

In this edition. Announcing our first Children's Writer-in-Residence, the Library's 106th anniversary, and more.

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Announcing the American Library in Paris Children's Writer-in-Residence

We are thrilled to announce **LeUyen Pham** as our inaugural **American Library in Paris Children's Writer-in-Residence**, a pilot initiative to foster creative exchange between children's literature and the Library community.



2026 Writer-in-Residence

LeUyen Pham is the award-winning and critically acclaimed illustrator of more than one hundred books for children. LeUyen (pronounced Lay-Win) is the Caldecott Honor-winning illustrator of *Bear Came Along* by Richard Morris and *Lunar New Year Love Story* by Gene Luen Yang (an NPR Best Book of the Year). Along with Shannon Hale, Uyen has created several iconic children's book series. With Shannon and Dean Hale, she created the middle grade series, *Princess in Black*, and with Shannon, she created the groundbreaking graphic memoirs *Real Friends*, *Best Friends*, and *Friends Forever*. Most recently, Shannon and Uyen have written and illustrated the *Itty-Bitty-Kitty-Corn* picture book series.

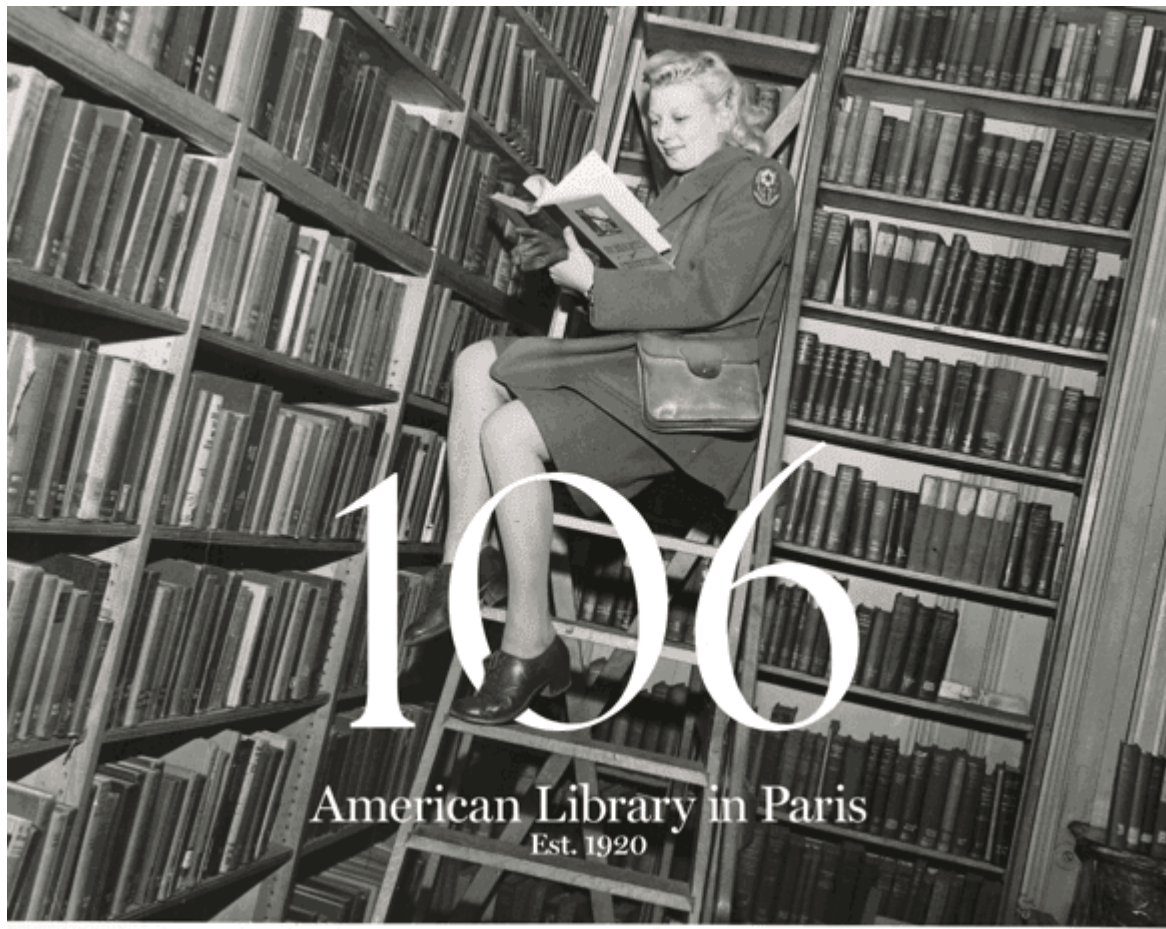
[More about the Children's Writer-in-Residence](#)

