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Introducing the 2026–27 de Groot Visiting Fellows and Scholars of Note

The de Groot Visiting Fellowship Program at the American Library in Paris supports writers, thinkers, researchers, and creators with a month-long residency in Paris to pursue independent work while contributing to the Library's cultural programming. Established in 2013, the Fellowship extends the Library's long tradition of fostering transatlantic exchange and creative expression.

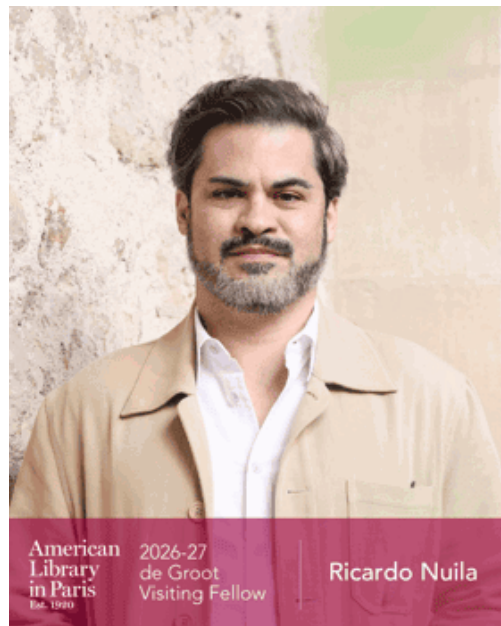
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The 2026–27 de Groot Scholars of Note

Created in 2022, the Scholar of Note distinction honors exceptional applicants to the Fellowship whose proposals stood out for their originality and merit.

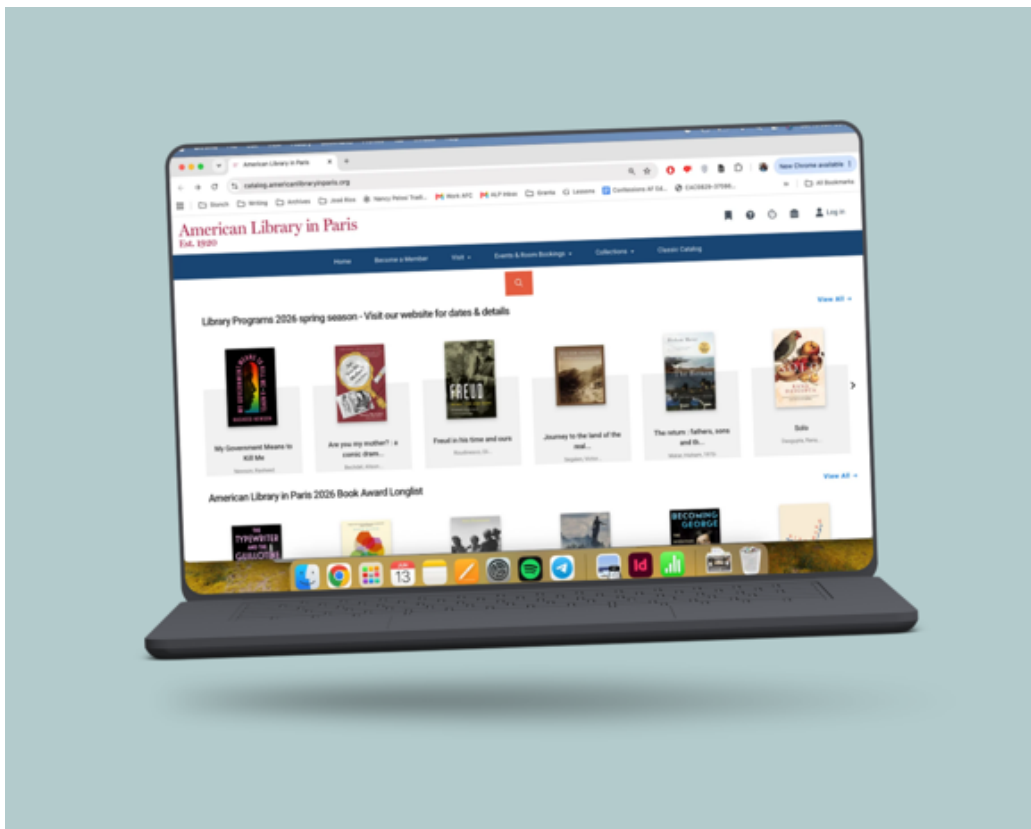


More about the 2026 de Groot Visiting Fellows and Scholars of Note



The Visiting Fellowship and the Scholar of Note distinction are made possible by the generous support of [The de Groot Foundation](https://thedeGrootFoundation.org).

