparis.org).



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## 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: Deyan Sudjic](#)

Tuesday 5 January

Join us for an evening of discussion about the past, present, and future of the city with Deyan Sudjic, author of *The Language of Cities*. Deyan is Director Emeritus of the Design Museum in London, a critic, curator, and writer. *The Language of Cities* looks back to the historic roots of cities as cosmopolitan centers of tolerance, and forward to the impact of the digital explosion on privacy. As we face up to the consequences of the global pandemic, it's time to restate the values of the city.

Free and open to the public via Zoom.

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



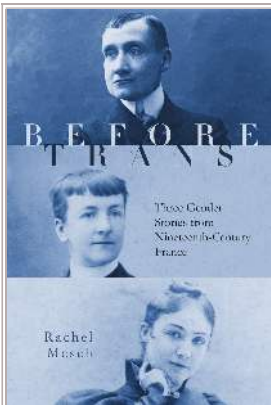
### [A Special Panel on Change over Time in Technology and Ethics from 2000 to 2021](#)

Wednesday 6 January

This special panel, moderated by journalist Christine Finn and featuring technology experts Nicholas Hall and Mike Cassidy, will explore and debate the issues surrounding technology and its ethics. They will cover the state of tech from the year 2000, before and after the dot com bubble burst, through the era of startups, the beginnings of social media and apps as a means to connect and make life simpler, and finally to our present worries about social media leaving us vulnerable and divided.

Free and open to the public via Zoom.

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



### [Evenings with an Author: Rachel Mesch](#)

Tuesday 12 January

Please join us for an evening with Dr. Rachel Mesch as she introduces her book *Before Trans: Three Gender Stories in Nineteenth-Century France*, which examines the lives and writings of three French writers whose gender expression did not conform to nineteenth-century notions of femininity. Jane Dieulafoy, Rachilde, and Marc de Montifaud established themselves as fixtures in the literary world of *fin-de-siècle* Paris at the same time as French writers, scientists, and doctors were becoming increasingly fascinated with sexuality and sexual difference. *Before Trans* explores these three figures' lifelong efforts to articulate a sense of selfhood that did not precisely align with the conventional gender roles of their day.




Free and open to the public via Zoom.

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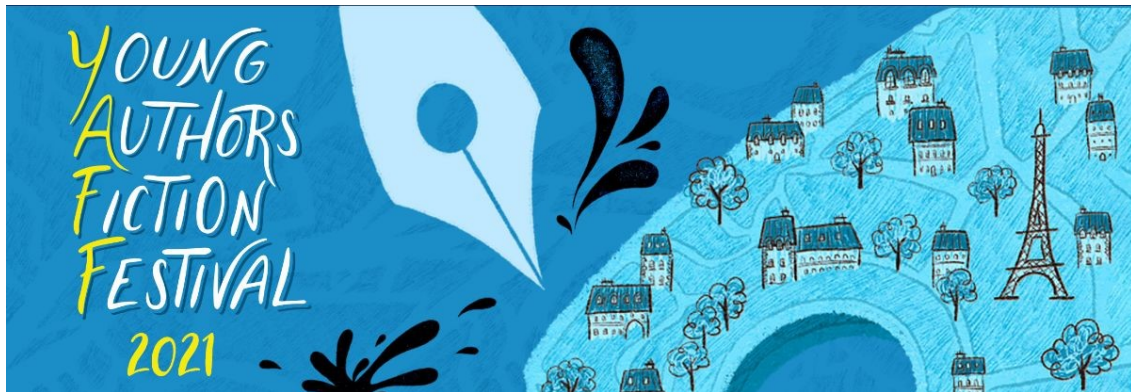
## Amor Towles event now available on YouTube

Our special [Evening with an Author featuring Amor Towles](#), author of *A Gentleman in Moscow*, is now available on YouTube.

-  Past programs are on YouTube, including Kristen Richardson, Maurice Samuels, and Peter Gumbel in conversation with Charles Fleming.
-  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

**Holiday Closure:** The Library will be closed for the holidays from 24 December through 1 January and will reopen to members on 2 January. Happy New Year to all!

**YAFF:** The Library is pleased to announce the 2021 Young Authors Fiction Festival. YAFF is a creative writing initiative open to young authors ages 5-18 who write in English and live in the greater Paris area. The festival is free to enter, and submissions can be made online from 1 February 2021 until the **deadline of 1 April 2021 at 22h00**. More information, including guidelines for submission, may be found on the [Library's website](#). We will host several writing workshops for young authors in January and February. Why not get a head start on your story over the holidays?

**Events:** Virtual events for 2020 wrap up this Wednesday with our Story Hour at 14h30 on 23 December, and we'll kick off a new year of programming for children on Wednesday 6 January 2021. Events will continue virtually in January and February.

