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Dispatches from the Library

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Featured in this edition of e-Libris: Gala 2025, *Les Années Folles*, Board Game Night, and more.

Celebrating a Singular Storyteller

Dear Reader,

At the American Library in Paris, we serve a growing, international community of readers, ever-curious, always learning. We offer them many ways to slake their curiosity: through our curated collections, through conversations with trenchant interpreters of the forces shaping our world, and through the free, open exchange that takes place daily in our reading rooms.

For over a century, we have had the privilege of welcoming some of the most celebrated storytellers of our time, those who do not simply illuminate history but render it urgent, alive, and necessary. This year, we are thrilled to honor Erik Larson at our **2025 Annual Gala on June 4**.

At this particular moment in history, who better to help us make sense of our time than this master historian? Through *The Devil in the White City*, *The Splendid and the Vile*, and other immersive works of narrative nonfiction, Larson has given us stories that are as exquisitely wrought as they are deeply revealing. His books remind us that history is not a cold ledger of the past but a living force, one that shapes our present and our understanding of ourselves.

We look forward to celebrating his remarkable body of work and, just as importantly, celebrating you, our community of deep thinkers, devoted readers, and steadfast supporters, whose generosity allows the Library to be a home for the thoughtful and the curious, in Paris and beyond.

We hope you will join us for this extraordinary evening. To learn more about attending the Gala and supporting the Library, [please get in touch](#).

With gratitude,
Audrey Chapuis, Executive Director

Les Années Folles

THE AMERICAN LIBRARY IN PARIS'S
ADVISORY COUNCIL PRESENTS

LES ANNÉES FOLLES

DANCING DE
LA COUPOLE

Les Années Folles at La Coupole

Thursday 20 March 2025 at 20h30

La Coupole

*102, boulevard de Montparnasse
75014 Paris*

After a sold-out debut last year, the Les Années Folles party is back! Step into the iconic La Coupole dance hall and relive the roaring 1920s. Enjoy a live jazz quartet, dazzling dance demonstrations, and mingle with writers, artists, and friends of the Library.

Tickets: 100€, including hors d'oeuvres, champagne, wine, and dessert. Costumes highly encouraged!

Secure Your Spot Now!

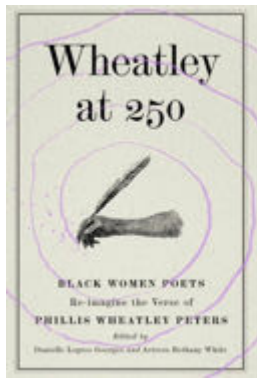


Adult Programs



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.

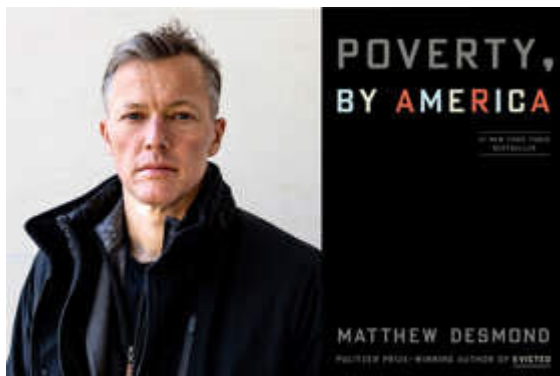


[Wheatley at 250: Celebrating the Legacy of America's First Published African-American Poet](#)

Hybrid: In-Person or Live on Zoom
Tuesday, 25 February at 19h30 CEST

Join contemporary writers in honoring **Phillis Wheatley's** groundbreaking literary legacy and discover how her poetry continues to inspire generations of poets.

[RSVP for In-Person or Zoom](#)



[Poverty, by America with Matthew Desmond and Lauren Collins](#)

Hybrid: In-Person or Live on Zoom
Tuesday, 18 March at 19h30 CEST

Pulitzer Prize-winning author **Matthew Desmond** discusses his latest book *Poverty, by America*, which tackles inequality in the richest country on earth.

[RSVP for In-Person or Zoom](#)



[Seeking Pleasure in a Dying World with C Pam Zhang and Ayşegül Savaş](#)

Hybrid: In-Person or Live on Zoom
Wednesday, 26 March at 19h30 CEST

Join acclaimed author **C Pam Zhang** as she explores the sensual and transformative journey of food, desire, and survival in her latest novel, *Land of Milk and Honey*.

[RSVP for In-Person or Zoom](#)

Board Game Night at the Library!

Join us for our first-ever **Board Game Night** at the Library!

 **Thursday 6 March**
 **19h00–21h00**

Bring friends or come solo and team up with fellow game enthusiasts for an evening of strategy, chance, and fun. A wide selection of games will be available, including exciting new arrivals in our collection. Whether you're a seasoned player or just discovering board games, there's something for everyone.

🎲 Free for Library members | 10€ for non-members

🍹 Light refreshments provided

Click [here](#) to RSVP (limited spots available).



Magazine Archive Treasures for African- American History Month

To mark African-American History Month this February, we've been in our archives digging out treasures in magazines such as *Ebony* and *The New Yorker*, as well as iconic cover artwork from past and present. Ask at Member Services to find out how to access our extensive collection of magazine archives! And stop by the Members' Lounge this month to peruse our African-American History Month book display. We've created [a reading and viewing guide](#) featuring books, films, and resources to explore Black history and culture.



Programs for Children and Teens



Join us on Saturday 15 March for an afternoon of music with soprano Lauren Libaw. You can find more information and registration [here](#).

[Story Hour: Rad Reptiles \(ages 3–5\)](#) Wednesday 19 February at 14h30

[Toddler Time \(ages 1–3\)](#) Thursday 20 February at 11h00

[Comic Club \(ages 6–12\)](#) Saturday 22 February at 11h00

[Story Hour: Under the Sea \(ages 3–5\)](#) Wednesday 26 February at 14h30

[Family Dance Party \(all ages\)](#) Saturday 1 March at 13h30

[Family Concert with Soprano Lauren Libaw \(all ages\)](#) Saturday 15 March at 14h00

Programs for Teens

[Teen Night: Classic Movies \(ages 12–18\)](#) Friday 21 February at 19h00

[Teen Night: Write, Draw, Create \(ages 12–18\)](#) Friday 28 February at 19h00

[Teen Night: Rock Quiz Nite \(ages 12–18\)](#) Friday 7 March at 19h00

[Romance Writing with Amy Plum \(ages 12–18\)](#) Saturday 8 March at 14h00



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