



septembre 2026

Mot du Président:

Chers membres de l'Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe,

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and is ready for another exciting season with the Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe!

We are delighted to kick off the new season with a full calendar of events and activities. One of our first highlights will be our traditional Season Opener held this year at Pier Park, a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends, welcome new members, and enjoy an evening together as we begin another year of French culture, friendship, and community.

As we start the new season, I would also like to encourage everyone to renew their Alliance membership. Your membership is what makes our programs and events possible, and we are truly grateful for your continued support. If you have friends, neighbors, or colleagues who share an interest in French language and culture, please invite them to join us as well. The Alliance is at its best when our community continues to grow and welcomes new faces into the fold.

Throughout the coming months, we look forward to bringing you a wonderful variety of events, opportunities to enjoy French culture, practice the language, discover new things, and, most importantly, spend time together. Whether you have been a member for many years or are just discovering the Alliance, we hope you will take part in as many activities as possible.

Thank you once again for your membership, your enthusiasm, and your continued support of the Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe. We are looking forward to seeing you at Pier Park and throughout the season, and to another year filled with friendship, culture, and joie de vivre!

Cordialement,
Thomas Jones II

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND SURVEY

If you have not already done so, you can renew your membership for the 2026-2027 membership year on our website at the link below.

[Membership Renewal 2026-2027](#)

We are committed to offering the best possible experience for our members, and your feedback is essential. Whether you have been with us for years or have just joined, we would love to hear your thoughts on what you enjoy and how we can improve.

Please take a few minutes to complete our brief survey using the link below.

[2026 AFGP Membership Survey - CLICK HERE](#)

Thank you for helping us make Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe even stronger!

Season Opener 2026

Please save the date for Wednesday, September 30 from 5 pm to 8 pm, when we will welcome the 2026-2027 AFGP season at Pier Park in Grosse Pointe Farms, overlooking Lake St Clair. Join us for refreshments, good food, French music, and great company.

This event is open to AFGP Members with renewed 2026-2027 membership; new members; and their guests.

Event registration will be available soon – be on the lookout in your email inbox!

2026 FALL FRENCH LANGUAGE CLASSES

The Alliance Française de Détroit and the French Institute of Michigan are once again offering classes in our community. As members of the Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe, you are entitled to a discount on these classes. For more information, please visit <https://www.afdetroit.org/french-classes/french-classes-adults/#/?establishmentBranchId=3&subjectId=7>

AFGP @ GP THEATRE'S LES MISÉRABLES

Join your fellow members Sunday, October 4 at 2 pm for the GP Theatre's presentation of the beloved musical "Les Mis", based on the epic historical novel by Victor Hugo. This is GP Theatre's inaugural season at the Schaap Center in Grosse Pointe Park. We have obtained a limited number of tickets at a discounted rate. Please be on the lookout for the sign-up for this event.

AFGP FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP

Have you ever attended one of our French Conversation Meetups? Every month we welcome new guests from throughout metro Detroit with levels of fluency from intermediate to native francophone. This is a free event and you don't have to be a member to attend. We meet at Village Grill in Grosse Pointe. For information and to RSVP, go to [Meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com).

mercredi 7 octobre, 6 pm



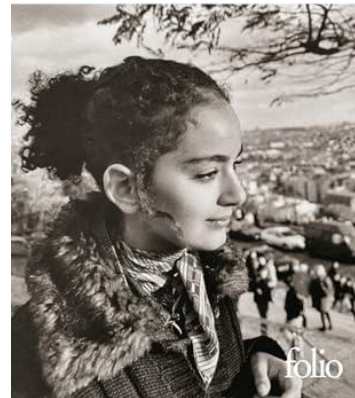
CERCLE DE LECTURE

Notre Cercle Littéraire vous invite à nous rejoindre pour une lecture. Nous lisons une grande variété de livres en français et en discutons en français. Nous nous réunissons chez nos membres une fois par mois, par roulement. Si vous souhaitez nous rejoindre pour une discussion, un essai ou si vous avez besoin d'aide pour vous procurer un de nos livres, veuillez nous contacter à l'adresse alliancefrancaisegrossepointe@gmail.com

samedi 19 septembre:
J'emporterai le feu

Leïla Slimani poursuit la saga familiale des Belhaj, entre le Maroc et la France. À travers une nouvelle génération, le roman explore l'émancipation, les héritages familiaux et les bouleversements d'une époque, avec une attention particulière portée aux femmes et à leur quête de liberté.

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samedi 17 octobre:
Une belle vie

Virginie Grimaldi raconte l'histoire de deux sœurs que la vie a éloignées et qui se retrouvent après des années. Entre souvenirs, blessures et nouveaux départs, ce roman explore avec tendresse les liens familiaux, les secrets et les chemins inattendus vers le bonheur.



CINÉ CLUB

Come experience our Ciné Club, where language, culture, and storytelling come together on the big screen. Whether you're fluent in French or just love international film, you'll feel right at home. So bring a friend and join us at the Grosse Pointe Public Library – Woods Branch!

samedi 19 septembre:
Le Répondeur

A struggling voice impersonator takes on a job pretending to be a famous author on the phone, leading to complex and humorous situations he starts to embody the writer's life. A clever and original film that questions modern communication and identity.



samedi 24 octobre:
Une Part Manquante

A touching and profoundly moving drama on parenthood and cultural divides, and the aching persistence of love. Everyday, Jay travels throughout Tokyo in his taxi, looking for his daughter, Lily. In the nine years since he has divorced from his wife, he has never been able to get custody of his daughter, due to severe child custody laws in Japan. Having given up hope of ever seeing her again, he is about to move back to France when Lily hops in his cab. But she doesn't recognize him. Jay is thrust into a powerful reckoning with loss, identity, and fractured family ties.



