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Dispatches from the Library

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Featured in this edition of e-Libris: Erik Larson's gripping titles now available, celebrating the next generation of writers, tennis-themed reads for Roland-Garros, and more.

Dear Reader,

With just over a week to go, the excitement is building for our 2025 Gala. This year's celebration promises to be one of our most memorable yet—a gathering of remarkable guests and generous friends of the Library, coming together to champion our collections, programs, and services. Whether or not you're attending, I invite you to mark the occasion by exploring the work of our 2025 honoree, Erik Larson. His books are available at the Library and online via Libby and OverDrive.

This week we're also celebrating the talent of the next generation of storytellers. Our 2025 Young Authors Fiction Festival received nearly 1,100 stories from students enrolled in over 100 schools throughout France. Congratulations to all who took part, and thank you to the judges who had the joyful challenge of selecting this year's finalists.

Across Paris, another type of excitement is underway: the French Open has returned, and the city is buzzing. At the Library, we're getting into the spirit with a curated selection of tennis reads in the Turner Commons. It's a perfect moment to revisit the greats or discover a new literary take on the game.

June always brings a final burst of activity before summer begins. Keep an eye out for our final events of the season, and be sure to make the most of our digital lending platforms if you're traveling. No matter where you are, the Library is always within reach.

With gratitude,

Audrey Chapuis

Executive Director, The American Library in Paris



2025 THE AMERICAN LIBRARY IN PARIS GALA | 4 JUNE

Dive into Erik Larson's masterful storytelling

Step into the spirit of our 2025 Gala by immersing yourself in the compelling works of this year's honoree, Erik Larson, available now at the [Library](#) and online via our [digital lending platforms](#) OverDrive and Libby.

Experience Larson's masterful storytelling in *The Demon of Unrest*, a riveting chronicle of the American Civil War, and *No One Goes Alone*, a hauntingly atmospheric ghost story, both available as an audiobook on Libby today with no wait time.

Are you new to Libby? It's easy to get started:

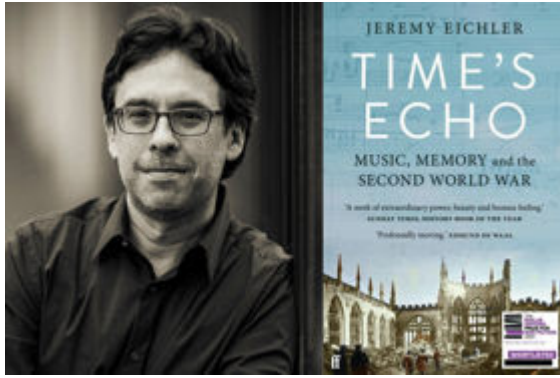
1. Download the app on the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).
2. Find the American Library in Paris and sign in with your library card
3. Search, browse, and borrow our collection of e-books, audiobooks, and e-magazines

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.



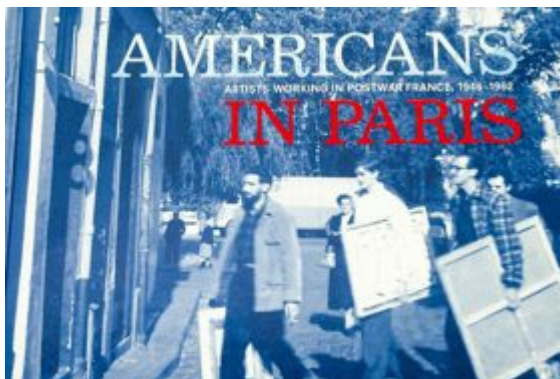
[Jeremy Eichler on Music, Memory, and the Second World War](#)

Hybrid: In-Person or Live on Zoom

Tonight Tuesday 27 May at 19h30 CEST

In *Time's Echo: The Second World War, the Holocaust, and the Music of Remembrance*, award-winning critic and historian **Jeremy Eichler** explores music as a vessel for memory, revealing how composers inscribed the legacies of war and loss into their scores.

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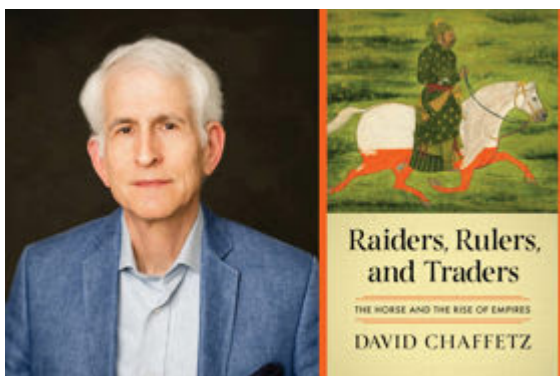
[Americans in Paris with Debra Bricker Balken and Éric de Chassey](#)

Hybrid: In-Person or Live on Zoom

Tuesday 3 June at 19h30 CEST

Curator **Debra Bricker Balken** and art historian **Éric de Chassey** discuss the key artists featured in the exhibit *Americans in Paris*, examining how the city influenced a pivotal moment in American art between 1946 and 1962.