**New titles for kids and teens:** We have a large selection of new print and e-book titles available for children and teens. Visit our [online catalog](#) to see what's new.

### Story Hour

(ages 3–5)

Wednesday 23 December at [10h30](#) and [14h30](#)

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

For Library members. RSVP required.

### Story Hour

(ages 3–5)

Wednesday 6 January at 14h30

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

**Clever Old Ladies, Big Bad Wolves: Stories with Sylvie Mombo**

(ages 6–12)

Saturday 9 January at 14h00

Children and their families are invited to join us for an hour with professional storyteller Sylvie Mombo. Sylvie will share two stories with us, then talk about her process for hunting down great tales and preparing them to share.

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

**Story Hour**

(ages 3–5)

Wednesday 13 January at 14h30

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

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

**The Ship We Built: A Discussion with author Lexie Bean and illustrator Noah Grigni**

(ages 9–adult)

Saturday 16 January at 14h00

We'll talk with the author and illustrator of the middle grade novel *The Ship We Built* about the creative process and how identity shaped the story.

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

**Once Upon a Time—Writing Workshop**

(ages 6–12)

Saturday 30 January at 14h00

Begin your own original short story during this interactive writing workshop. Start writing just for fun, or get started on a submission for the [2021 Young Authors Fiction Festival \(YAFF\)](#).

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

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**TEEN NEWS**

**VIRTUAL EVENTS:** Events and clubs for teens ages 12–18 will continue virtually in 2021.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Author Lexie Bean and illustrator Noah Grigni will join us on Saturday 16 January for a discussion on inspiration, identity, and the creative process. On Friday 22 January, Rebecca Devaney of online platform Junk Kouture will host a workshop on recycled fashion, and on Friday 29 January, Elena Sinel of Teens in AI will host a discussion on ethics and technology.

**NEW BOOKS:** Stock up on holiday reads before the Library closes for its annual break (24 December through 1 January), or stop in when we reopen on 2 January. We've recently added new e-books to our collections for teens. Visit our [online catalog](#) to browse our print collections and e-sources.



Photo: Junk Kouture

#### **Teen Advisory Group Meeting (FULL)**

(ages 12–18)

Friday 8 January at 17h30

Meet fellow bookworms and Library members, share your ideas, get the inside scoop on the Library, and earn community service hours. For Library members. By application—FULL.

#### **Youth Leadership Program (FULL)**

(ages 14–18)

Friday 8 January at 19h00

The YLP is led by the teen participants themselves, with the guidance and support of Toastmasters and Children's and Teens' Services Manager Celeste.

For Library members. By application—FULL.

#### **[Master Shot Film Club](#)**

(ages 12–adult)

Saturday 9 January 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 ideas, get feedback, and work on technique, while learning about how to produce high quality short films.

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

#### **[The Ship We Built: A Discussion with Lexie Bean and Noah Grigni](#)**

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

(ages 12–18)

Saturday 16 January at 17h00

Join fellow aspiring writers in a relaxed and creative setting.

For Library members. By application—FULL.

#### **[Junk Kouture with Rebecca Devaney](#)**

(ages 12–18)

Friday 22 January at 19h00

Join us for an interactive workshop Rebecca Devaney of Junk Kouture, and brainstorm ways to turn everyday objects into fashion! During this interactive event, Rebecca will show participants examples of fashion made from 100% recycled materials, and then workshop participants will get help to create their own fashion pieces using items found at home.

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

#### **[Fantasy Book Club: New Releases](#)**

(ages 12–adult)

Saturday 23 January at 14h00

Bring along your current or most recent fantasy read and join us for a dynamic discussion of fantasy worlds. For this January meeting, participants are encouraged to read one of the recommended new releases on our event page.

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

(ages 9–adult)

Saturday 16 January at 14h00

Log in for an interactive talk on *The Ship We Built* with author Lexie Bean and illustrator Noah Grigni. We'll talk about the creative process, and how identity shaped the story. This event is sure to interest readers, writers, artists, and activists of all ages.

Free and open to the public. [RSVP required.](#)

### [Teens in AI with Elena Sinel](#)

(ages 12–18)

Friday 29 January at 19h00

As robots become ever-more-present in our daily lives, questions of how to control and modify their behavior come up more often. Join us for an interactive discussion on ethics in AI with Elena Sinel, founder of Teens in AI.

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

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## Press Room

The Library is proud to be one of the Paris-based cultural organizations featured in *M, Le magazine du Monde's* article "Heureux comme un intellectuel américain à Paris" by Clémentine Goldszal, which appeared in print this past weekend.

You must have a subscription to *Le Monde* to [access the article online.](#)

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