A New Look for Your Library Catalog



You may have noticed [our catalog](#) has a brand new look! Powered by **Vega Discover**, our new search interface is designed to help you find what you're looking for, and discover reads you didn't know you were looking for.

Search by topic and explore related titles, browse author pages, and follow the thread wherever it leads. Our collection of eBooks, audiobooks, and online magazines is now fully integrated, just one click away!

Vega is a platform that grows and improves over time, so expect the experience to keep getting better. Our classic catalog remains available if you prefer the familiar. Questions? We're always happy to help. Drop us a line at info@americanlibraryinparis.org.

Big Applause for Young Voices



On 20 June, the Library buzzed with energy as we celebrated YAFF 2026, honoring this year's brilliant young authors. Take a peek at the photos from the celebration, and get a sneak preview of the talent with a [selection of winning stories](#), now available to read. Booklets featuring all the winning entries have now joined our circulating collection and will also be available for purchase at the Children's and Teens' Desk.

Photo Gallery

Heatwave Closures

In light of the ongoing heatwave and exceptionally high temperatures forecast for the coming days, the Library will be closed on **Wednesday, 24 June** and **Thursday, 25 June**. We will reopen on Friday, 26 June, from 10:00-15:00 with reduced staffing and limited services.

Please note that the Library is not air-conditioned. The health and wellbeing of our visitors and staff remain our top priority. If your books were due back between 20 June and 28 June, they have automatically been extended to 1 July. No overdue fines will be charged.

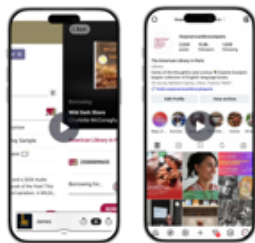
Check our website before visiting for the latest updates, and take good care in the heat.

Our 2025 Year in Review Is Here



Dive into the highlights of 2025 and get a closer look at the people, programs, and books that defined the year in our **newly released Digital Annual Report**. The report features audio, video, and interactive elements that bring the Library's work to life.

Step inside and discover how one of our recently reacquired treasures was conserved, follow Visiting Fellow R. O. Kwon on an



unexpectedly lucky turn in her Paris research, and find out what our most-borrowed books reveal about the mood of the times.

[Read More](#)

Welcome to Our Newest Trustee

We are delighted to welcome **Anne Mény-Horn** to the Library's Board of Trustees. General Administrator of the Château de Fontainebleau, Anne brings a remarkable record of leadership across France's most storied cultural institutions, including the Bibliothèque nationale de France, the Musée du Louvre, the Musée d'Orsay, and the Agence France Museums–Louvre Abu Dhabi. A Chevalier of the Légion d'Honneur and Officier of the Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, Anne is a wonderful addition to our Board.

If you'd like to experience Anne's world firsthand, the Château's [Festival Musique & Architecture](#) runs 30 June through 25 July, a summer celebration of music, architecture, and the Franco-American bond that lies at the heart of our own mission.

We also take this opportunity to thank outgoing trustees Steve Mertz, Alison Pearsall, Charles Trueheart, and Julien Horn for their dedication and service to the Library. Their contributions have helped shape everything the Library is today, and we are deeply grateful.



"For as long as I can remember, I've been convinced that libraries hold a fundamental place in our society. They're places where knowledge, imagination, and life paths cross, with the power to shape the course of a child's life. As someone passionate about fostering meaningful engagement with culture and heritage, I'm excited to support the Library's mission and future."

Our Board of Trustees

Summer at the Library

Summer Borrowing

Extended borrowing is available over the summer. Check out your items at the kiosk first, then come to the Member Services desk to have a custom due date applied.

Holiday Closures

The Library is closed on Tuesday, 14 July and Saturday, 15 August.

Summer Hours

The Library has reduced operating hours from Wednesday, 15 July 2026 through Monday, 24 August 2026, inclusive.

