

In this edition. A new way to support our archives, Book Award winner recognised in *New York Times*, holiday hours, and more.

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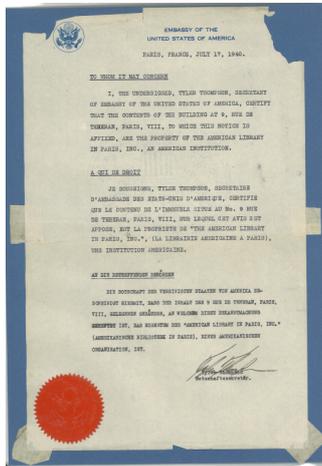
Thank You for Joining Our Open House!

On 2 December, the Florence Gould Reading Room buzzed with energy as familiar faces and newcomers, Trustees and volunteers, authors and readers alike toured the stands, discovered the Library's work behind the scenes, and connected with our remarkable history.

A New Way to Support Our Archives

At our Open House, we launched a new way to support the Library: funding specific acquisitions and conservation projects from our archives and special collections.

Recently Funded Thanks to Our Generous Trustees:



✓ **U.S. Embassy July 1940 door notice – €500 for restoration and framing**

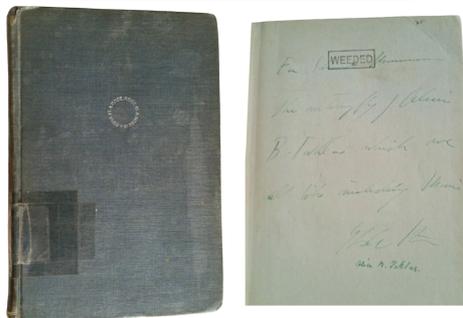
Funded by Laura Wenke. The notice that marked the Library as an American, not French, institution and helped protect it during the occupation.



✓ **War Service Library plaque – €500 for acquisition**

Funded by Steve Gerber. Commemorates the World War I book program that helped seed the American Library in Paris.

Three Treasures Still to Fund!



***The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas* by Gertrude Stein**

First edition signed by both Stein and Toklas, once held by the Library's Nantes branch.
€50 already contributed by Marcelline Dormont

€450 still needed

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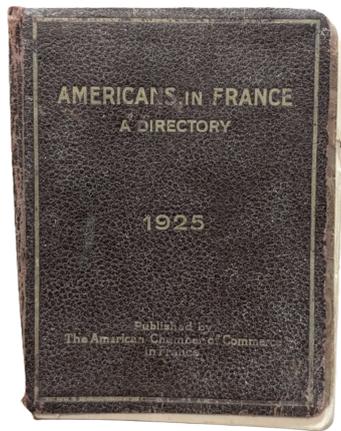


Elizabeth Grey Potter Archive

Letters, documents, and photographs from Potter, who served with the Library War Service in Paris, including rare 1920s images of the Library and staff.

€500 needed

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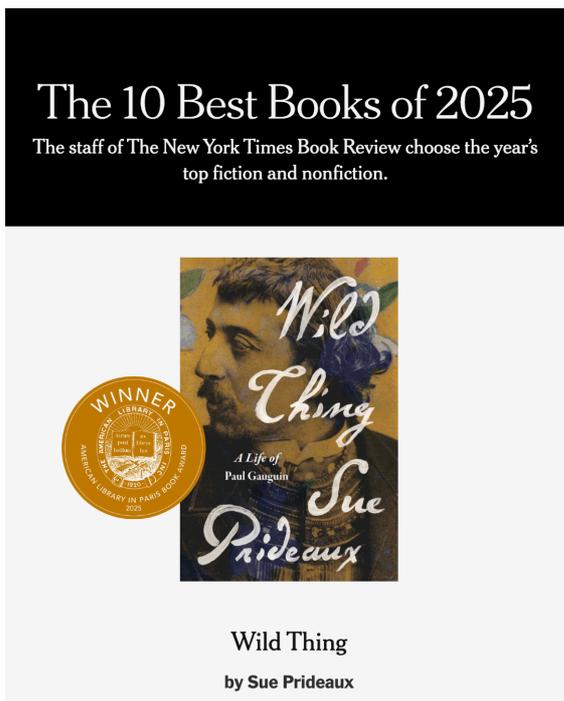
Americans in France: A Directory, Vol. 1 (1925)

A rare and fragile directory of American businesses and residents in France, including many journalists, writers, and artists. Requires restoration and rebinding.

€500 needed

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Book Award Winner Named in *NYT* Ten Best Books of 2025



Wild Thing: A Life of Paul Gauguin by Sue Prideaux, winner of the [2025 American Library in Paris Book Award](#), has been named one of the *New York Times* [Ten Best Books of 2025](#)!

Find it in our collection, alongside many of the [100 Notable Books of 2025](#), including *Buckley* by Sam Tanenhaus, who spoke at the Library this year, and *Isola* by Allegra Goodman, longlisted for the 2025 American Library in Paris Book Award.

Whether you crave fiction, biography, or timely nonfiction, our shelves are stocked with must-reads. Swing by and explore your next great read!

Fall Appeal: We Are Nearly There!

- ✓ 78 donors have contributed
- 🎯 Goal: 100 donors by year's end

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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: Zoom (In-person sold out)
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 year of profound upheaval. Join top Paris-based journalists as they reflect on what they have seen and heard on the front lines.

