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Dispatches from the Library

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Featured in this edition of e-Libris: January's author events, new history tours, and adventures for the youngest readers.

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January 2025: A Month Full of Dynamic Programming



January isn't just another month—it's your gateway to ignite a year of discovery. Whether you're a lifelong learner, a knowledge seeker, or someone craving fresh perspectives, we've got something for you.

Our History Tours are back, offering an incredible opportunity to explore the past of the Library, and our calendar is also packed with exciting events for children and teens.

The **Evenings With an Author** series starts off strong this week with **Rachel Kushner** discussing her darkly funny and propulsive noir *Creation Lake*, a novel that was shortlisted for the 2024 Booker Prize and longlisted for the National Book Award.

After that, we'll discuss chronic illness with **Meghan O'Rourke**, follow the story of the Cassars with **Claire Messud**, learn how to craft personal narratives with **Melissa Febos**, and hear from French novelist **Maylis de Kerangal** about her latest works.

Register for the events below and get ready for this incredible lineup of authors that will kickstart your year with energy, inspiration, and connection!

Cultural Programs

**GROW@
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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.



Our cultural programming is made possible by GRoW @ Annenberg, as well as The de Groot Foundation, the Florence Gould Foundation, and the enduring legacy of the American Center for Art & Culture.



Rachel Kushner on *Creation Lake*

Hybrid: In-Person at the Library or Live on Zoom
Wednesday, 8 January at 19h30 CEST

Novelist **Rachel Kushner** discusses her electrifying new book about an American woman infiltrating a French anarchist collective.

In-person tickets are **sold out**, but you can still attend online.

RSVP for Zoom



Meghan O'Rourke on *The Invisible Kingdom*

Hybrid: In-Person at the Library or Live on Zoom
Tuesday, 14 January at 19h30 CEST

Writer and poet **Meghan O'Rourke** discusses her recent book on chronic illness and autoimmune diseases, in conversation with French journalist and author **Clémentine Goldszal**.

RSVP for In-Person or Zoom



Claire Messud on *This Strange Eventful History*

Hybrid: In-Person at the Library or Live on Zoom
Wednesday, 15 January at 19h30 CEST

Novelist **Claire Messud** discusses her sweeping, intimate family saga of love, loss, and exile traversing Algeria, France, the US, and beyond, in conversation with **Dan Gunn**.

RSVP for In-Person or Zoom



Crafting Personal Narratives With Melissa Febos

In-Person at the Library

Wednesday, 22 January at 19h30 CEST

Unlock the radical power of personal narrative with **Melissa Febos** in this transformative memoir-writing seminar.

RSVP for In-Person



Maylis de Kerangal on *Canoes* and *Eastbound*

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

Wednesday, 29 January at 19h30 CEST

Award-winning French author **Maylis de Kerangal** discusses her latest works, *Canoes* and *Eastbound*. In conversation with **Donatien Grau** of the Musée du Louvre.

RSVP for In-Person or Zoom



Find recordings of past programs on our [YouTube](#) channel!

New History Tours in January



Our popular expert-led History Tours are back! The next available dates are 10 January, 17 January, and 24 January, all Fridays at 11h00, so don't wait to register, as the Tours fill up quickly.

Tours are free and open to the public, and will take you on a deep dive into the Library's fascinating 105-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

Adventures for Young Readers at the American Library



Children's highlights:

Story Hour: New Favorites (ages 3–5) Wednesday 8 January at 14h30

Toddler Time (ages 1–3) Thursday 9 January at 11h00

Family Dance Party (all ages) Saturday 11 January at 14h00

Story Hour: Big and Little (ages 3–5) Wednesday 15 January at 14h30

Winter Wonderland (all ages) Saturday 18 January at 14h00

Performing Stories (ages 7–12) Sunday 19 January at 14h00

Story Hour: Light Show (ages 3–5) Wednesday 22 January at 14h30

Teen highlights (for ages 12–18)

Teen Night: Cookie Bake-Off (ages 12–18) Friday 10 January at 19h00

Finding the Best Fit University for You, with Ashley Miller (ages 12–18) Saturday 25 January at 14h00

Teen Night: Murder Mystery (ages 12–18) Friday 31 January at 19h00



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