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Dispatches from the Library

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Featured in this edition of e-Libris: Gala tickets now on sale—including a new Patron Ticket, last chance to join *Les Années Folles*, an exclusive offer sponsored by the American School in Paris, and more.

Dear Reader,

In 1919, when the future of the American Library in Paris as a permanent fixture was still uncertain, a group of readers gathered in our reading room to decide whether we would survive. They pledged their support, and the Library stayed. “It was my firm conviction,” wrote Burton Stevenson, one of our early directors, “that every library should be supported by the community which it serves.” More than a century later, that remains true: the Library exists because of you.

Our Annual Gala is more than a cherished tradition—it is a driving force. As our most important fundraising event, the Gala accounts for half of our annual donations and provides essential support for the Library’s services, collections, staff and programs. Following the launch of our [Vision 2027 plan](#), which charts an ambitious course for expanding the scope and reach of our programs, this Gala plays a pivotal role in securing the future we envision together.

Thank you for the many ways in which you sustain the Library. Whether through attending events, volunteering your time, sharing your expertise, or making a gift, your support ensures that the Library continues to thrive as a place of discovery, connection, and inspiration for all who call it home.

With gratitude,

Audrey Chapuis
Executive Director, The American Library in Paris

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IN PARIS GALA

Join us on **Wednesday 4 June** at the Automobile Club de France for the [American Library in Paris Gala](#), an unforgettable evening of celebration and generosity in support of the Library’s collections, programs, and services that have served readers, writers, and thinkers for over a century, in Paris and beyond. This year, we are delighted to honor Erik Larson, best-selling author of *The Devil in the White City* and a master of gripping historical nonfiction that has captivated readers worldwide.

We are also pleased to introduce a **new Patron Ticket** option that offers exclusive perks, including a premium Gala night experience and a pre-Gala private reception and meet-and-greet with Erik Larson.

More Information and RSVP



Become a Gala Table Sponsor

Make a transformative difference by becoming a Gala Sponsor, enjoying premier benefits that extend beyond the evening itself. As a sponsor, you will receive all the exclusive privileges of a Patron Ticket, along with prestigious recognition and dedicated group seating in a prime location at the Gala.

For table sponsorship inquiries, please email the [Library Giving Team](#).

THE AMERICAN LIBRARY IN PARIS'S
ADVISORY COUNCIL PRESENTS

LES ANNÉES FOLLES

DANCING DE
LA COUPOLE

Thursday, 20 March 2025 | 20h30

📍 [La Coupole, 102 boulevard du Montparnasse, 75014 Paris](#)

The countdown is on—**Les Années Folles is just 2 days away!** Step into the iconic La Coupole dance hall and relive the glamour of the 1920s with an unforgettable evening of live jazz, dance, and mingling with writers, artists, and Library friends.

Tickets: 100€ (includes hors d'oeuvres, champagne, wine, and dessert)
Costumes encouraged: channel your best Gatsby-era style!

Secure Your Spot Now!



Exclusive Offer for Library Members: *An Evening with Michael Chabon & Ayelet Waldman*



The American School of Paris is generously offering **20 complimentary tickets** to *An Evening with Authors Michael Chabon & Ayelet Waldman* on 28 March, 18h30–20h00, at the Hôtel Talleyrand.

This special opportunity is available **exclusively to Library members**—act fast, as space is extremely limited. A confirmed registration is required, and government-issued ID must be presented at the entrance. [Secure your ticket now.](#)

New Board Game Nook & New Games



Our board game collection just got a big upgrade! Whether you're a mastermind at Chess, a wordsmith in Scrabble, or ready for a lively round of Unstable Unicorns or Skyjo, there's something for everyone—strategists, party-goers, and casual players alike.

Plus, we've carved out a brand-new nook to house our growing collection. Find the board game shelves in the Turner Commons, right by the Graphic Novels. Stop by Member Services to check one out and start playing today.

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.



Poverty, by America with Matthew Desmond and Lauren Collins

Hybrid: In-Person or Live on Zoom
Tonight 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 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 and **Visiting Fellow 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



Writing Characters from Family with Sheila Kohler

Hybrid: In-Person or Live on Zoom
Tuesday, 8 April at 19h30 CEST

In this intimate lecture, learn how to draw inspiration from family dynamics and memories to craft authentic, compelling stories and unforgettable characters.

RSVP for In-Person or Zoom

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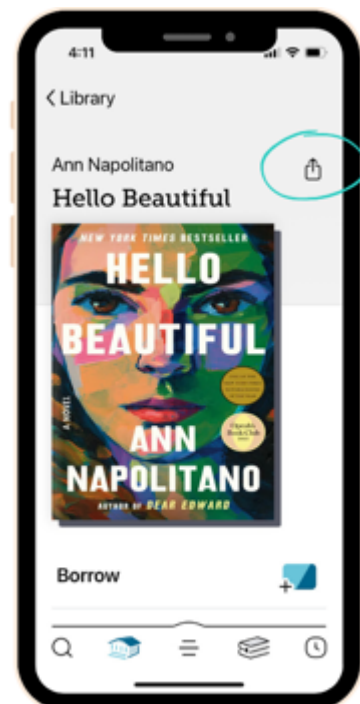
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📖 Ready to share your next great read? Try it today!



Upcoming Closures

The Library will be closed on Sunday 20 April 2025 – Pâques (Easter Sunday).

Submit to YAFF 2025



📌 **Calling All Young Writers!** Submissions for the Young Authors Fiction Festival (YAFF) close on **1 April 2025 at 22h00**—so don't miss your chance to share your story!

Writers from Kindergarten/*Grande Section* to 12th Grade/*Terminale* are invited to submit their original work via the [online form](#) before the deadline. Need inspiration? The Library's [Teen Advisory Group](#) has put together a [list of prompts](#) to help spark ideas! You don't have to use them, but be sure to check the [this checklist before submitting](#) before sending in your story.

Looking for extra support? The Library has writing resources and special events to help young authors along the way:

📖 [Write Your Short Story](#) (ages 8–12) – Sunday 23 March at 14h00

📖 [Teen Night: The Writers Room](#) (ages 12–18) – Friday 28 March at 19h00

Apply to be Part of our Clubs for Teens



Applications for the Library's **teen clubs** are open through **31 July 2025 at 22h00**! Teens ages **12–18** can apply to one or more clubs. Please note that spots are limited, and participation is not guaranteed.

✦ How it works

1. Submit your application(s) by the deadline.
2. Applications will be reviewed by the Children's & Teens' Services team and club coaches.
3. All applicants will be notified of their status in early August.

Explore Our Teen Clubs and apply via the **Library's website**.

[Teen Writing Group](#) – For Library members (ages 12–18)

[Teen Advisory Group \(TAG\)](#) – For Library members (ages 12–18)

[Master Shot Film Club](#) (with Clarence Tokley) – Open to the community (ages 12–18)

[Youth Leadership Program](#) (in partnership with Toastmasters) – Open to the community (ages 14–18)

Children's Events Highlights

[Story Hour: This is Not My Home](#) (ages 3–5) Wednesday 19 March at 14h30

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

[Saturday Series: Game Day](#) (ages 6–12) Saturday 22 March at 11h00



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



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