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Happy holidays from the Library

All of us at the American Library in Paris – the staff and trustees, the volunteers and interns – wish our members, friends and supporters a joyful holiday season. At this time of year, we count our blessings, and among them is a literate, eclectic, curious, and dynamic membership. Thank you for your presence at the Library and, member or not, your generous response to our appeals for donations.



Please remember that the Library will suspend its operating hours during the holidays. The last day of operation before the break is **Wednesday 23 December**. The first day the Library is open again is **Tuesday 5 January** 2016.

Need a last-minute gift? A Library membership for 2016 is always appreciated, and it's a gift that keeps giving all year. An all-cotton American Library in Paris tote bag is another inexpensive way to please a loved one and share your enthusiasm for this indispensable institution.

See you at the Library in the New Year!

Charles Trueheart, Director

Renewing books during the holidays

During our holiday closure (see above), you can always renew your books online with [My Account](#) and you can return books through our book slot, seven days a week and at any hour. We also offer extended borrowing periods during the holidays. Contact the circulation desk if you need a specific due date.

Programs highlights for January 2016

The new year kicks off with our monthly used book sale on Saturday and Sunday 9 and 10 January. Come browse through our selection of new, lightly used and well-loved books for all ages and interests.

Teens



Mock Caldecott

**Wednesday 9 December -
Saturday 9 January
17h00-18h30 (ages 12-18)**

Join us for the Library's second Mock Caldecott event. You can read a book from our selection and fill out a ballot to rate the story and illustrations and then cast your vote for your favorite picture book of 2015. Ballots can be found just outside the Children's Library.



Crack the Code: Cryptography & Code-breaking

**Friday 15 January
19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)**

Come try your hand at code-breaking and cryptography through games and challenges we've prepared for you.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



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Join the Paris Spelling Bee with a "Pizza and Family Movie Night" on [Saturday 9 January](#) at 19h00. We will be screening the film *Akeelah and the Bee* about a precocious eleven-year-old girl from south Los Angeles who has a talent for words. After the movie, participants can register for the 8th Annual Paris Spelling Bee, which is open to children in CM1 to 6ème (ages 8-12). You can sign up for the movie night [here](#).



On [Tuesday 12 January](#) at 19h30, artist Amélie Barthélemy, whose exhibition *Return From a Voyage* is on display at the Library through 31 January, will discuss the relationship between nature and her artwork in a slideshow presentation. She will also talk about how works by Pablo Picasso, Per Kirkeby, William Kentridge, Henry Moore and Antoine Bourdelle have influenced her own artwork.



On [Tuesday 19 January](#) at 19h30, Dr. John F. Murray, author of *How Aging Works: What Science Can Do About It*, will explore aging and how medicine, a healthy lifestyle, and your mind can slow down its effects.

On [Wednesday 20 January](#), author Mary Fleming will talk about her book *Someone Else*.

Books we are eagerly awaiting in 2016

A wide range of new books are on their way to the Library, and will be on the shelves when we reopen on Tuesday 5 January. The titles we're most anticipating include *Beatlebone* by Kevin Barry, *SPQR* by Mary Beard, *London Fog* by Christine Corton, *Welcome to Night Vale* by Joseph Fink, *Only What's Necessary* by Chip Kidd, *Pastrami on Rye* by Ted Merwin, *The Curse of Jacob Tracy* by Holly Messinger, *The Muralist* by B.B. Shapiro, *First Bite* by Bee Wilson, and *The Invention of Science* by David Wootton.



Others to look forward to are new books by Mitch Albom, Rick Bragg, Tessa Hadley, Ted Koppel, Peggy Noonan, John Sandford, Ludmila Ulitskaya, and Simon Winchester. New biographies and autobiographies will include portraits of Drew Barrymore, William Finnegan, Frederick Forsyth, Jerry Garcia, Genghis Khan, Sam Phillips, David Pryce-Jones, Frank Sinatra, and Kurt Vonnegut.

