



# The American Library in Paris

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## Library Spring Egg-Stravaganza

Come and celebrate spring on [Saturday 15 April](#) at 11h00 (for ages 0-5) and 15h00 (for ages 6+) with some fun spring stories followed by an egg-tastic hunt through the Library! Learn about traditions and symbols from spring celebrations around the world during a colorful story time full of fun, fact, and fiction. Then join us for an egg hunt with chocolate and prizes!



Children are encouraged to bring a basket for the egg hunt. Parents are welcome and no registration is needed. This event is free for Library members and those with a day pass.

## French elections, women in science, Jacqueline Woodson, and artists' books

On [Wednesday 5 April](#), join us for a panel discussion on the direction of the French presidential elections with journalists Guillemette Faure and Scott Sayare. With the first round of voting for the next French president later this month, there are many questions of how the political landscape is shifting. Both journalists will give their assessment of the stakes at hand.

On [Wednesday 12 April](#), author and doctor Penny Noyce will present four centuries of remarkable women in science. Despite the expectations and social restrictions of their time, many women became pioneers in science and medicine. Noyce's talk will examine how women overcame their assigned status to contribute to science, with a special emphasis on



## Teens



### Master Shot Film Club

**Saturday 8 April**

**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.

**This club is full.**



### U.S. College Admission: with Cathy Altman Noquet and Caroline Bouffard

**Saturday 22 April**

**17h00-18h30 (ages 15-18)**

Just in time for fall

applications, join us for a presentation on the U.S. college application process, from school selection to the all-important essay. Bring your questions and prepare to do a

status to contribute to science, with a special emphasis on those who had a French connection - from the midwife who wrote the first textbook on obstetrics to the Curies and beyond.



On [Wednesday 19 April](#), spring Visiting Fellow Jacqueline Woodson will speak on race, culture, and sexual identity as part of her month-long residence at the Library. Woodson won the National Book Award for her memoir *Brown Girl Dreaming*, which also received the Coretta Scott King Award and Newbery Honor. Woodson will also do a reading and Q&A on [Saturday 29 April](#) at 17h00 for children (ages 8+) with teens and adults welcome.

On [Saturday 22 April](#) at 14h00 in the conference room, join Ricardo Bloch, photographer and book artist, for a discussion on artists' books and conceptions of what a book can be. Bloch will explore how artists' books are unique objects, each an exploration of an idea, as well as showcasing his own works. To RSVP, email [rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org](mailto:rosenberg@americanlibraryinparis.org).

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## Special event with comedian Jim Gaffigan

On [Wednesday 26 April](#) at 19h30, stand-up comedian Jim Gaffigan who will sit down with programs manager Grant Rosenberg and discuss his career, his comedy, and his creative process. Gaffigan is a Grammy-nominated actor, writer, producer, and two-time *New York Times* best-selling author of *Dad is Fat* and *Food: A Love Story*. He has also starred in many television comedies and dramas including *Portlandia* and *Law & Order*.



Due to demand, reservations are required and a donation of 20€ per person is requested for this event. Please fill out this [online RSVP form](#) to reserve a seat.

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## Send a postcard to the White House

The Library is pleased to host an afternoon of civic engagement with PAGE (Progressive Action, Global Exchange). No matter your political leaning, join PAGE Paris on Saturday afternoon 29 April from 12h00-17h00 to learn more about important issues like healthcare, immigration, and climate change. Come and find out how to contact your representatives and get active in the politics at home.



questions and prepare to do a few writing exercises.

[Sign-up is required.](#)



### Writing From Your Heart with Jane Mollie

**Friday 28 April**

**19h00-21h00 (ages 12-18)**

Join writer and coach Jane Mollie for a writing from your heart workshop, back by popular demand!

[Sign-up is required.](#)

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## Kids



### Magic Class with Eric the Magician

**Saturday 8 April**

**12h00-13h30 (ages 8-12)**

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

[Sign-up is required.](#)



### Family Game Day

**Saturday 8 April**

**15h00-16h30 (all ages)**

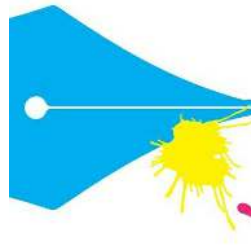
Join us for an afternoon of fun and games. Challenge us to a game of Boggle, Battleship, Bananagrams, or Clue, or bring your own game. You can even challenge us to a game of Twister!

*No sign-up necessary!*

*Parents welcome!*

# Huge turnout for 2017 YAFF!

The [2017 Young Authors Fiction Festival](#) had one of the largest intakes of submissions in its history, with nearly 500 stories submitted by its 1 April deadline. Young authors from more than 30 schools and writing programs throughout Paris participated in this creative writing initiative organized by the Library.



The stories will now be sent to a panel of 60 judges and finalists will be notified in mid-May.

All participants of YAFF are invited to attend the celebration event on Friday 2 June at the Library. More details will be forthcoming on the Library website. A big congratulations to all the young authors for being part of YAFF, and thanks to the team of staff and volunteers who processed the hundreds of stories!



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## Upcoming Events

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Join PAGE (Paris) and learn more about U.S. politics and important issues like climate change, healthcare, and immigration.

## 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)**

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

**6, 20 April**

*All children must be accompanied by an adult lap.*

[Sign-up is required.](#)

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

**Find out how to [become a member](#).**

**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.**

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

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