

In this edition. Open House at the Library, join a Book Group, the joys of (re)reading picture books, and more.

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OPEN HOUSE

**Tuesday 2 Dec 2025
15H00 - 18H00**

**DISCOVER &
SUPPORT
YOUR LIBRARY**

**OPEN TO ALL
MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS**

BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Mark your calendars: the Library is throwing its festive Open House, and everyone is invited

Join us on **Tuesday 2 December from 15h to 18h** for our festive Open House and spend an afternoon getting to know every corner of the Library. You can step into the Florence Gould Reading Room to see rare gems from our Archives and hear the stories behind them, browse what's new in Children's and Teens', and stop by the Geek Corner to check out our growing selection of board games and graphic novels. If you've been meaning to set up ebooks, audiobooks, or research databases, staff will be there to walk you through it on the spot.

You can also learn more about the Library's major donor events, including the Book Award and Gala, and ask how your support helps make them possible. Volunteers will be available to talk about the roles they take on and how you can join in.

Bring friends, family, or neighbours and enjoy a lively, open-door afternoon at the home of the thoughtful and curious in Paris!

Giving Tuesday: Help us reach the finish line!

We're nearing the finish line of our Giving Tuesday Challenge, and thanks to **53 donors** so far, we're already past the halfway point toward our goal of **100 donors by year's end**. If you'd like to help get us there, you can make a gift during the Open House at our donation station or online anytime. Every contribution strengthens the Library's collections, programs, and daily work.



Yes, I'll support the Library

Your gift can be made in euros or US dollars, by cash, check, or credit card. US taxpayers may also donate appreciated stock or through a Donor-Advised Fund. [Learn more here.](#)



Catch up on this season's standout programs by watching recordings of Evenings with an Author on our [YouTube channel](#). This fall delivered a dynamic rentrée with a lineup that brought fresh insight to art, politics, and history, from a riveting look inside the CIA to the evolution of food and dining in today's Paris.

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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



[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](#)

Offers From Our Cultural Network

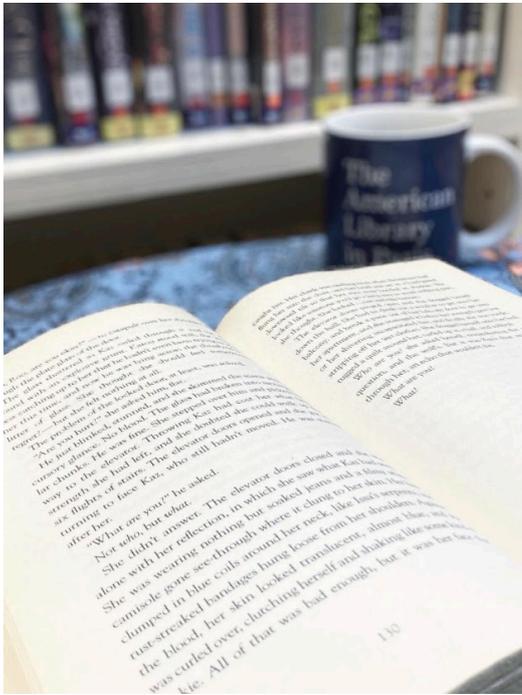


Celebrate the centenary of *The Great Gatsby* with a special evening at [Sunset Sunside Jazz Club](#) on Saturday 29 November at 19h00. Singer Melissa Lesnie and a band of leading jazz musicians will recreate the music that inspired Fitzgerald, from charlestons to Tin Pan Alley classics. Our members can get a reduced ticket price with the code **5ML2911**; book [here](#).

A limited number of places are still available for an exceptional evening at the **Opéra-Comique**. Library members can access a package usually reserved for the theatre's own members for [Chasing Rainbows](#) on **13 December** with Lea Desandre, Thomas Dunford, and costumes by Chanel's Hubert Barrère. For €120, enjoy prime seats, pre- and post-concert cocktails, and the chance to meet the artists. Click [here](#) to book.



