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Holiday closure

Please note the Library will be closed on Friday 11 November for Armistice Day (Armistice 1918).

"The Burdens of Brotherhood" wins the 2016 Library Book Award

Historian Ethan B. Katz's exploration of Jews and Muslims in North Africa who migrated to France in the 20th century, *The Burdens of Brotherhood*, has won the 2016 American Library in Paris Book Award.

The \$5,000 annual prize for the most distinguished English-language book about France was presented to the author last Thursday evening at the George C. Marshall Center on place de la Concorde. The ceremony was attended by nearly 100 Library supporters.



Katz, an associate professor of history at the University of Cincinnati, spoke about the writing of the book and the prospects for eased tensions between these two communities in France. Check the Library's [website](#) for more details about the award including the press release, a transcript of Katz's comments, and a [photo gallery](#) of the award ceremony.

Paris at war, the meat puzzle, and New Yorker cartoons

[Tonight](#), David Drake presents his book *Paris at War*, which was shortlisted for the Library's 2016 Book Award, in conversation with journalist Alan Riding. The book chronicles the lives of ordinary Parisians from the beginning of the war through Liberation.

[Tomorrow night](#), Marta Zernicka explores what she calls the

Teens



Master Shot Film Club

Saturday 12 November
17h00-18h30 (ages 12-18)

Aspiring filmmakers are invited to join the Master Shot Film Club led by filmmaker and writer Clarence Tokley. The purpose of this club is to have the opportunity to make high quality short films.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Teen Writing Group

Saturday 19 November
17h00-18h30 (ages 12-18)

Join fellow aspiring writers in a relaxed and creative setting where you can share your ideas, get feedback, and work on your technique. Participants are asked to bring in a sample of their writing to share.

This club is full.

Tomorrow night, Maria Zaraska explores what she calls the "meat puzzle" about our love of meat despite the harmful effects to our bodies and the environment in *Meathooked: The History and Science of our 2.5-Million-Year Obsession with Meat*. Zaraska takes us on a witty tour of meat cultures around the world and reveals the interplay of forces that have kept us hooked on animal protein across time. Come and find out why humanity loves meat so much.



On Tuesday 15 November, the Library will be screening the documentary *Very Semi-Serious*, an offbeat meditation on humor, art, and the genius of the single panel. The film takes an unprecedented behind-the-scenes look at the *New Yorker*, and introduces the cartoon legends and hopefuls who create the iconic cartoons that have inspired, baffled - and occasionally pissed off - all of us for decades. The screening will be followed by a Q&A with director Leah Wolchok.



Workshop on writing plots and battling writers' block

Jessica Levine, who in 2014-15 led an academic year-long writing workshop, returns to the Library on Saturday 3 December at 14h00 to lead another one, this time a one-off that focuses on plots and subplots. Levine will discuss story structure and the ways in which a main plot can be enriched by subplots. The workshop will be limited to 10 people. Please come with 11 copies of your story idea or plot summary, which should be a maximum of 300 words.



There is still space left for the theatre workshop to battle writers' block led by American theater-maker and director Simón Adinía Hanukai on Thursday 17 November at 19h00. Participants will be guided through a variety of games and activities that will help expose them to a fresh new way of physically brainstorming ideas and generating content.

Workshops are free for Library members and those with a day pass. RSVP can be made to rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org.

Halloween Extravaganza thanks!

This year the Library welcomed hundreds of guests for our annual Halloween Extravaganza on 29 October! Eric the Magician and Jean O'Sullivan performed at our children's parties during the day, treating us to special festive shows.



At dusk, the Library once again turned into the Haunted Library, with a cast of over 20 volunteers acting out the roles of creepy literary characters as guests were led through the stacks on candlelit tours. We can't thank our volunteers enough for helping to make the Halloween Extravaganza possible, and for dedicating their time, talents and energy to the event!



Bad Art Night

Friday 25 November

19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)

Talented artists, amateurs and anyone who just wants to come make a big mess with paint, clay, glitter, decoupage and pastels - you're all invited to a night of bad art at the Library. Free your imagination and forget the rules as we compete to make the worst art possible.

Sign-up is required.

Kids



Magic Class with Eric the Magician

Saturday 12 November

12h00-13h30

Join Eric the Magician for an afternoon introduction to magic. During this workshop, you'll learn some amazing magic tricks with everyday objects.

This club is full.



Family Game Day

Saturday 12 November

15h00-16h30

Stop by the Library for a day of fun and games. Challenge the librarian or one of our volunteers to a game of Scrabble, Battleship, Boggle, or one of your own games.

No sign-up necessary!

For more Halloween thanks, please check out the [Library blog](#) and check the Library [Flickr](#) and [Instagram](#) for more photos.

Read our magazines on Zinio

Over the last year Library members checked out over 3000 electronic magazines through Zinio. Two weekly classics, the *New Yorker* and the *Economist*, were by far our most popular, but the *New York Review of Books* and *Vanity Fair* weren't far behind. *National Geographic*, *Cook's Illustrated*, and *Good Housekeeping* were also favorites.



As a reminder, members may access Zinio initially through the Library catalog and then sync their accounts to an easy-to-use app on almost any device. New magazine issues arrive electronically often before the print version becomes available, and members may even set up automatic email alerts to let them know when new issues have hit the virtual stands. Library staff are always happy to help members discover and use e-resources on any device.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 8 November | 19h30

David Drake - *Evenings with an Author*

David Drake will talk about ordinary Parisians during WWII in his new book *Paris at War*, which was shortlisted for the Library's 2016 Book Award.

Wednesday 9 November | 19h30

Marta Zaraska - *Evenings with an Author*

Marta Zaraska will explore our love of meat despite its harmful effects in *Meathooked: Our 2.5-Million-Year Obsession with Meat*.

Tuesday 15 November | 19h30

Very Semi-Serious - *documentary screening*

The Library will screen *Very Semi-Serious* about *New Yorker* cartoon legends.

Wednesday 16 November | 19h30

Beaujolais wine-tasting workshop

Joshua Adler will lead a wine-tasting workshop on natural wines from Beaujolais. Cost is 35€ per person. Send an RSVP to Grant Rosenberg at rosenberg@americanlibraryinpairs.org.

Thursday 17 November | 19h00

Theatre workshop for writers

Simón Adinia Hanukai will lead a fun and fast-paced workshop to battle writers' block. Workshop is free for Library members and those with a day pass. RSVP to Grant Rosenberg at rosenberg@americanlibraryinpairs.org.

Parents welcome!



Thank You For ... (A Writing Workshop for ages 8-12)

**Saturday 19 November
12h00-13h30**

Join us for a workshop dedicated to saying "thank you". Learn to write a letter for a special person or people in your life, and say how grateful you are for them. Take it home as a reminder or send it to them! We'll supply the stationery!

[Sign-up is required.](#)



Thanksgiving Thank-O-Rama

**Saturday 19 November
15h00-16h30 (ages 6+)**

Learn about the traditions of Thanksgiving and how it is celebrated during our special Thank-O-Rama, and practice writing a thank-you note. You'll even get to taste a few traditional Thanksgiving treats during this special holiday event.

No sign-up necessary!

Parents welcome!

And always...

Wednesday Story Hour for children ages 3-5

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

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

No sign-up necessary!

**Toddler Time
10h30 and 17h00
(ages 1-3)**

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.

Rhymes, songs, and stories in English two Thursdays a month.

17 November

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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