

## The American Library in Paris

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e-Libris

Please note that e-Libris will be taking a short break, returning with our *rentrée* issue on 4 September. Have a great summer!

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### Director's Note

#### A Summer Rubik's Cube

This summer the American Library will be rectifying a longstanding peculiarity in the way its book collections are physically arranged. For years, even decades, the Library's biography, mystery, art, and fiction collections each have been divided – partly on the mezzanine and partly on the ground floor, under no useful organizing principle.

Executing this dramatic shift of tens of thousands of books -- a librarian's Rubik's cube -- will require the **use of a portion of the reading room as a work space** during the summer months. Books temporarily unavailable in open stacks can be retrieved by staff and volunteers. We apologize for the temporary inconvenience, and wish you a safe and pleasant summer. For the full story, read more [on the Library's blog](#).

#### Summer Opening Hours Reminder

The Library will be **closed on Sundays during July and August** beginning 1 July, and resuming on 2 September.

Opening hours for 31 July -18 August inclusive:

- Tuesday-Friday: 13h00-19h00



### Kids and teens

#### Attention Teens!

Friday 6 July

19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)

*Pizza and Movie Night: Grease*

Join us at the American



Library in Paris for a screening of the American cult classic, *Grease*, followed by a discussion of slang then and now. [Make sure to RSVP so that we know how much pizza to order!](#)

Saturday 7 July

15h00-16h00 (ages 6+)

*Red, White & Blue - Bleu, Blanc et Rouge*

Learn more about the two fêtes



nationales coming up, 4th of July and Bastille Day, and

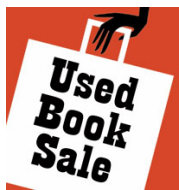
- Saturday: 10h00-16h00
- Sunday: CLOSED
- There are **no monthly book sales** in July and August.

The Library will also be **closed** on the following upcoming French holidays: Saturday 14 July - Fête Nationale & Wednesday 15 August - Assumption.

**Story Hour & Lap Sit:** On 1, 8, and 22 August the Library will hold one session of Story Hour each Wednesday at 14h30. **There is no scheduled Story Hour on 15 August as the Library is closed for Assumption.** Upcoming Mother Goose Lap-sit dates are 5 & 19 July (10h30 & 17h00). We will hold one Lap-sit session on the 9 & 23 August (17h00 only).

## Savvy Shopper Alert: Used Book Sale

Saturday 7 July, 10h00 - 19h00



Join us at for the next monthly used book sale on **Saturday only** featuring hundreds of gently used adult and children's fiction and nonfiction books in hardcover and paperback. Pick out some new-to-you books and in turn, help the Library continue to renew its permanent collection. Hardbacks €3, softcovers €2 and €1. [Find out more here.](#)

For details on how to donate books to the Library, see the [Book Bags & Book Donations](#) page on our website.

## And coming in the evenings this autumn . . .

We had an amazing year of programs at the Library and warm thanks goes out to the Annenberg Foundation and gifts from members and donors for allowing us to host these programs. There is much to anticipate for evenings coming this autumn, so here's a preview of what's to come:

help us decorate the children's room with some red, white and blue symbols from France and the USA.

[Check it out here.](#)

## Saturday 11 August 13h00-14h00 (ages 6+)

*Day of Dinos*

Come test your dinosaur knowledge



with some deadly dinosaur quizzes and activities.

Palaeontologists unite!

No sign-up required!

## Through 15 September (ages 5+)

*Summer Reading Club*

The summer reading club for kids and teens.



It's a great way to have fun and encourage reading during the summer months. [Get the scoop!](#)

## And always...

### Mother Goose Lap Sit for children ages 1-3

5 & 19 July - 10h30 & 17h00; 9 & 23 August 17h00 session only

Rhymes, songs, and stories in English two

**Russell Shorto** discusses his work in progress on Amsterdam ... **Francesca Bogonovi** and **Peter Gumbel** on *Let's read them a story: The Parent Factor in Education* ... Award-winning photographer **Peter Turnley** presents *Moments of the Human Condition* ... A panel discussion on all things Parisian with **Marjorie Williams** and **Harriet Welty Rochefort** ... **Anne Korkeakivi** introduces *An Unexpected Guest* ... **Peter Brooks** reimagines Napoleon ... **Paula Deitz** speaks Of Gardens ... A documentary film on **Carl Sandburg** ... College night with **Aristotle Circle** and the **Fulbright Commission** ... **Elyane Dezon-Jones** on Marcel Proust ... and more!



Thursdays a month for 30 minutes. All children must be accompanied by an adult lap and [registration is required](#).

### Wednesday Story Hour

10h30 & 14h30 (ages 3-5)

There will be **no morning sessions** from 1 to 22 August. Drop-in sessions on Wednesdays. Spend an hour with friends and some good books.

Unless otherwise stated, all children and teen programs are free for Library members and 10 euros for non-members. Find out how to [become a member](#).

Watch e-Libris in September, pick up the September Ex Libris, or consult the Library website after August 15th for the rentrée calendar of events. Bonnes vacances!

All evening events at the Library are free and open to the public. We are grateful to the Annenberg Foundation for its continuing support of Evenings with an Author.

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