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Dispatches from the Library

15 October 2024

Featured in this edition of e-Libris: Halloween magic, a fresh batch of e-books, Nobel Prize winner Han Kang, and a very special event with chef Yotam Ottolenghi.

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Cultural Programs

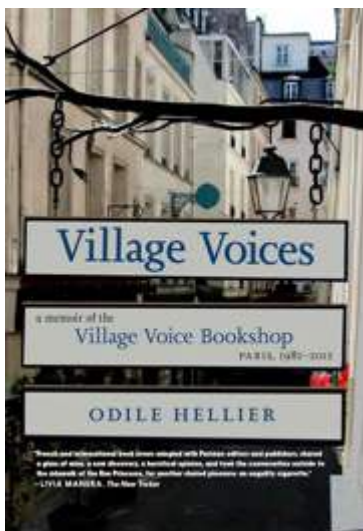
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Evenings with an Author and other evening programs are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted. You must RSVP to attend our programs, whether you join us in person or via Zoom.



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A Memoir of the Village Voice Bookshop with Odile Hellier and Alan Riding

Hybrid: In-Person at the Library or Live on Zoom

Tuesday 15 October at 19h30 CEST

From 1982 to 2012, Paris's Village Voice Bookshop was frequented by some of the greatest English-language authors of its time, such as David Sedaris, Amy Tan, and Don DeLillo. In her new memoir, *Village Voices: A Memoir of the Village Voice Bookshop*, **Odile Hellier** recounts her store's forty years of cultivating literary excellence. This discussion will be moderated by long-time New York Times correspondent **Alan Riding**.

In-person tickets are currently sold out. Zoom tickets are still available.

RSVP for Zoom



The Ghosts of Paris with Lauren Elkin and Daniel Medin

Hybrid: In-Person at the Library or Live on Zoom
Wednesday 16 October at 19h30 CEST

Elkin's first novel, *Scaffolding*, is the story of two couples who live in the same apartment in north-east Paris almost fifty years apart. In 2019, Anna, a psychoanalyst, is processing a recent miscarriage. In 1972, Florence and Henry are renovating their kitchen. Both couples face the challenges of marriage, fidelity, and pregnancy, as their ghosts intersect, unaware they once all inhabited the same space. This event will be moderated by Daniel Medin.

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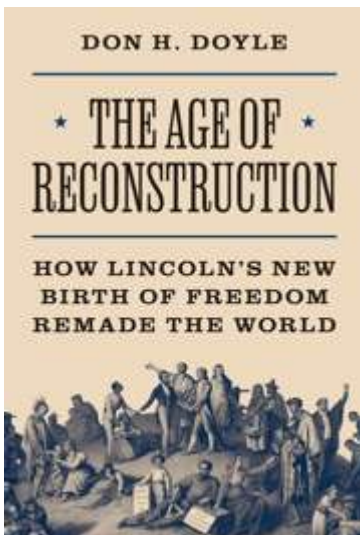
Braver Angels: Depolarizing Within Workshop

In-Person Only
Saturday 19 October at 13h00 CEST

Join Braver Angels for an in-person workshop on how to bridge the partisan divide where you'll learn skills for having respectful conversations when differences arise. Hosted by Braver Angels, a non-profit non-partisan organization devoted to bridging the partisan divide and strengthening the democratic republic of the United States of America.

Use promo code BRAVER to register for a free ticket.

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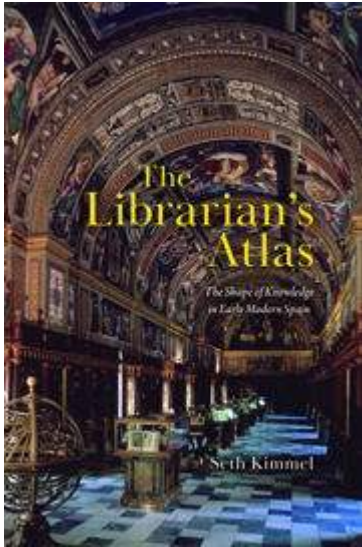
Abraham Lincoln's Great Chain-Reaction With Don Doyle and Denis Lacorne

Hybrid: In-Person at the Library or Live on Zoom
Tuesday 22 October at 19h30 CEST

The Age of Reconstruction: How Lincoln's New Birth of Freedom Remade the World highlights the overlooked connection between the Reconstruction era in the United States and the radical transformations in Europe during the late nineteenth century. From the end of slavery in Spain's Caribbean colonies to the end of Napoleon III's reign in France, **Don Doyle** illuminates how American political

changes have never occurred in a vacuum. This event will be moderated by political scientist **Denis Lacorne**.