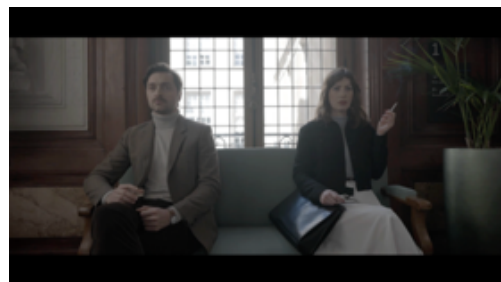
Tuesday and Wednesday: 13:00 – 19:00
Thursday, Friday and Saturday: 10:00 – 16:00
Sunday and Monday: Closed

Lights, Camera, America 250!

Catch France 2's new four-part documentary series, *France Etats Unis, la grande désillusion ?*, which premiered on Sunday, June 21.

Spanning 1776 to today, the series reimagines two and a half centuries of Franco-American relations through Grace and Louis, a couple navigating love, rivalry, and reconciliation. Fun fact: interviews were filmed right here at the Library last winter!

Interested in the American Revolution and the history of Franco-American relations? Check out our comprehensive [America 250 reading list](#).



¡Hola, Summer! Your Next Adventure Awaits

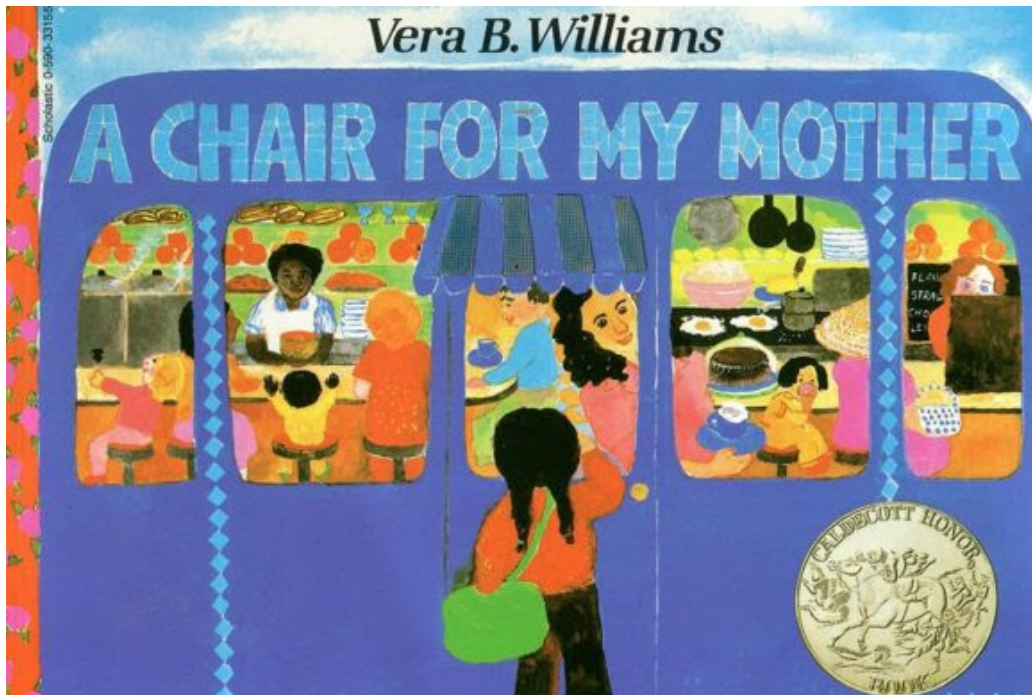
Before you pack your bags, make sure your language skills are ready to go. Mango Languages, free for all Library members, offers conversation-based lessons in 70+ languages, complete with native speakers and cultural insights to help you hit the ground running.

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

¡Buen viaje!

[Start Learning](#)

Children's Events Highlights



[Story Hour: American Authors](#) (ages 3–5) Wednesday 1 July at 14h30

[Saturday Series: Word Games](#) (ages 6–12) Saturday 11 July at 11h00

[Saturday Series: Ordinary/Extraordinary \(Painting Still Life\)](#) (ages 6–12) Saturday 18 July at 11h00

Teens' Events Highlights

[Free Write: A Creative Session](#) (ages 12–18) Saturday 4 July at 16h00

[Creating Crosswords with Jane Mollie](#) (ages 12–18) Saturday 11 July at 14h00

[Adventure Role Play: Wild West](#) (ages 12–18) Saturday 18 July at 14h00



[From Stage to Page with Katie Kitamura](#)

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

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