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[David Chaffetz on Raiders, Rulers, and Traders](#)

Hybrid: In-Person or Live on Zoom

Wednesday 11 June at 19h30 CEST

In *Raiders, Rulers, and Traders*, scholar **David Chaffetz** delves into how horses were not just a means of transportation, but a transformative force that enabled empires to rise, trade routes to form, and cultures to connect from Iran and Afghanistan to China, India, and Russia.

RSVP for In-Person or Zoom



[Adventures in the Louvre with Elaine Sciolino](#)

Hybrid: In-Person or Live on Zoom
Tuesday 17 June at 19h30 CEST

Fall in love with the world's most famous museum through the eyes of bestselling author **Elaine Sciolino**. *Adventures in the Louvre* is the perfect travel companion for those who aim to forge an intimate connection with the museum that houses masterpieces such as the Mona Lisa, the Venus de Milo, and other magnificent works of art that are icons of human achievement.

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



Young Authors Fiction Festival 2025

We would like to congratulate the 1,095 young writers who submitted a short story for the 2025 edition of the Library's Young Authors Fiction Festival (YAFF). Judges had a hard time picking winners and were impressed by the originality and cleverness of the stories.

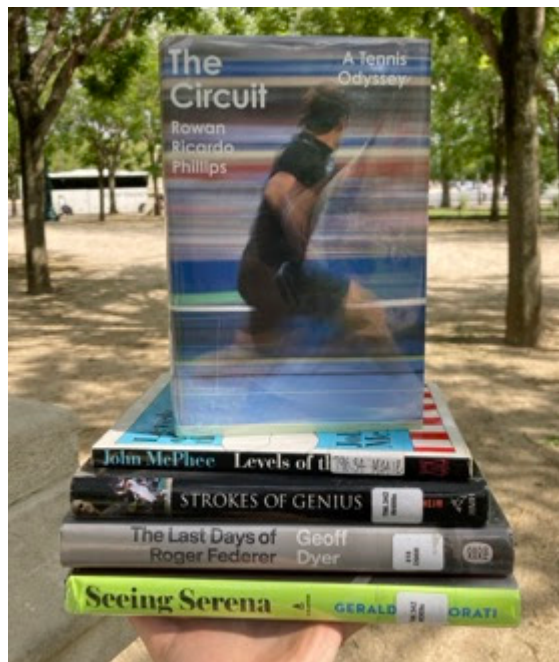
You can see the list of YAFF 2025 finalists [here](#).

Game, Set, Match... Read!

Roland-Garros, the French Open, is in full swing, and the Library is serving up a winning lineup of tennis reads. Whether you're a die-hard fan or just here for the rallies, our display in the Turner Commons is your courtside ticket to the best of the sport in print.

Explore gripping athlete memoirs, behind-the-scenes biographies, and elegant essays on tennis as art, obsession, and metaphor. From match point dramas to literary spins, there's something for every kind of reader.

[Come browse](#) the stack and get inspired—game on!



Holiday Closures in May

Thursday 29 May – Jeudi de l'Ascension (Ascension)

Children's Events Highlights



Toddler Time (ages 1–3)

[Thursday 5](#) June at 11h00

Story Hour (ages 3–5)

[Day of Dragons](#) Wednesday 28 May at 14h30

[My Many Emotions](#) Wednesday 4 June at 14h30

[Beach Day](#) Wednesday 4 June at 14h30

Ages 6–12

[Saturday Series: Your Summer Travel Journal](#) Saturday 7 June at 11h00

[Make It Last: A Mending Workshop with Ella Springer](#) Saturday 28 June at 11h00

Teen's Events Highlights

[Free Write: A Creative Writing Session](#) Saturday 31 May at 14h00

[Teen Night: Writing from Life with Charlene Allen](#) Friday 6 June at 19h00

[Finding the Best-Fit University for You \(with Ashley Miller Benz\)](#) Saturday 14 June at 16h00

[Teen Night: The 13th Annual Literary Reaping](#) Friday 27 June at 19h00



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



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