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Entre Nous: Can Libraries Control the World? With Seth Kimmel and Lauren Robertson

Hybrid: In-Person at the Library or Live on Zoom

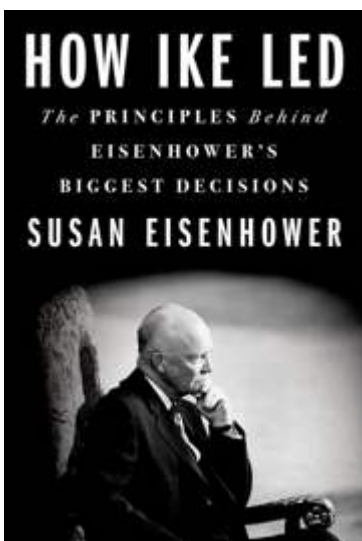
Tuesday 29 October at 19h30 CEST

In *The Librarian's Atlas: The Shape of Knowledge in Early Modern Spain*, **Seth Kimmel** investigates how the model of the library became the basis for Spain's organization of its growing empire. As Spain sought to expand its dominance in the Americas, the world became a reflection of Spanish and Moroccan library science. Seth Kimmel is a professor of Latin American and Iberian Studies at Columbia University who studies the medieval and early modern period of the Iberian peninsula.

This event will be moderated by **Lauren Robertson**, scholar and current fellow at the Columbia Institute for Ideas and Imagination in Paris.

The Entre Nous series is co-organized by Columbia Global Paris Center, the Columbia Institute for Ideas and Imagination, and the American Library in Paris.

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How Ike Eisenhower Led America With Susan Eisenhower and Elaine Sciolino

Hybrid: In-Person at the Library or Live on Zoom

Tuesday 5 November at 19h30 CEST

Few people have made decisions as momentous as Eisenhower, nor has one person had to make such a varied range of them. From D-Day to Little Rock, from the Korean War to Cold War crises, from the Red Scare to the Missile Gap controversies, Ike was able to give our country eight years of peace and prosperity by relying on a core set of principles. **Susan Eisenhower's** latest book, *How Ike Led*, shows us not just what Eisenhower did, but why—and what we can learn from him today.

Susan Eisenhower will appear in conversation with **Elaine Sciolino**, contributing writer and former Paris bureau chief for the New York Times.

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Yotam Ottolenghi: Comfort, the tour

In-Person at Casino de Paris

Friday 8 November at 20h00 CEST

Live on stage, **Yotam Ottolenghi** will share his expert tips for infusing your kitchen with his inimitable touch, creating comforting meals that explode with color, flavor, generosity and sunshine.

This event offers a unique chance to hear Ottolenghi share expert tips on creating vibrant, flavorful meals that reflect his signature style. Ottolenghi will discuss the inspiration behind *Comfort*, recounting stories from his childhood, travels, and home life that shaped his approach to cooking. Audiences will explore how these personal experiences inspired his evocative comfort recipes, each celebrating the joy of cooking and tradition. With opportunities for audience Q&A, The Comfort Tour offers an intimate and inspiring experience beyond the pages of the cookbook.

This event will be moderated by Curator of Cultural Programs at the American Library in Paris, **Rachel Donadio**.

Important information: This event will take place in person at Casino de Paris at 16 Rue de Clichy, 75009 PARIS. Access to this event requires purchase of a ticket through Casino de Paris. Click on the button below to purchase your ticket and please use the code ALYOTAM24 for a discount.

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Find recordings of past programs on our **YouTube** channel!

Read 2024 Nobel Prize Winner Han Kang



Click on the video above to watch the American Library in Paris's Executive Director Audrey Chapuis speak about Han Kang's work on television news network France 24.

If you've heard about *The Vegetarian* and are curious about the author the Swedish Academy has praised for "her intense poetic prose that confronts historical traumas and exposes the fragility of human life", you'll be happy to know that you can find English translations of four of Han Kang's novels in the Library's catalog: *Greek Lessons*, *The Vegetarian*, *Human Acts*, and *The White Book*.

The Vegetarian is also available as an e-book for members on Overdrive.

History Tours for October and November



The Library's popular expert-led History Tours continue this fall!

Sign up now for our Tours on 18 October and 25 October (1920s Edition), all Fridays at 11h00. November tours are available as well! Please don't wait to register, as the Tours will fill up quickly.

Tours are free and open to the public, and will take you on a deep dive into the Library's fascinating 104-year history. Follow the librarians who distributed books to the Doughboys fighting alongside Allied troops in WWI; learn about the famous writers of the Lost Generation who explored our stacks during their time in Paris; and discover the true stories of the brave staff who kept the Library open during the Occupation of WWII.

Attend a History Tour

Upcoming Library Closures

We will be celebrating Halloween on Saturday 26 October. No study space will be available that day. While members are welcome to pick up and return books, please be prepared for a festive atmosphere, and limited access to some parts of our collections.

The Library will be closed on 1 and 11 November for the Toussaint and Armistice 1918 holidays.

Support Vision 2027: Plan Your End-of-Year Gift Now

Support the Library and Vision 2027 with end-of-year giving. Vision 2027 is the Library's ambitious three-year plan to expand access to knowledge, foster cultural exchange, and inspire creativity.

Remember, a gift of 250€ or more earns you an invitation to our Book Award Ceremony on Thursday 7 November. Tickets are limited, so please make your donation soon if you would like to attend.

You may wish to donate with a Donor-Advised Fund. Setting up these charitable investment accounts and transferring shares of stock may take some time, so contact Morgan Wurzburger at giving@americanlibraryinparis.org for guidance on how to take advantage of this program.

