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Special Panels Announced



The Library is proud to announce two very special upcoming programs:

Panel Discussion: Reflections on the American Dream Today—The View from France

Tuesday 27 October at 19h30 via Zoom

Hear the French perspective on the state of the American Dream leading up to the 2020 US elections.

Writers Reading during the Pandemic:

A Panel with Joyce Carol Oates, Edmund White, and Sheila Kohler

Thursday 29 October at 19h30 via Zoom

Acclaimed authors Edmund White, Sheila Kohler, and Joyce Carol Oates (pictured above) will discuss what they have been reading in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic and how it has shaped their responses to the outbreak of the virus and its resulting challenges.

We expect these programs to fill up, so sign up early to reserve your spot.

Virtual Programs for Adults

All programs, including *Evenings with an Author*, book groups, and workshops, will continue virtually for the present time.



Evening with an Author: Harriet Welty Rochefort in conversation with Alan Riding

Tuesday 13 October at 19h30 via Zoom

Join us for an interview with Harriet Welty Rochefort about her new book, *Final Transgression*, a story of two sisters, Caroline and Séverine, with very different trajectories and whose lives and destinies are profoundly altered by the outbreak and upheaval of WWII. Moderator Alan Riding is the former Paris bureau chief and European cultural correspondent for *The New York Times*. His most recent book is *And The Show Went On: Cultural Life in Nazi-Occupied Paris*.

Free and open to the public via Zoom.

[RSVP required](#) to receive meeting details and password.



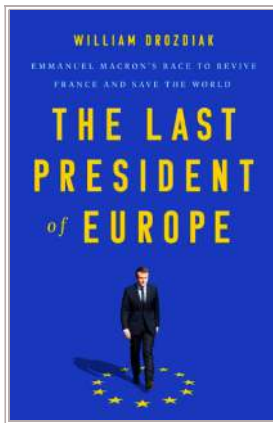
Evening with an Author: Dalia Sofer

Wednesday 14 October at 19h30 via Zoom

Please join us for a reading and interview with author Dalia Sofer to learn more about her latest novel, *Man of My Time*. Set in Tehran and New York, *Man of My Time* is the story of Hamid Mozaffarian, who, after decades of working with ambivalence for the Iranian government, travels on a diplomatic mission to New York, where he encounters his estranged family and retrieves the ashes of his father. Exploring variations of loss, *Man of My Time* is not only about family and memory, but also about the relationship between captor and captive, country and citizen, and individual and history.

Free and open to the public via Zoom.

[RSVP required](#) to receive meeting details and password.



Evening with an Author: William Drozdiak in conversation with Elaine Sciolino

Tuesday 20 October at 19h30 via Zoom

William Drozdiak will speak about his new book, *The Last President of Europe: Emmanuel Macron's Race to Revive France and Save the World*, in which he delivers the inside story of the daunting challenges Macron has faced as the last staunch defender of Europe: Trump's attacks on NATO and the international order, Merkel's weakness, Italy's government of nihilists and satirists, the *Gilets Jaunes*, the resurgence of anti-Semitism, and the turmoil of Brexit. This event will be moderated by Elaine Sciolino, contributing writer and former Paris bureau chief for *The New York Times*.

Free and open to the public via Zoom.

[RSVP required](#) to receive meeting details and password.



Writing Workshop with Susan Tiberghien

Thursday 22 October at 19h00 via Zoom

Interested in moving forward with a writing project in the wake of what has been an extremely turbulent year? Join us for a multi-genre workshop, "Finding Our Stories for a New Tomorrow," with author and writing instructor Susan Tiberghien. Susan will share her approach, guide us through writing prompts, and answer any questions you might have about technique and practice. An American writer living in Geneva, Susan is the author of four memoirs.

Library Members only; meeting via Zoom.

[RSVP required](#) to receive meeting details and password.



Panel Discussion: Reflections on the American Dream Today—The View from France

Tuesday 27 October at 19h30 via Zoom

Is the American Dream still alive? If so, to what extent, and for whom? We'll hear the French perspective on the state of the American Dream leading up to the 2020 US elections. This panel will feature Dr. Lauric Henneton and Dr. Guillaume Marche, French scholars of the United States, and will be moderated by journalist Anne-Elisabeth Moutet. We'll learn how the French are interpreting signals coming from the United States that provide insight into the health of the American Dream, and we'll explore how drastically these factors have changed in recent years, especially under Presidents Obama and Trump.

Library Members only; meeting via Zoom.

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[Writers Reading during the Pandemic: A Panel with Joyce Carol Oates, Edmund White, and Sheila Kohler](#)

Thursday 29 October at 19h30 via Zoom

Please join us for a very special panel with acclaimed authors Joyce Carol Oates, Edmund White, and Sheila Kohler. They'll discuss what they have been reading in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic and how it has shaped their responses to the outbreak of the virus and its resulting challenges, including illness, confinement and quarantine, isolation and loneliness, anxiety about the health of our loved ones, and frustration stemming from the responses of our leaders.

