



The  
American  
Library  
in Paris

# e-Libris

Dispatches from the Library

**10 December 2024**

**Featured in this edition of e-Libris:** Holiday reads, gift certificates, and upcoming events in the new year.

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## Holiday Closure

**Monday 23 December** through  
**Wednesday 1 January**, inclusive.

We reopen on Thursday 2 January 2025 at 10h00.

**Ask at the Member Services Desk about extended borrowing and custom return dates to accommodate your travel plans.**

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## Become a Friend of the Library This Year

The Library's annual end-of-year fundraising drive is in full swing! Donations sustain nearly 50% of the Library's essential operations. Your support ensures the longevity of our 105-year-old institution and drives the exciting new initiatives outlined in our [Vision 2027](#) strategic plan.

**Yes, I want to support the Library**

Another reason to join our vibrant community of donors? By donating €100 or more, you'll be enrolled in our [Friends of the Library](#) program, with exclusive benefits such as invitations to donor-only events.

Every contribution matters. Your support ensures the Library remains a vital resource for you and others in our changing world. There are many ways to support the Library. Beyond making an annual gift, consider creating or renewing your [membership](#), attending our [evening programs](#), or [volunteering](#) your time.

**Become a champion for the Library's mission—your support makes all the difference.**

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## Cultural Programs

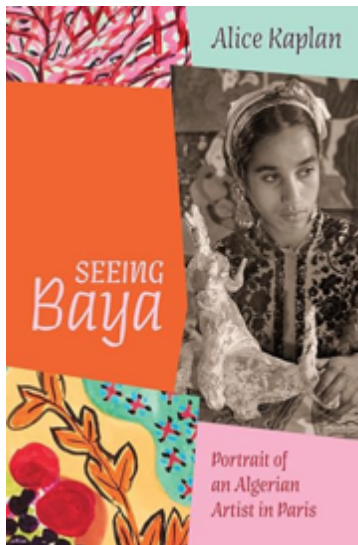


Evenings with an Author and other evening programs are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted. You must RSVP to attend our programs, whether you join us in person or via Zoom.



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.

### Join Us for the Last Event of the Season



#### **Baya, an Algerian Outsider Artist in Post-War Paris with Alice Kaplan and James McAuley**

Hybrid: In-Person at the Library or Live on Zoom  
**Wednesday, 11 December at 19h30 CEST**

In the first biography of Baya, Yale professor **Alice Kaplan** recounts how this young woman seemingly trapped in subsistence farming became a sensation in Paris in 1947, then mysteriously faded from the history of modern art—only to reemerge after independence as an icon of Algerian artistic heritage.

This event will be moderated by Marshall Scholar and D.Phil. Candidate at the University of Oxford **James McAuley**.

**RSVP for In-Person or Zoom**

### January's Highlights: Bold Programming for a New Year

The event lineup for January, curated by Rachel Donadio, promises to be an inspiring start to 2025.

# PROGRAMS JANUARY 2025

Wed 8 January

**Rachel Kushner on Creation Lake**

In conversation with Rachel Donadio

Tue 14 January

**Meghan O'Rourke on The Invisible Kingdom**

In conversation with Clémentine Goldszal

Wed 15 January

**Claire Messud on This Strange Eventful History**

In conversation with Dan Gunn

Wed 22 January

**Crafting Personal Narratives with Melissa Febos**

Wed 29 January

**Maylis de Kerangal on Canoes and Eastbound**



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

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**Last History Tour of the Year**



Sign up now for our last History Tour of 2024 on 13 December at 11h00. Register today as the Tours will fill up quickly!

Tours are free and open to the public, and will take you on a deep dive into the Library's fascinating 104-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**

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## Fresh Picks: New E-Books and E-Audiobooks on Libby and Overdrive

Looking to travel light this winter break? Explore the latest arrivals on Libby and OverDrive! Borrow up to three digital titles at a time and dive into your next great read or listen—anytime, anywhere.



## American Library in Paris Gift Certificates for the Holidays

Looking for a unique holiday gift? American Library in Paris gift certificates are a wonderful way to share the magic of books, e-resources, and more. Perfect for readers of all ages! Drop by the Member Services desk before our annual holiday closure to purchase.



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## Adventures for Young Readers at the American Library



### Mock Caldecott 2025

From 10 December through 21 January, Library members are invited to browse our selection of new picture books and vote on a favorite to help us select the winner of the Library's Mock Caldecott 2025.

Since 1938, the Caldecott Medal has been awarded annually to the "most distinguished American picture book for children" by the American Library Association. The Library is hosting a Mock Caldecott program to try and predict the winner and to select our own favorite picture book.

Our Children's and Teens' Services team selected picture book nominees based on professional reviews and a careful examination of titles (there's no short list for the award). This selection of picture books is available in the Children's Library for members of all ages to read on-site. Readers are invited to read and review as many titles as they can! The winner of the Library's Mock Caldecott will be announced on 25 January.

### Children's event highlights

[Story Hour: In the Forest \(ages 3–5\)](#) Wednesday 11 December at 14h30  
[Bilingual Storytime \(ages 3+\)](#) Saturday 14 December at 10h30  
[Story Hour: Silly Stories \(ages 3–5\)](#) Wednesday 18 December at 14h30  
[Toddler Time \(ages 1–3\)](#) Thursday 19 December at 11h00  
[Electric Circuits: a Workshop \(ages 8–12\)](#) Saturday 21 December at 11h00  
[Comic Club \(ages 6–12\)](#) Saturday 21 December at 15h00  
[Story Hour: New Favorites \(ages 3–5\)](#) Wednesday 8 January at 14h30  
[Performing Stories \(ages 7–12\)](#) Sunday 19 January at 14h00

### Teen event highlights (for ages 12–18)

[Free Write: A Creative Writing Workshop \(ages 12–18\)](#) Saturday 14 December at 14h00  
[Teen Night: Movies Based on Books \(ages 12–18\)](#) Friday 20 December at 19h00  
[Teen Night: Cookie Bake-Off \(ages 12–18\)](#) Friday 10 January at 19h00



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