

June - July 2022



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

## White Picnic Chic and Book Exchange

June 26, 2022 4-7 PM

**New Location and Time**

### For vaccinated members

#### White Picnic Chic

Grab your white clothes and your white shoes, grab your white blanket (tablecloth), bring your gourmet meal and join us for a picnic in white. The Alliance will provide plastic tablecloths, plates, glasses, napkins, and silverware. Bring a meal for your self and something to share.

**Guests must be absolutely dressed in white from head to toes.**

(Dîner en Blanc ("Dinner in White" in French) is a worldwide event spanning six continents in which people have a meal dressed in white in a temporary dining setup in a public space. Diners are required to provide their own food, tables, chairs and tablecloths.)

The Alliance Française of New-Haven will offer beverages (water, beer, juice, wine). A book fair will also take place. Bring the books you want to give away (if you have any) and find new books for your own collection. All books for sale \$1.00. Buy one get one free.

**Date: Sunday, June 26, 2022 Time: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

**New Location: Wharton Brook State Park, 675 US-5, North Haven**

**Picnic tables are available. Some grills are available. Bring your own charcoal. We reserved Pavilion #2. It is available all day. Space for parking is limited. Free parking with CT license plate.**

**Directions:** From I-91 (north or south): Take Exit 13. Take a left at the end of the long exit ramp onto Route 5 south. Park entrance is a tenth of a mile on the left.

Email [alliancefrancaisenh@gmail.com](mailto:alliancefrancaisenh@gmail.com) to participate

To read about the white picnic, here's a link

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/D%C3%AEner\\_en\\_Blanc](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/D%C3%AEner_en_Blanc)



## New Haven Sister Cities 45th Anniversary Celebration

Please join us to celebrate our 45th Anniversary on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at the New Haven Free Public Library at 133 Elm Street, New Haven, CT from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

Your support will help New Haven Sister Cities fulfill its mission to strengthen bonds between New Haven and our global partners and support our student exchanges. We will also be honoring the anniversaries of each of our eight sister cities and the contributions of those who have been a part of our successful longevity. New Haven Sister Cities Inc., has promoted awareness of the cultures, customs, and historical heritages of New Haven's Sister Cities since 1976. As we celebrate this milestone, we look ahead to enhancing our work of citizen diplomacy with your help.

A Special Thanks to Our Sponsors:

Premier Sponsor - The Community Foundation of Greater New Haven,  
and New Haven Free Public Library,  
International Festival of Arts and Ideas and  
Howard Hill Funeral Services.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to welcoming you to our Anniversary celebration. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Althea Norcott at [anorcott250@hotmail.com](mailto:anorcott250@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.

[Register today!](#)

Sincerely,  
Kathleen Bidney Singewald

## SUMMER COURSE

### SUMMER FRENCH GRAMMAR REFRESHER COURSE

**Thursday, July 21 until August 25, 2022. 5:30PM to 7:30PM**

It's clear that you Love French. You understand a lot of what you read and you can even converse. But still, you often struggle with words and it doesn't come as easily as you wish. While trying to speak you realize that you can't find the right tense, or the the right verb form or the right prepositions. In short, you realize you need better grammar but it's often not covered in some of your French courses or you are too shy to admit you forgot all grammar you learned a long time ago. If you relate to this, then ours is the perfect course for you. We carefully review grammar step by step; all questions are welcome. In this course grammar is only a fun tool for you to learn and love French even more. Yvonne Kolodny will teach this Zoom course for six weeks this summer.



**COST: \$200.00**

**Starting date: Thursday, July 21 until August 25, 2022. 5:30PM to 7:30PM**

**Book: The Ultimate French Review and Practice, Premium Third (or Fourth) Edition  
Offered by Yvonne Kolodny**

## Parlons Français!

Join our Meetup conversation group every other Sunday morning from 10:30 to noon for fun and French discussion. Send an email to [alliancefrancaisenh@gmail.com](mailto:alliancefrancaisenh@gmail.com) to register for this event

**We will meet on the terrace of The Book Trader  
Café, 1140 Chapel Street, New Haven, weather**



permitting. June 19, July 3, 17.