106 Years as the Home of the Thoughtful and Curious 1926 – 2026

On 20 May, we turned 106 years old! For over a century, the Library has brought readers, writers, and ideas together across generations and borders. Today, it remains a place of

discovery, conversation, and cultural exchange at the heart of Paris.

Thank you to everyone who has shaped this story with us.



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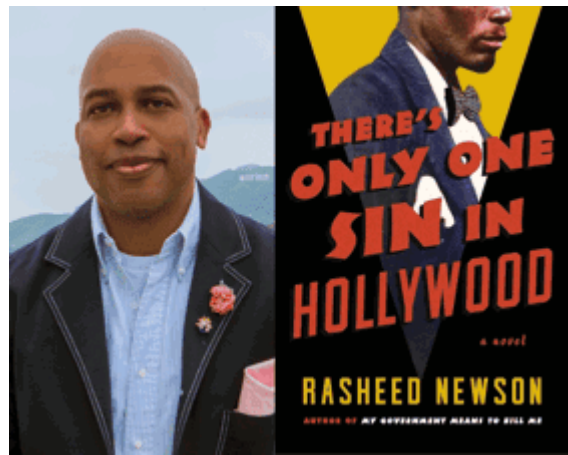
To celebrate the Library's birthday, [Story Hour](#) guests were treated to a special reading by **Kwame Alexander**, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of 45 books, including *Why Fathers Cry at Night*, *The Mighty Macy*, *Black Star*, *J vs. K*, *Say Yes* and *The Crossover*, his Newbery Medal-winning novel turned Emmy Award-winning TV series.

Missed it? Come by the Children's Library to browse and borrow his wonderful books!



Good News From the Writers Among Us

Time to add a new title to your to-be-read list! 2025–26 Visiting Fellow **Rasheed Newson**'s latest novel is coming out on 2 June. *There's Only One Sin in Hollywood* is a cinematic, razor-sharp novel following a backlot fixer's daring investigation into the suspicious death of a closeted Black actor within the glamorous world of Hollywood. Newson is the bestselling author of *My Government Means to Kill Me* and was in residency at the Library this past March.



Congratulations to 2018–19 Visiting Fellow **Hala Alyan** on being named 2026 Pulitzer Prize finalist for *I'll Tell You When I'm Home: A Memoir*. During her fellowship at the Library, Alyan worked on her novel *The Arsonists' City* (2021), finalist for the Aspen Words Literary Prize, about a family that unravels as its members come together to sell their ancestral home in Beirut.



The Library has long been a home not only for established voices, but also for those writing their way toward publication. Library friend and Communications Lead **Alexandra F. Coego** secured a publishing deal for her debut novel, *Confessions*, much of which was written within our walls. "Writing can be a lonely endeavor, but never at the Library. You're surrounded by readers, aspiring writers, inspiring authors... There's a real sense of kinship," she said.





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



[\(Patron Circle\) Law in a Changing America with Andrew Weissmann](#)

In-person

Wednesday 27 May at 19h00 CET

This event is reserved for [Library Patron Circle](#) members.

In this lecture, bestselling author and MSNOW legal commentator **Andrew Weissmann** draws on more than two decades at the Department of Justice—including his roles as General Counsel of the FBI and a senior lawyer on the Mueller investigation—to offer a rare insider's view of law under political pressure.

