

# February 2021



Alliance Française  
de New Haven

## LE BULLETIN

### de l'Alliance Française de New Haven

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A non-profit organization promoting French language and culture

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Noires Amériques : Patrick Chamoiseau

Tuesday, February 2 @ 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm EST

Présentée par le Centre de la francophonie des Amériques et l'Alliance française de Chicago, NOIRES AMÉRIQUES. Conversations littéraires animées par Rodney Saint-Éloi est une série de cinq rencontres littéraires en ligne qui se tiennent du 26 janvier au 23 février

2021. Ces rencontres littéraires ont pour but de promouvoir les valeurs de l'inclusion, du dialogue et de faire découvrir la richesse et la diversité de la littérature francophone du continent américain.

Une initiative de l'Alliance française de Chicago et du Centre de la francophonie des Amériques en collaboration avec la Délégation du Québec et le Consulat général du Canada à Chicago; les Services Culturels de l'Ambassade de France aux EU; l'American Association for Teachers of French (AATF); les éditions Mémoire d'encrier. Merci à la Fédération des Alliances Françaises USA pour leur soutien à la communication.

This event is **en français** and is free and open to the public. Please click [here](#) to register. If the AF Chicago link is sold out, please try [this link](#).



#### NOIRES AMÉRIQUES

Conversation littéraire

Animée par Rodney Saint-Éloi

• En direct

Patrick Chamoiseau  
Martinique



### Pamela Druckerman Presents Paris by Phone

Saturday, February 6, 2021



Author and journalist Pamela Druckerman joins us via Zoom from her home in Paris to present her new rhyming picture book *Paris by Phone*, and discusses the myth of the American in Paris. For many Americans, Paris isn't just a place – it's a solution, an idea of perfection and the ultimate Plan B. In her new children's picture book *Paris By*

*Phone*, Pamela Druckerman explores this through the story of one little girl. Josephine Harris is an ardent young Francophile who decides that Paris is

where she really belongs. She even manages to travel there, using her magic phone. But then, oh là là! Despite the lovely things she saw, Josephine feels a certain je ne sais quoi.

This event will be on Zoom and is free for all Alliance Française members, AATF members, and invited guests of the presenter. Click [here](#) to register.

## February 10, 2021 Café Littéraire

**Mercredi le 10 février 18h30**

Voici un club pour nos membres qui auront le plaisir de lire. Chaque mois, nous lisons un livre français et en discutons ensemble lors de notre café littéraire. Nous échangeons nos idées sur les thèmes des romans dans des discussions très animées. Il faut un niveau avancé pour y participer.

Le livre du mois de février est «La daronne » par Hannelore Cayre. Pour obtenir le lien de Zoom, envoyez-nous un email à [alliancefrancaisenh@gmail.com](mailto:alliancefrancaisenh@gmail.com)



## Coco Chanel: The Woman Who Dressed the World Friday, February 12, 2021 at noon



Join Rhonda Garelick, cultural commentator and author of [Mademoiselle: Coco Chanel and the Pulse of History](#), in conversation with Pamela Druckerman.

Coco Chanel, born into poverty in rural France, was—by age 40—a multimillionaire and a household name. Her Chanel

Corporation is still the highest-earning privately owned luxury goods manufacturer in the world. You can see Chanel's taste reflected in what ordinary women wear: little black dresses, flat shoes, costume jewelry and cardigan sweaters. Yet her clothes also embody her own era, and were influenced by war, nationalism and social change.

How did Chanel do it? What was the woman herself really like? Rhonda Garelick and Pamela Druckerman will explore Chanel's unique genius for absorbing the zeitgeist, and reflecting it back to the world in her designs. This program, produced by [Pandemonium U](#), is free to the public and is part of a series sponsored by the Federation of Alliances Françaises USA. Alliance Française and AATF members can register [here](#) to receive reminder messages and the Zoom link.

