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Dispatches from the Library

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Featured in this edition of e-Libris: An unforgettable evening at the 2025 Gala, the Library's first-ever digital Annual Report, an afternoon of board games, and more.

Dear Reader,

The past few weeks have been filled with energy and excitement at the Library. On 20 May, we celebrated our 105th anniversary, and that festive momentum carried us into the most anticipated evening of the year: the Annual Gala Dinner, held last Wednesday. The night unfolded in a spirit of shared curiosity and camaraderie, with lively conversation, laughter, and a deep appreciation for the ideas and stories that bring us together.

As I looked around the room, I was struck by the breadth of life paths gathered around the tables: longtime friends of the Library, new supporters, novelists, journalists, actors, editors, publishers, librarians, translators, educators—all of them thoughtful people with curious minds and generous hearts, who care deeply about the role of culture and ideas in our world. I want to send a special thank you to Erik Larson for joining us, and to the donors and sponsors whose support ensures that the Library remains a sanctuary for independent, free thinkers.

The Gala was a reminder that the Library's strength lies not only in our collections or programs, but in the people who make up our wide circle of friends. Whether you were with us that night or reading this from afar, you are part of that circle. So here's to you, the thoughtful and curious of the world. You will always find a home in the Library.

With gratitude,

Audrey Chapuis

Executive Director, The American Library in Paris

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Gala 2025: A Night to Remember

On 4 June, the Annual Gala Dinner brought together friends and special guests at the Automobile Club for an unforgettable evening in honor of bestselling author Erik Larson and in support of the Library. In conversation with France 24's Erin Ogunkeye, Larson charted his writing journey "from the dark country of no ideas" to the completed page with candor and insight. Inspired by *The Devil in the White City*, this year's Gala embraced the spirit of the 1893 Chicago World's Fair: the table names paid homage to the historic pavilions, a dramatic reading brought the era to life, and guests became eccentric wordsmiths as they took part in *The Invention Game*.

Watch the highlights video [here](#).



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Dive into the highlights of 2024 and get a closer look at the people, partnerships, and programs that defined the year in our newly released Annual Report. For the first time, it's also available in a digital format, featuring audio, video, and interactive elements that bring the Library's work to life.

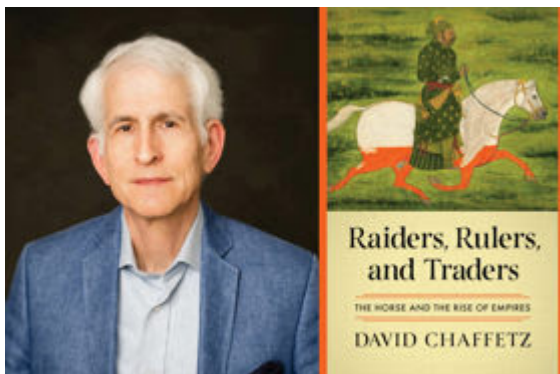
Read the 2024 Annual Report [here](#).

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.



[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.

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[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.

Sold out in person

RSVP for Zoom



[Unexpected Endings with B.J. Novak](#)

In-Person only

Wednesday 25 June at 19h30 CEST

Join writer, actor, and comedian **B.J. Novak** for a special reading from his celebrated collection *One More Thing*— and maybe some new stories! Best known for his work on *The Office*, Novak shares sharp, funny, and offbeat stories in an evening designed for young writers and anyone who loves unpredictable fiction.

RSVP for In-Person



YAFF 2025: Join the Celebration Online

The Young Authors Fiction Festival 2025 draws to a close on Friday 20 June with a special invitation-only event at the Library. While in-person attendance is limited, we invite you to [join us online](#) to celebrate the creativity and imagination of this year's young writers. Our thanks to Association EBN and the British Council for their generous support. Founded in memory of Emma Burke Newman, Association EBN for a Better World supports cycling safety and the arts, and funds an annual grant to nurture young talent.

Learn more about YAFF [here](#).

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Your Move! Board Game Afternoon at the Library

Join us on Sunday 29 June at 15h00 for a fun-filled [Board Game Afternoon](#) at the Library's Reading Room. Whether you're a seasoned strategist or just looking for a casual gameplay session, you're welcome to come along, either solo or with fellow game enthusiasts. Light refreshments will be provided and a wide selection of games will be available for all skill levels and interests.

 [Sign-up](#) in advance to come along
Free for Library members | 10€ for non-members



Say *Buongiorno* to Summer Travel

Brush up on essential phrases before your next summer vacation with Mango Languages, an online platform free to Library members that offers conversation-based lessons in over 70 languages. Mango's lessons feature native speakers and include cultural insights that make it easy to prepare for travel or expand your skills from home.

Log into our [e-resources portal](#) to get started, and consult our [visual guide](#) if you need help navigating the platform. *Buon viaggio!*

Children's Events Highlights



Ages 0–5

[Music Together with Stacey Pavesi Debré](#) Saturday 14 June at 14h00

Toddler Time (ages 1–3)

[Thursday](#) 19 June at 11h00

Story Hour (ages 3–5)

[Beach Day](#) Wednesday 11 June at 14h30

[Mythical Beasts](#) Wednesday June 18 at 14h30

[True Stories](#) Wednesday 25 June at 14h30

Ages 6–12

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

Teen's Events Highlights

[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

[Write Against the Machine: Making the Most of AI Tools with Amber Auer](#) Saturday 28 June at 15h00



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