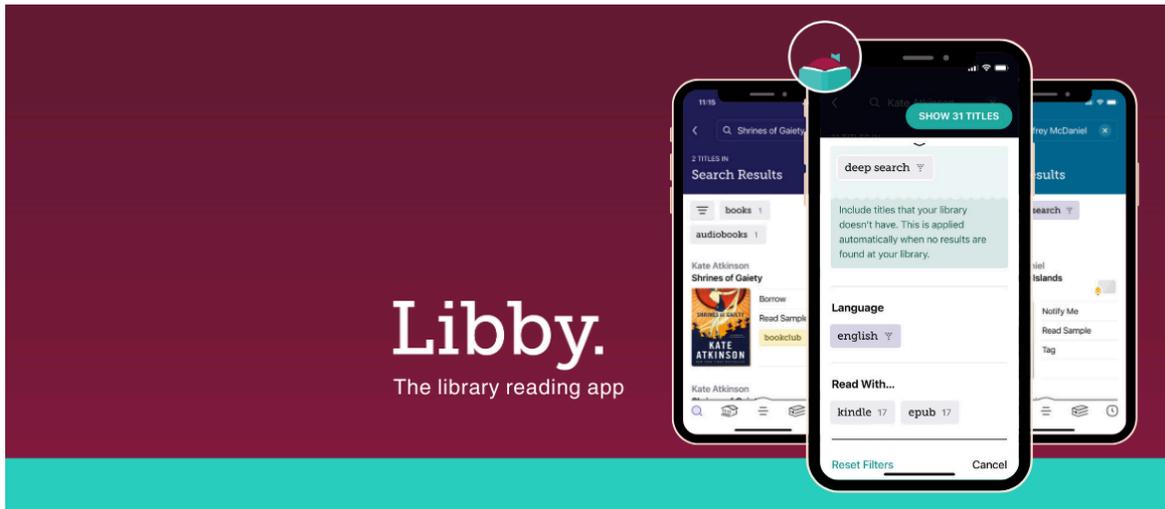
This event is in partnership with the Overseas Press Club of America.

[RSVP for Zoom](#)

Holiday Closures

The Library will be closed to the public from **Wednesday 24 December 2025** through **Thursday 1 January 2026**, inclusive.

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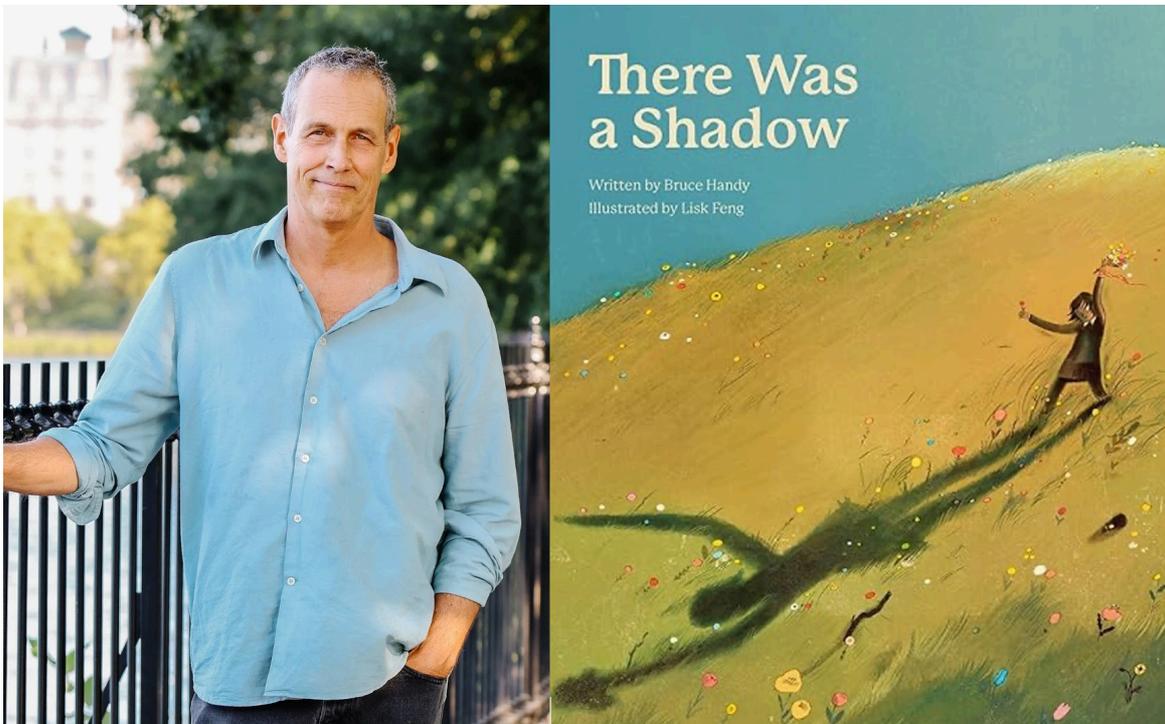


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2. Search the American Library in Paris and sign in with your library card.
3. Browse and borrow our collection of e-books, e-audiobooks, and e-magazines.

Children's Events Highlights



[The Joy of Reading Picture Books](#) (ages 5–adult) Saturday 13 December at 14h00
[Toddler Time](#) (ages 1–3) Thursday 18 December at 11h00

Teens' Events Highlights



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

[Make it Snow!](#) (ages 12–18) Saturday 13 December at 17h00

[Teen Night: Library Hide and Seek](#) (ages 12–18) Friday 9 January 2026 at 19h00



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

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