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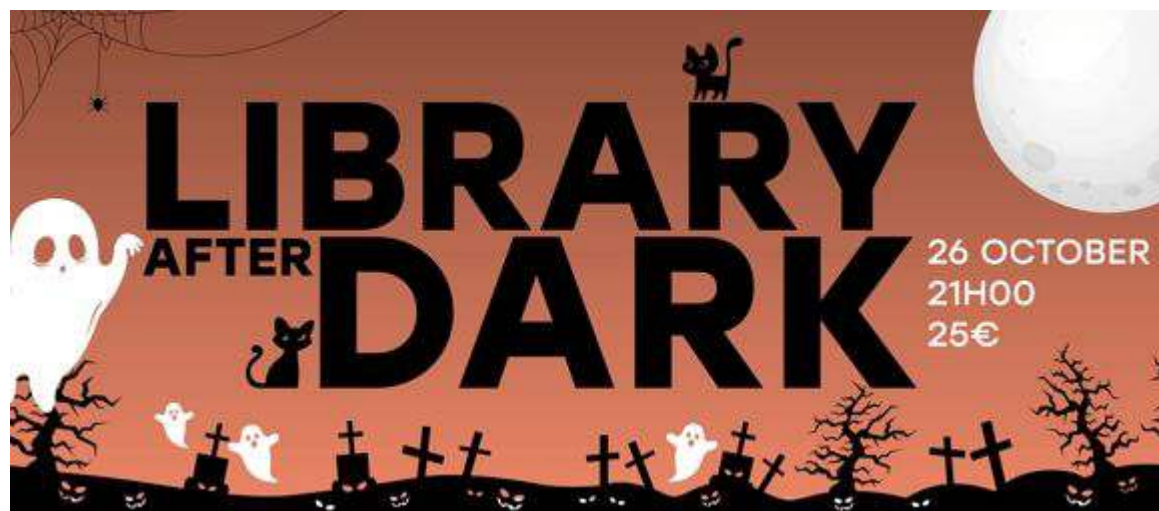
New e-books and e-audiobooks

Head over to Libby/OverDrive to check out the fresh batch of e-books and e-audiobooks that just landed. Our top picks include: *All Fours* by Miranda July; *Playground* by Richard Powers; *Lovely One* by Ketanji Brown Jackson; *Slow Dance* by Rainbow Rowell; and many more. We've also stocked up on top titles by Han Kang, the 2024 Nobel Laureate in Literature!

All members have access to our digital library – get in touch with Member Services for help getting connected.



Final few tickets for Library After Dark



Library After Dark (ages 18+)

Spooky season is well and truly here, and adults don't have to miss out on the fun! Join us for Library After Dark for Halloween on Saturday 26 October, with a spook-tacular silent disco, free boos and snacks, and a costume competition that's to die for. Click on the button below to get one of the final few tickets!

[Buy your tickets](#)

A month of magical Halloween activities!

Halloween Extravaganza Events

It's finally October and the Halloween Extravaganza is nearly here! Join us for magical Halloween happenings all month long, including scary story workshops, trick-or-treating, fall mazes, spine-chilling book recommendations, and chances to win prizes. On Saturday 26 October, put on your costumes and celebrate with your friends at the Library during these special events (tickets required):

Bubbles & Broomsticks for Baby Bookworms (ages 0–6) (SOLD OUT) Saturday 26 October at 11h00

Sorcery and Spells for Beginners (ages 6+) (Ticketed Event) Saturday 26 October at 15h00

Revels for Fearless Readers (ages 10+) (Ticketed Event) Saturday 26 October at 18h00



Children's event highlights

Story Hour: Surprises and Scares (ages 3–5) Wednesday 16 October at 14h30

Toddler Time: Halloween (ages 1-3) Thursday 17 October at 11h00

Music Together with Stacey Pavesi Debré (ages 0–5) Saturday 19 October at 14h00

Story Hour: It's Magic! (ages 3–5) Wednesday 23 October at 14h30

Story Hour: Happy Halloween (ages 3–5) Wednesday 30 October at 14h30

Saturday Series: Cardboard Constructions (ages 6–12) Saturday 9 November at 11h00

Thanksgiving Pie-Tasting (all ages) Saturday 23 November at 14h00

Music Together with Stacey Pavesi Debré (ages 0–5) Saturday 30 November at 14h00

Teen event highlights (for ages 12–18)

In the evening on Saturday 26 October, the American Library in Paris will turn into a haunted library of magic and surprises during our Revels for Fearless Readers event at 18h00, with

scary story readings, a screening of short horror films created by the Library's Master Shot Film Club and a costume contest to wrap up the event.

Revels for Fearless Readers (ages 10+) (Ticketed Event) Saturday 26 October at 18h00

NaNoWriMo Workshop with Noah Weisz (ages 12–18) Saturday 9 November at 15h00

Teen Night: Messy Art (ages 12–18) Friday 15 November at 19h00

Writing a College Admission Essay with Cathy Altman Noquet (ages 14–18) Sunday 17 November at 15h00

Thanksgiving Pie-Tasting (all ages) Saturday 23 November at 14h00 and lots more to come!



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