There will be a Zoom Parlons on Sunday morning, June 26, 2022, from 10:30 to noon. Send an email to mail to: [alliancefrancaisenh@gmail.com](mailto:alliancefrancaisenh@gmail.com) to register for this event and receive the link.

## Café Littéraire 2022-2023

The second Wednesday of each month



Voici la liste des livres pour l'année prochaine:

*Le Grand Meaulnes* par Alain Fournier 9/14/2022

*Journal 1942-1944* par Hélène Berr 10/12/2022

*L'Anomalie* par Hervé Le Tellier 11/9/2022

*La Panthère des neiges* par Sylvain Tesson 12/14/2022

*La femme cachée* par Colette 1/11/2023

*La patience de Maigret* par Georges Simenon 2/8/2023

*Le Silence de la Mer (et autre récits)* par Vercors 3/8/2023

*Arsène Lupin: gentleman cambrioleur* par Maurice Leblanc 4/12/2023

*Impromptu* par Catherine Mavrikakis 5/10/2023

*Le mystère de la chambre jaune* par Gaston Leroux 6/14/2023

To receive the Zoom link email [alliancefrancaisenh@gmail.com](mailto:alliancefrancaisenh@gmail.com) .

## CINÉ CLUB on Zoom

The third Thursday of each month, at 6PM



Fan of French movies? If so, this club is for you. Join the Alliance Française for a discussion of a French movie on Zoom. If you have a favorite movie or any suggestions for future viewings, send us an email. Clay Howe will lead the conversation. View the movie beforehand and then join our discussion. To receive the link for these Zoom events, email [alliancefrancaisenh@gmail.com](mailto:alliancefrancaisenh@gmail.com) .

## French Canadian Jam

July 2 @ 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Connecticut Historical Society

Get acquainted with French Canadian traditional tunes at this monthly jam session at the CHS. New players and new listeners are always welcome! If you would like to join in, please get in touch with jam organizer, Joe Lavariere, at [joesondra@juno.com](mailto:joesondra@juno.com).  
**Free First Saturday** Connecticut Historical Society, 1 Elizabeth Street, Hartford

## Family Film Event Save the date: July 9, 2022

Stay tuned. Details and additional information will be available soon.

**Alliance Française de New Haven Celebrates  
le 14 juillet at the Union League Cafe**



### For vaccinated members

We will celebrate Bastille Day on Thursday, July 14, 2022 at the **Union League Cafe**, 1032 Chapel St., New Haven from 5-7 PM. There will be a cash bar. Some appetizers will be served. Space is limited, so make your reservation early. **\$5.00 for members. \$15.00 non-members.** For reservations, send an email to [alliancefrancaisenh@gmail.com](mailto:alliancefrancaisenh@gmail.com) no later than July 7, 2022. Anyone wishing to run for office or to become a board member, please email [alliancefrancaisenh@gmail.com](mailto:alliancefrancaisenh@gmail.com) by June 30, 2022 to be included in the ballot.

### Our Executive Committee

**President: Alberta Conte**

**Vice-President: Clay Howe**

**Secretary: Shaundolyn Slaughter**

**Treasurer: Larry Hall**

**Café Littéraire: Robert Beech**

**Members: Cécile Coustal, Lea Chaudun, Asefeh Heiat, Jake Joseph, Yvonne Kolodny, Sean Liebskind, Robert Singer, Stephen Young**

**Co-sponsored by the Federation of Alliances Françaises USA**

## Jazz in Paris (in English)

**July 7 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm EDT**

Perhaps nothing epitomizes the cultural bond of France and the United States better than the joyous reception of jazz in Paris. Introduced by Black American soldiers and musicians during and following the First World War, jazz was embraced by the French and swept the country. Co-creators of The Lafayette Escadrille documentary, filmmakers Darroch Greer and Paul Glenshaw, share great moments, characters, and incredible music from this century-long, ongoing love affair.