SAVE THE DATES! AFGP PLANNED EVENTS FALL 2026

- 9/30: Season Opener
- 10/4: AFGP @ GP Theatre's Les Misérables
- 10/17: Pétanque Night

- 11/6: AFGP @ Detroit Symphony Orchestra
- 11/18: Beaujolais Nouveau Celebration
- 12/17: Fête de Noël

LA FÉDÉRATION DES ALLIANCES FRANÇAISES USA



Silken Sisters in Commerce: How Lyon and Paris Were Woven Together by the Silk Trade

Thursday, September 17, 4:00 PM

Registration and more information available at:

<https://www.afusa.org/event-rsvp/silken-sisters-in-commerce-how-lyon-and-paris-were-woven-together-by-the-silk-trade/>

The French silk trade was established in Lyon during the Renaissance, but the prime market for the luxurious silk fabrics and elaborate designs of Lyon was 250 miles to the northwest, in Paris.

In “Silken Sisters in Commerce,” we examine a number of historic developments and cultural dynamics that have tied together Paris and Lyon. They include:

Modern Commerce. The Renaissance Fairs of Lyon provided a first look at foreign goods, especially Italian silk fabrics. These exotic goods were then sold in Paris and throughout France, Europe and the Americas.

The Industrial Revolution. Mechanical and design innovations streamlined silk production in Lyon. One key development was the Jacquard loom that employed a binary system of punch cards, like those used in early computers more than a century later. The process enabled stunningly detailed designs that rivaled engravings. Another advance was steam travel that hastened goods from Lyon to Paris and on to worldwide markets.

The Worker's Movement. In the 19th century, Lyon's *canuts* (silk workers) banded together in unions with health plans and a unified voice. They staged some of the first worker revolts, centered in the *Croix-Rousse* silk district of Lyon. Karl Marx, living in Paris in the 1840s, took note and wrote of their "class struggle."

Migrations and Cultural Crossover. Financiers of Lyon's lucrative silk trade came largely from Italy. They brought with them skilled weavers and sophisticated looms to develop a burgeoning industry in what was called "*La nation Florentine de Lyon*." Indeed, both Paris and Lyon grew as "cities of immigrants," a fact that undermines political ideologies that portray France as a "homogenous nation" and "monoculture."

About the Presenter

Roger Mummert (www.rogermummert.com) is a writer whose work on culture and travel has appeared in the New York Times and elsewhere. He is the creator of www.theparisproject.net and the newsletter "Paris" A City of Ideas." Recent presentations with the Alliances Françaises USA include "Taking Measure of America: How French Cartographers Shaped a New Nation," and "Paris Goods: The Emergence of Luxury Retail."



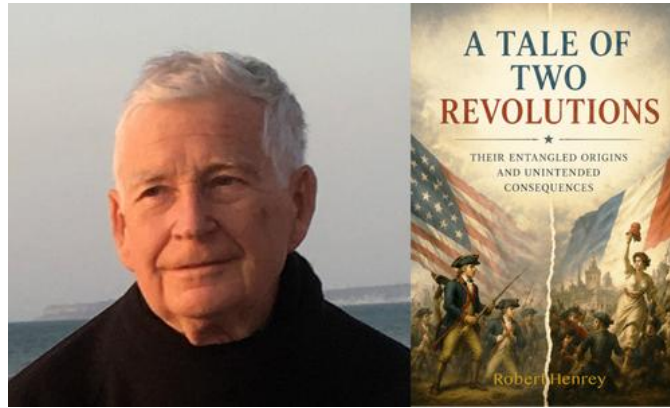
French Cinémathèque: L'Etranger

Monday, September 28, 7:00 PM

Registration and more information available at:

<https://www.afusa.org/event-rsvp/french-cinematheque-letranger/>

In 1938 French Algeria, Meursault drifts through life with quiet detachment until his neighbor Raymond draws him into a series of events that culminate in a fatal confrontation on a sun-drenched beach. As he stands trial, Meursault's indifference comes to define his fate as much as his actions.



L'Histoire de Deux Révolutions: origines entremêlées et conséquences inattendues

Thursday, October 8, 4:00 PM

Registration and more information available at:

<https://www.afusa.org/event-rsvp/a-tale-of-two-revolutions-their-entangled-origins-and-unintended-consequences-by-robert-henrey/>

AF USA invites you to a lecture on a timely and fascinating topic: the shared—and surprisingly intertwined—origins of two revolutions, the American Revolution and, of course, the French Revolution, and above all their consequences, which in the case of the French Revolution proved to be disastrously unforeseen. This topic is the focus of a recent study published by the Alliance Française of Greenwich (Connecticut) to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Declaration of Independence and to highlight the undeniable fact that, without France's support, the American revolutionaries would not have prevailed. The speaker, Robert Henrey, is a member of the Alliance Française of Greenwich and the principal author of the study. Entitled *Two Revolutions: Their Entangled Origins and Unintended Consequences*, it is available on [Amazon](#), with all proceeds benefiting the Alliance Française.

Since retirement from an international financial consulting career based in New York City, **Robert Henrey** has pursued his lifelong scholarly interest in history and linguistics, through writing and lecturing. His latest book, *Shen's Unlikely Journey – from Confucian China to the Court of Louis XIV* explores the challenges of cross-cultural understanding. He is French born and he and his wife Lisette have lived in Greenwich for the longest time.