



Alliance Française de la Péninsule de Monterey

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April 2021

Proverb of the month

Un mois d'avril pluvieux amène un été serein.

(A rainy April brings a serene summer)

Due to the exceptional circumstances surrounding the ongoing shelter-in-place order, upcoming monthly Alliance Française de la Péninsule de Monterey events will be held over Zoom. We very much look forward to starting in-person events again. In the meantime, we hope to see you at one of our regular monthly events on Zoom! Please take a moment to explore the options below. ***We'd love to hear from you if you have any suggestions on how we can better meet your needs and support your love for French during this shelter-in-place.*** Please email Nicole Chupka.

NB: If you do not already have Zoom, you will need to download the application prior to any event: <https://zoom.us/download>. Please contact your event host directly with any questions about how to access the meeting on your computer, iPad, or telephone.

Monthly Events

Executive meeting Saturday April 3 at 9am | Zoom

All Alliance members are invited to join the upcoming Executive meeting over Zoom. To join the meeting at the specified day and time, simply click [here](#).

Meeting ID: 830 4860 9611

Password: 969361

Apéro Conversation Wednesday April 7 from 5:30 to 6:30pm | Zoom

Join us from the comfort of your home as we practice spontaneous conversation over a beverage of your choice. Meeting ID: 575 069 664. Host Nicole Chupka will send a reminder email with a link a few days in advance.

1st Cercle du livre Sunday April 11 at 4pm | Zoom

A warm thank you to AF Director Jocelyne Muson who will be hosting the events! To join the meeting, click [here](#).

Meeting ID: 899 0484 5523

Password: 892076

Please contact Jocelyne directly with any questions.

Book: *Les Contes d'une Grand-Mère* by George Sand

Café Conversation Tuesday April 13 at 10am | Zoom

Venez bavarder avec nous / come chat with us! Thank you to AF Director Christian Dreyer for hosting this event. If you'd like to attend, please contact Christian directly.

Soirée Cinéma Sunday April 18 at 4pm | Zoom

Film: *Monsieur Lazhar*, 2011, 1h35, director Philippe Falardeau, with Mohamed Fellag

Plot: At a Montréal public grade school, an Algerian immigrant is hired to replace a popular teacher who committed suicide in her classroom. While helping his students deal with their grief, his own recent loss is revealed.

NB: Since we cannot gather together to watch the film, the Soirée Ciné event will be conducted as follows. Before the event, you can [watch the film on Amazon](#) at your convenience. Then, we will meet at 4pm the day-of to discuss the film over Zoom. A warm thank you to Director Pascale Richards-Deliens, who will facilitate the discussion. Details about how to join us will be shared via email closer to the event date.

2nd Cercle du livre Sunday April 25 at 4pm | Zoom

A warm thank you to AF Director Jocelyne Muson who will be hosting the events! To join the meeting, click [here](#).

Meeting ID: 899 0484 5523

Password: 892076

Please contact Jocelyne directly.

Book: *Les Contes d'une Grand-Mère* by George Sand

Déjeuner chez Bechler Thursday April 29 at 1pm | Zoom

Thank you to Director Christian Dreyer, who will be hosting this event. If you'd like to attend, please contact Christian directly.

New Member Perk!

Culturethèque: access a French digital library for free with your AF membership!

As a member of the Alliance Française, you now have the opportunity to access an extensive French digital library for free. The library offers French language daily newspapers, ebooks, audio books, podcasts, videos, conferences, music, and more! To take advantage of this amazing opportunity, contact board member Nicole Chupka to sign up. Subscriptions remain valid for as long as you are a paid Alliance Française member. Go to this link to find out more: <https://www.culturetheque.com/US/accueil-portal.aspx>

Events from the Federation of Alliances

Every month, the Federation of Alliances Françaises USA offers fun events over Zoom. From Yoga classes to academic lectures, from French films to art workshops, there is something for all Francophiles! To learn more, please visit their website: <https://afusa.org/featured-events/>. We will also be posting updates regularly on our Facebook page.

Past Events

Poetry Contest: The annual Poetry Contest was a great success! Congratulations to all the winners and to all the students who participated. During the semaine de la Francophonie, we shared the winning poems on our Facebook page, and on March 20, the winners read their writings out loud via Zoom. We are very impressed by the quality of the submissions. We also thank the teachers who have encouraged and inspired their students to participate. To read these beautiful poems, please consult [our Facebook page](#).

We enjoy sharing our love of the French language with you, whether it be at one of our three conversation groups or discussing French books and films. Thank you to our members who have joined us this past month!

Links of interest

- Two conferences with Céline Glon : [Renaissance in the Loire Valley](#), [The Cathedral of Chartres](#)
- [Virtual art history conferences](#) organized by Isabelle Kapp
- [Five free digital issues](#) of *France Today* for free browsing for AF members
- [Bonjour Paris](#). The insider's guide to Paris.
- [France-Amérique](#). A French magazine in the United States.
- Enjoy [the latest French films](#) at TV5Monde
- *La Grande Librairie*, a program on [the latest books published](#)
- French public radio (without advertising): [France Inter](#), [France Culture](#)

Announcements

The Alliance needs your help

If you have been wanting to become a more active member of the Alliance Française, now is the time! We currently seek volunteers to join our Board of Directors, as well as:

- A President
- A 1st Vice-President
- A 2nd Vice-President
- An Assistant Treasurer, who will get several months of training before being elected Treasurer

Please reach out to Catherine Zahm if you are interested in any of the above open positions; we very much could use your help. Keep in mind that this is *your* Alliance, and we need your active participation to keep this organization running strong.

Thank you!

We would like to thank Carol Barbero and Segal, Goldman & Glaser who made donations in Evelyn Miller's memory. These donations will be used in our scholarship fund, as Evelyn was a great supporter of education.

Welcome!

The Alliance would like to give a warm welcome to its newest members Jordyn Dezago, Sabrina Hammon and Ava Valdez!

Donations

In these challenging times, the Alliance Française relies on the generosity of members like you to stay resilient. If you are able to do so, please consider making a donation on [our website](#).

Thanks to your support, we can continue to thrive and organize events that promote French and francophone cultures and language! Merci beaucoup!