And, let's not forget new mysteries and thrillers forthcoming by Benjamin Black, Jean-Philippe Blondel, Andrea Camilleri, Ann Cleeves, Robert Crais, Janet Evanovich, Robert Galbraith, Gregg Hurwitz, Faye Kellerman, Val McDermid, and others. Be sure to check the Library catalog in the new year for these great new reads!

Library Culture Picks: December

The Library is pleased to share our selection of cultural events going on in the city this month. Despite all that has happened



Inside Animation: Coraline Friday 29 January

19h00-21h30 (ages 12-18)
Join us for a screening of the 2009 animated film *Coraline* with CG animator and stereographer John Benson. John will talk about how the film was made and give you and inside look at the stop-motion process.

[Sign-up is required.](#)

Kids



Intro to Spelling Bees

**Saturday 9 January
12h00-13h30 (ages 8-12)**

Join the Paris Spelling Bee team during this Saturday afternoon workshop and discover the keys to spelling like a champ! We'll discuss bee history and logistics, and learn how to register for this year's competition.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Pizza and Family

Movie Night: Akeelah and the Bee

**Saturday 9 January
19h00-21h30 (ages 8-12)**

Join the Paris Spelling Bee team for a screening of the film *Akeelah and the Bee*. After the movie, you can register for the 8th Annual Paris Spelling Bee. Pizza and refreshments will be served

recently, December remains a month that glitters and gleams in Paris, from the elaborate window displays of the *grands magasins* to the lights all along the Champs-Élysées to the open-air ice-skating rinks.



Our Culture Picks for December include the *Picasso.Mania* exhibition, the highly-acclaimed musical *Singin' in the Rain*, and an exhibition of the works by French cartoon artist Claire Bretecher. As always, we've selected some books from our collection to go along with these cultural offerings. Read more on our [Library blog](#).

Upcoming Events

Saturday 9 January | 10h00-19h00

Sunday 10 January | 13h00-19h00

Used Book Sale

Join us for the first used book sale of the new year! Refresh your collection by picking out a few pre-owned books from our sale.

Saturday 9 January | 19h00

Pizza and Family Movie Night *Akeelah and the Bee*

Join the Paris Spelling Bee team as we screen the movie *Akeelah and the Bee*. Registration for the 8th Annual Paris Spelling Bee is open after the movie. This event is open to families with children ages 8-12. Pizza and drinks will be provided and a 5€ donation is suggested per child.

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Amélie Barthélemy - *Evenings with an artist*

Arist Amélie Barthélemy will discuss the relationship between nature and her artwork in a slide presentation.

Tuesday 19 January | 19h30

Dr. John F. Murray - *Evenings with an author*

Dr. John F. Murray explores aging and how to slow down its effects in his book *How Aging Works: What Science Can Do About It*.

Wednesday 20 January | 19h30

Mary Fleming - *Evenings with an author*

Mary Fleming talks about her book *Someone Else*.

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

Program dates and speakers are subject to change.

Please check the website for updates, see the [Events and Programs](#) page.

before the screening.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Caldecott Party

Saturday 16 January

15h00-16h30 (ages 5+)

Join us on Saturday 16 January as we read a selection of the Caldecott winners for 2016. Then we'll announce the winner of the Library's own second Mock Caldecott award. *No sign-up necessary! Parents welcome!*

And always...

Wednesday Story Hour for children ages 3-5

Story Hour takes place at 10h30 and 14h30 every Wednesday.

Please note: There will be no Story Hour on Wednesday 23 December. Regular Story Hour will resume on 6 January.

Please [check here](#) for the full schedule.

No sign-up necessary!

Mother Goose Lap Sit 10h30 and 17h00 (ages 1-3)

7, 21 January

Rhymes, songs, and stories in

English two Thursdays a month.

All children must be accompanied by an adult lap and registration is required.

Unless otherwise stated, all children's and teen's programs are free for Library members and 10 euros for non-members.

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