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[Bringing Stories to Life: A Conversation with Nikki Grimes and E.B. Lewis](#)

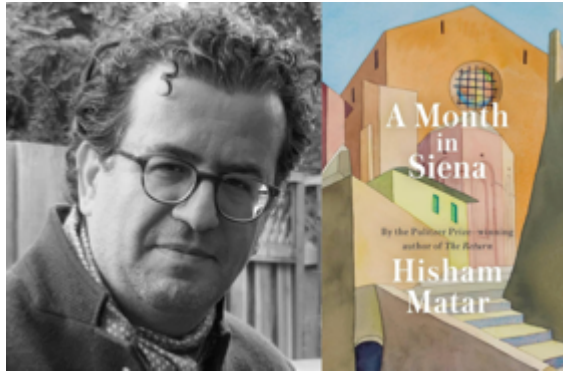
(ages 7–adult)

In-person

Friday 29 May at 18h00 CET

Join award-winners, author **Nikki Grimes** and illustrator and fine artist **E.B. Lewis**, for a conversation about how they create original works of historical fiction, fiction, and memoir. These two prolific creators of children's literature will be together on stage for the first time for a conversation focusing on their individual works and as well as their collaborations: *Stronger Than* and *Talking About Bessie: the Story of Aviator Bessie Coleman*.

RSVP for In-Person



WAYS of SEEING

[Ways of Seeing with Hisham Matar](#)

In-person and Zoom

Tuesday 2 June at 19h30 CET

In the Library's final *Ways of Seeing* event, Pulitzer Prize-winning author **Hisham Matar** invites us to dwell with a single painting—Titian's *Man with a Glove*—allowing its details, textures, and silences to emerge over time. Drawing on the sensibility he brings to *A Month in Siena*, Matar allows us to explore what happens when we give a work of art our full attention.

RSVP for In-Person and Zoom



[Annual General Meeting](#)

In-person and Zoom

Tuesday 9 June at 19h00 CET

All members of the American Library in Paris are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, **9 June 2026 at 19:00**. The Library Executive Director, Chairman of the Board, and Board Trustees will report on activities in 2025.

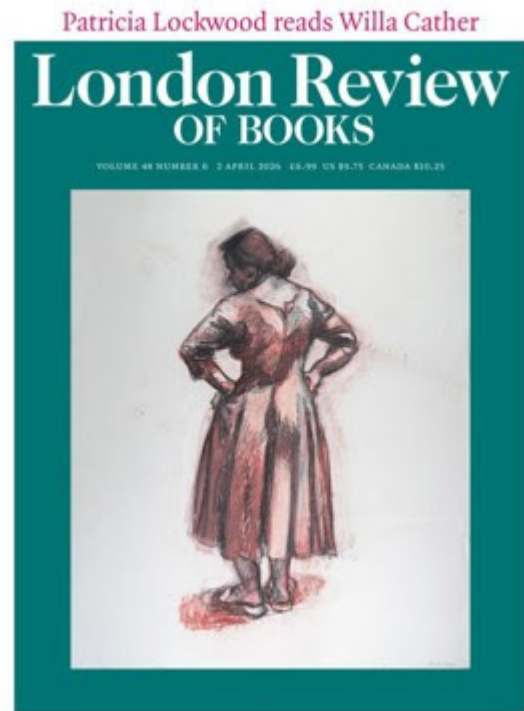
The meeting is open to Library members; no RSVP required.

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Children's Events Highlights



[Story Hour: Rad Robots](#) (ages 3–5) Wednesday 27 May at 14h30

[Bringing Stories to Life: A Conversation with Nikki Grimes and E.B. Lewis](#) (ages 7–adult) Friday May 29 at 18h00

[Saturday Series: Picture Puzzles](#) (ages 6–12) Saturday 30 May at 11h00

[Family Concert with Lauren Libaw and Ian Tindale](#) (all ages) Saturday 6 June at 15h00

Teens' Events Highlights

[Blackout Poetry](#) (ages 14–18) Saturday 30 May at 15h00

[Teen Night: 14th Annual Literary Reaping](#) (ages 12–18) Friday 5 June at 19h00



 [Stiring the Pot: Paris Dining Today with Lindsey Tramuta, Carina Soto Velasquez and Nora Bouazzouni](#)

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