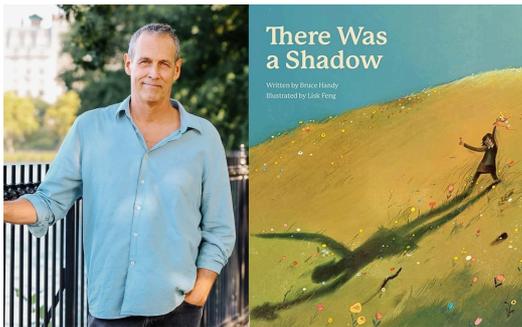
Great Reads In Great Company: Discover our 2026 Book Groups



The Library's small, volunteer-led [Book Groups](#) bring readers together throughout the year to explore big ideas, exchange perspectives, and enjoy sustained conversations around great books. In 2026, join a year-long **Slow Reading War & Peace** cohort, dive into a new season of **America Today**, or explore craft and inspiration in **The Art of Writing: Paris Where the Heart Is**. Several of our long-running groups also have a handful of open spots for readers looking to connect more deeply through the year. Registration is limited, so visit our website to learn more and secure your place.

[Join a Book Group today](#)

Family Event: The Joys of Reading Picture Books



On **13 Saturday December**, join writer **Bruce Handy**, author of numerous picture books as well as *Wild Things: The Joy of Reading Children's Literature as an Adult*, for an event on the pleasure of reading and listening to children's books as a parent and as a child. Handy will read two of his picture books and speak on how the format can engage readers of all ages, what adults can get out of (re)reading kids' books, and how illustrations invite new perspectives.

[RSVP for In-Person](#)

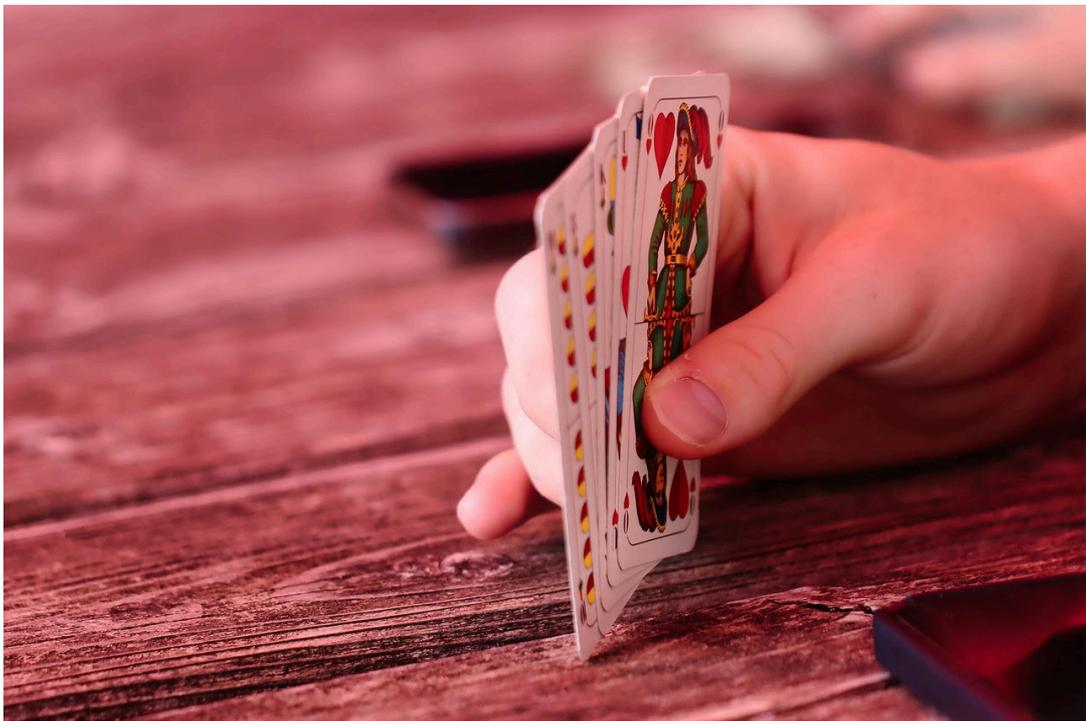
Children's Events Highlights

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

[Game Day](#) (ages 3–12) Saturday 29 November at 11h00

[The Joy of Reading Picture Books](#) (ages 5–adult) Saturday 13 December at 14h00

Teens' Events Highlights



[LoFi and Chill: Card Games](#) (ages 12–18) Saturday 29 November at 17h00
[Teen Night: Music Quiz Nite with Rock U.](#) (ages 12–18) Friday 5 December at 19h00



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

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