This event will be on Zoom and is in English and free for all Alliance Française members, AATF members, and invited guests of the presenter or publicist. Non-members or persons who have no AF chapter nearby can purchase tickets (\$10). Please click [here](#) to register.

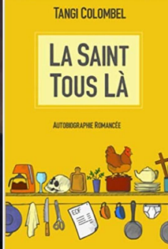


## Author, actor and singer Tangi Colombel discusses his new novel (English and French)

**July 19 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm EDT**

Join us in welcoming Tangi Colombel, a favorite performer of the AF USA network, for a Brown Bag Lunch Book Club. Tangi will be speaking to us about his new book in French, *La Saint Tous Là*.

Tangi Colombel is a native of France. He is an actor and singer who appeared in various plays and musicals like "Jacques Brel is Alive" and "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" at



Palm Beach Dramaworks (FL). He was featured in the French Movie “Bienvenue à Bord” and the American Film “Step Up 4”. On television he has been seen in a French version of “My Big Fat Obnoxious Fiancé”, in Netflix’s Bloodline season 2, in CBS’s MacGyver season 4, and several Telenovelas produced by NBC/Telemundo in Spanish. Recently he was seen in “Le peignoir aux Alouettes”, a French modern Vaudeville at the Fillmore Theatre in Miami, appeared in different commercials such as Sprite, Johnny Rockets, SC Lottery. He has toured all

around America and the world (Korea, Japan) to reveal what French Cabaret is really about in his own show “Pardon my French”.

To purchase La Saint Tous Là, please visit [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). This event will be on Zoom and is in English and free for all Alliance Française members, AATF members, and invited guests of the presenter or publicist. Non-members or persons who have no AF chapter nearby can purchase tickets (\$10). Click [here](#) to register.

## Apéro National French Conversation Group (in French) Every Wednesday in July @ 8PM

Participants are invited to enjoy their favorite beverage during the Federation’s “Apéro” conversation. The group is for intermediate to advanced (or fluent) speakers who are current members of an Alliance Française chapter in the U.S. (if you are not a current member of our Alliance chapter, visit <http://alliancefrancaisnewhaven.org> to sign up for membership). Native speakers are welcome. This group conversation is for adult participants, ages 17 and up.

The national group meets by Zoom for 55 minutes every Wednesday @ 8:00 pm ET. Participants will need to use Zoom (a free videoconferencing service). To get on the invitation list for the “Apéro-National” sessions, click [here](#).



## Pursuing the Dream: Living and Investing in France, with Adrian Leeds (in English)

July 30 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm EDT

If you’ve had even a glimmer of an idea to enrich your life with a move to France – whether living full-time or part-time in the Hexagone – this is your opportunity to learn the steps to help make the dream come true. In this one-hour session on Zoom you’ll get the inside scoop from moving-to-France and property expert, Adrian Leeds. Adrian has lived in France for over 27 years; her expertise is renowned and you might know her as HGTV’s top French agent on their popular TV show, House Hunters International. She understands the ins and outs of finding an apartment to rent or a home to buy anywhere in France (not just Paris). In this session she’ll discuss getting a visa, determining where in France you might want to live, and the steps to finding the perfect home. The session will also include an open forum for questions.

This event will be on Zoom and is free for all Alliance Française members, AATF members, and invited guests of the presenter or publicist. Non-members or persons who have no AF chapter nearby can purchase tickets (\$10). Click [here](#) to register.

## Info for Sharing- Education, Fun, or Entertainment

- France’s therapeutic spas are described in this in-depth [article](#) from the New Yorker.
- The Mona Lisa was attacked by a man who threw a pastry at it, as reported in this [article](#) by the New York Times.
- Politico reports on the re-ignition of the [discussions](#) on the French national identity.
- Muslims leaving France is the subject of this [article](#) from the Middle East Eye.

- Reinventing Paris is the subject of this [article](#) from Project Syndicate.