Library Members only; meeting via Zoom.

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Past programs on YouTube, including recent Evenings with Kirstin Chen, Clara Oropeza, and Mamta Chaudhry.



Listen to our podcast, Evenings with an Author, available wherever you get your podcasts.



Visit our Facebook page for information about upcoming virtual events and Evenings with an Author

Programming for Kids and Teens



[HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA: REGISTRATION OPEN](#)

Registration is open for Library members for our annual Halloween Extravaganza. (Registration for non-members opens 20 October.)

Sign up for one or more of the day's events, which include safe and socially-distanced

activities for all ages. Advanced registration is required to participate, so [RSVP now](#) to reserve your spot. Free for members, 15€ for non-members.

KIDS' EVENTS

Story Hour

(ages 3–5)

Wednesday 14 October at 14h30

Join us for an interactive Story Time in a (very) small group featuring reading, songs, and rhymes in English with one of our Children's and Teens' Services Librarians.

For Library members. [RSVP required](#).

Toddler Time [FULL]

(ages 1–3)

Thursday 15 October at 10h30

Join us for an interactive event in the park featuring reading, songs, and rhymes in English in a small group setting. This event will be moved indoors for a very small group if there's a chance of rain. Masks are required for all participants over the age of 11.

For Library members. This event is full.

Scary Stories: Write Your Own [VIRTUAL]

(ages 6–12)

Saturday 17 October at 11h00

Children and their grown-ups are invited to join us for an interactive writing workshop. You'll create your own haunted tale after reading a classic scary story— not for the faint of heart!

For Library members. [RSVP required](#).

Halloween Tales [VIRTUAL]

(ages 6–12)

Saturday 24 October at 11h00

Enjoy classic Halloween tales, Halloween trivia, and discover the roots of Halloween traditions during this interactive, live event with Children's and Teens' Services Manager Celeste and volunteers.

For Library members. [RSVP required](#).

Story Hour [VIRTUAL]

(ages 3–5)

Wednesday 28 October at 10h30

Join us for a live, virtual, interactive story time direct to your home. This event features reading, songs, and rhymes in English.

For Library members. [RSVP required](#).

Halloween Extravaganza

(all ages)

Saturday 31 October

Register for one or more of the day's events, which include safe and socially-distanced activities for all ages: a virtual dance party, Halloween Story Times in very small groups, a costume contest, and more! Registered participants will receive a Halloween Fun Pack (to be collected in advance) which will allow you to decorate, celebrate, and play at home!

Registration is open now for members, and opens on 20 October for non-members.

Space is limited, and you must register in advance to participate.

Free for members, 15€ for non-members.

[RSVP required](#).

TEENS' EVENTS

Casting Call:

Haunted Paris Halloween Tours

(ages 14–adult)

Friday 16 October at 18h00

Help us create an evening of scares for visitors who attend the Halloween Extravaganza on Saturday 31 October by joining the cast of our Haunted Paris Halloween Tours. Amateur and professional actors as well as fans of scary stories are all welcome to take part! Contact Children's

Youth Leadership Program: First Meeting [Virtual/In-person](FULL)

(ages 14–18)

Friday 16 October at 19h00

Hosted by the Library with Toastmasters Paris.

By application. This group is full.

Halloween Decorations: Make Your Own [Virtual]

Friday 23 October at 19h00

and Teens' Service Manager Celeste Rhoads to find out more:
celeste@americanlibraryinparis.org

Haunted Paris Halloween Tours

(ages 8-adult)

Saturday 31 October, various timeslots.

Let our guides scare you as they lead you on a spooky Halloween tour of the 7th arrondissement in a small group during these 20 minute outdoor walking tours.

Free for Library members, 15€ for non-members.

[RSVP required.](#)

Join us for a creative workshop where we will create our own Halloween decorations using supplies readily available in most homes. Participants will be invited to pick up supplies at the Library before the event. Register before 15 October to save your spot! For Library members, [RSVP required.](#)



Upcoming virtual event by the Library's partner Pandemonium U:

Why have the Chinese rediscovered World War II?

With Rana Mitter, author of *China's Good War: How World War II Is Shaping a New Nationalism*

Friday 16 October @ 9:00 am Pacific / noon NY / 17:00 London / 18:00 Paris

Visit the [PAN U website](#) for detailed information.

PANDEMONIUM U is a free, online lecture series founded by journalist and author Pamela Druckerman and Financial Times journalist Simon Kuper. Pandemonium U and the American Library in Paris share a philosophy of promoting engaged civic discourse with world-class experts, thinkers, and writers.

Press Room

Learn about our Century Gala, our history, and what's new at 10, rue du Général Camou in a wide-ranging new article in [France Today](#) by [Barbara Gerber](#). The piece includes historical images, event photos, and even a peek at the new Mezzanine space, currently under construction.



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