## Parlons Français!

Join our Meetup conversation group every other Sunday morning from 10:30 to noon for fun and French discussion. All sessions have been moved to Zoom for the next few months. To sign up for the Zoom Parlons and receive the link, you **must register through the Alliance website under [Parlons](#)**

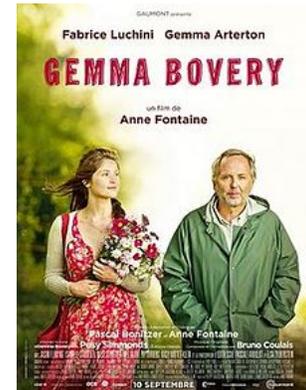


## CINÉ CLUB on Zoom

### Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 6PM



Fan of French movies? If so, this club is for you. Join the Alliance Française for a monthly discussion of a French movie on Zoom. This month's film, *Gemma Boverly*, is a 2014 French comedy-drama based on Posy Simmonds' 1999 graphic novel of the same name. Directed by Anne Fontaine, the film stars Gemma Arterton, Jason Flemyng, Mel Raido and Fabrice Luchini. It is available on Hoopla, Kanopy, and Amazon Prime. Clay Howe will lead the conversation. View the movie beforehand and then join our discussion. To receive the link for this Zoom event on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 6:00 PM, email [alliancefrancaisenh@gmail.com](mailto:alliancefrancaisenh@gmail.com).



## Discussion with Scott Carpenter, author of French Like Moi

### February 17 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm EST



Join Eileen Walvoord (President-Elect of the American Association of Teachers of French) as she interviews Scott Dominic Carpenter (above left) about his hilarious new memoir, *French Like Moi: A Midwesterner in Paris*. When Scott Carpenter moves from Minnesota to Paris, little does he suspect the dramas that await: scheming

neighbors, police denunciations, surly demonstrators, cooking disasters, medical mishaps—not to mention all those lectures about cheese! It turns out that nothing in the City of Light can be taken for granted, where even trips to the grocery store lead to adventure. In *French Like Moi*, Carpenter guides us through the merry labyrinth of the everyday, one hilarious faux pas after another. Through it all, he keeps his eye on the central mystery of what makes the French French (and Midwesterners Midwestern).

Scott has already presented this work in English. **This event will be conducted in French** (except for brief readings in English), and will probe more deeply into issues of language and intercultural understanding. This event is free and open to all AF members, AATF members. Register [here](#).

## André Nerman presents Molière, Décidément Contemporain

### Sunday, March 7, 2021- 3:00 pm EST

Join us for an exceptional online event with the talented actor and director, André Nerman, who is well known to the Alliance Française USA audience. André will share his in-depth knowledge of the great French playwright, Molière. This Zoom presentation will be **in French** and is suitable for persons with **high-intermediate to advanced levels of French**.

This event will be on Zoom and is free for all



Alliance Française members, AATF members, and invited guests of the presenter. Non-members or persons who have no AF chapter nearby can purchase tickets (\$10). Click [here](#) to register.

## WOULD YOU ENJOY BEING MORE ACTIVE THIS YEAR?

You could join us to become a board member. You could also help plan activities or write us with suggestions and ideas you might have. Perhaps you want to share travel photos and experiences you had visiting Francophone countries. Zoom presentations are a great vehicle. Send an email: [alliancefrançaisenh@gmail.com](mailto:alliancefrançaisenh@gmail.com)

## Membership Renewal

Dear Colleagues,

Memberships are from Sept. 2020-August 2021. It is time to renew your membership in the Alliance Française of New Haven if you have not already done so.

**Your benefits include:**

- Participation in the events of the Alliance Française (See programs on our website [www.alliancefrançaisenewhaven.org](http://www.alliancefrançaisenewhaven.org))
- Close communication with the Alliance (emails, newsletter, Bulletin)
- Exclusive and free participation in Le Café Littéraire
- Access to the French classes at the Alliance Française of New Haven
- Participation in Le Ciné-Club
- Access to Culturethèque Your French multimedia e-library!
- Links to other Francophones and Francophiles .

**Cost: Student: \$30, Senior: \$35, Single: \$45, Couple: \$55, Family: \$60**

You may pay online at [http://alliancefrançaisenewhaven.org/online\\_payment](http://alliancefrançaisenewhaven.org/online_payment) or you may pay with a check. Please make checks payable to the Alliance Française of New Haven. Send payment to Alliance Française of New Haven, P.O. Box 207333, New Haven, CT 06520. If full membership is difficult for some during this Covid19 pandemic, please let us know. Send us an email at [alliancefrançaisenh@gmail.com](mailto:alliancefrançaisenh@gmail.com)

**Members and attendees at events/cultural programs should be aware that their picture might be taken and used for our website, advertising, etc. If you'd prefer not to be photographed, just wave the photographer away.**