

In this edition. A new chapter for the Fellowship, celebrating the Book Award, last-chance tickets for An Evening with Molly Ringwald, and more.

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The de Groot Visiting Fellowship Program: Continuing a Legacy of Creative Exchange



The Library is delighted to announce the establishment of **The de Groot Visiting Fellowship Program**, made possible through the generosity of Clydette and Charles de Groot. The announcement was shared on 7 November during the American Library in Paris Book Award ceremony.

Building on the Library's longstanding Visiting Fellowship and Scholars of Note programs, this new initiative will continue to support writers, thinkers, and scholars whose work fosters dialogue, creativity, and cross-cultural understanding. Clydette de Groot, a member of the Fellowship Selection Committee, has been instrumental in shaping the program from the start. Since its inception in 2013, the Fellowship program has welcomed more than thirty remarkable literary talents, including Ta-Nehisi Coates, Ian Leslie, Lauren Oyler, Adam Shatz, C Pam Zhang, and Melissa Febos.

The de Groot Visiting Fellowship Program will launch in 2026, with applications opening in spring 2026.

[Learn more about The de Groot Visiting Fellowship](#)

Celebrating Sue Prideaux's *Wild Thing: A Life of Paul Gauguin* at the 2025 Book Award



The ceremony of the [2025 American Library in Paris Book Award](#) brought together the Library's supporters and community of writers, readers, and thinkers to the George C. Marshall Center to celebrate Sue Prideaux's original and revealing biography *Wild Thing: A Life of Paul Gauguin*. Established in 2013, the Paris Book Award celebrates works of literature, both fiction and nonfiction, that draw on France as a timeless source of inspiration. It is supported by a grant from the Florence Gould Foundation, which will sustain the prize for many years to come.

[Watch the highlights](#)

[Browse the photo album](#)

Special thanks to the U.S. Embassy for graciously hosting the evening, to W. W. Norton & Company for donating hardback copies of the winning title, and to Domaine des Coeurriots for their generous gift of white wine.

We are also deeply grateful to our Book Award Patrons: Mary Duncan, Peter and Jeanne Fellowes, Dan and Laura Huehn, Suzanne Justen, Ann and Don Morrison, Maja Thomas, and Usha Viswanathan.

Last minute tickets: An Evening with Cultural Fellow Molly Ringwald



On Tuesday 18 November, we'll be hosting a [Library Members-only event](#) with our [Fall 2025 Cultural Fellow, Molly Ringwald](#), in conversation with author and *New Yorker* staff writer, Lauren Collins. A final, very limited release of tickets will open at **12h00 on Friday 14 November** — please check your inbox at that time for the booking link.

Give Now to Join Us for a Special Champagne Evening!

Your support keeps the Library thriving—and gives you access to exclusive donor events throughout the year.

This month, **every [Fall Appeal donor](#) receives a complimentary invitation to an evening with acclaimed author Stephen Clarke on Thursday 20 November at 19h00**. Sip champagne and mingle with fellow Library supporters as Stephen discusses his book on Charles Frederick Worth, the man who invented Parisian haute couture, the catwalk, and the modern fashion brand.

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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.

Adult Programs



[Celebrating the Prix Médicis](#)

In-Person

Thursday 13 November at 19h30 CET

Hot on the heels of Emmanuel Carrère being named the 2025 laureate, join us for a special, behind-the-scenes look at the Prix Médicis, one of France's most prestigious literary prizes. Jury members **Pascale Roze**, **Marie Darrieussecq**, and **Anne Garréta** will lift the curtain on how the prize really works: how books are read, debated, and ultimately chosen. Francophone and French-speaking members are especially encouraged to attend!

RSVP for In-Person



[2025: The Year in Review](#)

Hybrid: In-Person and on Zoom
Wednesday 10 December at 19h30 CET

From the first year of President Trump's second term to political turmoil in France and ongoing wars in Ukraine and Gaza, 2025 has been a doozy. Join top Paris-based journalists as they reflect on what they have seen and heard on the front lines.

This event is in partnership with the Overseas Press Club of America.

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

Holiday Closures

Tuesday 11 November – Closed to the public (Armistice Day)

An Exclusive Invitation to the Opéra-Comique



Library members have rare access to a package normally reserved for **Opéra-Comique** members: [Chasing Rainbows](#) on **13 December** with Lea Desandre, Thomas Dunford, and costumes by Chanel's Hubert Barrère. For the members-only price of €120, enjoy prime seats, pre- and post-concert cocktails, and the chance to meet the artists.

Click [here](#) to claim this special offer.

The Economist Hot Off the Press—Twice!

Great news for our readers: due to popular demand, the Library now subscribes to two physical copies of *The Economist*!

One copy is available for immediate borrowing, while the second can be borrowed once the next edition arrives. Drop by the Members' Lounge to leaf through the latest issue and explore more than 80 other magazines waiting for you.



Children's Events Highlights



[Story Hour: Family Feast](#) (ages 3–5) Wednesday 12 November at 14h30

[Music Together with Stacey Pavesi Debré](#) (ages 0–5) Saturday 15 November at 14h00

[Story Hour: Good Friends](#) (ages 3–5) Wednesday 19 November at 14h30

[Toddler Time](#) (ages 1–3) Thursday 10 November at 11h00

[Thanksgiving Pie-Tasting](#) (all ages) Friday 21 November at 19h00

[Story Hour: Gratitude](#) (ages 3–5) Wednesday 26 November at 14h30

Teens' Events Highlights

[Creating Dystopian Worlds with Amy Plum](#) (ages 12–18) Friday 12 November 19h00

[LoFi and Chill: Card Games](#) (ages 12–18) Saturday 29 November at 17h00



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

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