



## Nouvelles de l'Alliance

*News from your French Language & Cultural Center in Sacramento*

February 21, 2020

### QUICK LINKS

**Early Bird Deadline: Monday, March 9!!!**

**Spring 2020 French classes are now enrolling**  
-Early Bird discount ends March 9-

**\*Les Ateliers du Samedi\* 2020**

Continue to discover VEGAN baking with Elise for  
this **Saturday workshop! ONE SPOT LEFT!**

Looking for ways to practice your French pronunciation?  
Join the **Cercle du Lecteur!**

Calling all bookworms!  
**New French book club** starting in May!

Time to gear up for **FESTINEMA 2020!**

Have you met our neighbors @ **CLARA?**

*A bientôt!*

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**Spring 2020 French Classes**  
**March 30 - June 6, 2020**  
**!! NOW ENROLLING !!**

Now enrolling for our Spring Session 2020!  
Click the link below to register for your French class.

The session will run from March 30 - June 6, 2020.

***"Early Bird" discount ends Monday, March 9th***

Winter 2020 students will receive an additional  
*"Continuing student"* discount.

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)**

Not sure which class to choose?  
Contact the office at 916-453-1723 or  
[info@afsacramento.org](mailto:info@afsacramento.org)

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***Atelier Pâtisserie:***  
**Cake Provençal et Tartelettes aux Pommes**  
**à la crème d'amande avec Elise**  
**Saturday, February 22nd, 10am-1pm**

For all levels and all tastes, beginners or experts, come and discover the keys to vegan French cuisine!

In her second **vegan** workshop, Elise has Provençal cake and apple tarts with almond creme on the menu.

Prof. Elise will guide you through the baking process then you will be able to taste and try your vegan treats!

**ONE SPOT LEFT!!**  
\$45/person  
**\*\*REGISTER HERE!\*\***

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**Les Ateliers du Samedi**  
**Winter Session 2020 @ the Alliance**

**\* You don't need to speak French to join in as our ateliers will mainly be presented in English \***

Atelier Pâtisserie (Vegan):  
February 8, 10am-1pm, Prof. Elise  
*Marbré au chocolat et Tartelettes au citron*

Atelier Présentation:  
February 15, 4:30-6:30pm, Prof. Faten  
*L'évolution de la langue française: Présentation de l'argot*

**Atelier Pâtisserie (Vegan):**  
**February 22, 10am-1pm, Prof. Elise**  
*Cake Provençal et Tartelettes aux pommes  
à la crème d'amandes*  
**[REGISTER HERE](#)**

**Atelier Présentation:**  
**February 29, 10am-1pm, Prof. Marc**  
*Le Rock Français 1990-2020*  
**[REGISTER HERE](#)**

**Atelier Pâtisserie:**  
**March 7, 1-4pm, Prof. Caroline**  
*Ficelles Picardes et Crêpes*  
**[REGISTER HERE](#)**

**Atelier Présentation:**  
**March 14, 4:30-6:30pm, Prof. Megan**  
*La prononciation française à travers le chant*  
**[REGISTER HERE](#)**

**Pricing:**  
**Atelier Pâtisserie** \$45/workshop  
**Atelier Présentation** \$25/workshop

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**Cercle du Lecteur**  
**Thursdays, AF Library**  
**Intermediate, 6-7pm**  
**Beginner, 7-8pm**

You are invited to a free weekly group on  
Thursday evenings from either

**6-7pm for intermediate students**  
or  
**7-8pm for beginning students**

in the Alliance Française library  
to practice reading out loud, listening,  
and perhaps conversing *en Français!*

The goal is to have fun and comfortably grow our skills.  
All levels are welcome. We will pick interesting books  
with easy vocabulary so everyone can follow along.

*Participation is flexible:*  
you can simply listen, or try a short reading.

We can review vocabulary, grammar, or the reading  
(in English if necessary) so nobody gets lost.  
Depending on the group we may incorporate discussion in  
French. Then see where it goes. Every skill can grow with  
practice, especially among friends!

**Weekly Meetings:**  
Thursdays  
Intermediate 6-7pm or Beginners 7-8pm

***Door code needed at the time Cercle meets-***  
***please email David Hutchinson***  
***[library@afsacramento.org](mailto:library@afsacramento.org) for the code and more info.***

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**Le Club des Bouquineurs**  
**First Meeting: Friday, May 1, 6-8pm**

The new Alliance book club, ***Le Club des Bouquineurs***, meets **every two months** for two hours to discuss a book that the group has read.

The goal of **Le Club des Bouquineurs** is to engage in extensive reading and discussion in French to help increase fluency and vocabulary while becoming familiar with contemporary novels in French.

**All discussion in a  
Le Club des Bouquineurs meetings  
is in French**

No bilingual dictionaries or online use of devices during the meeting, please. Paper French/French dictionaries will be available. If the book is long we may extend the conversation over more than one meeting.

**Attendees must be current Alliance Française members or students with a minimum of B1+ level in French.**

We start each meeting with a brief review and summary, then continue to plot, character, leitmotifs; then delve into deeper points.

The first meeting will be:  
**Friday, May 1 from 6-8 pm in the Alliance library**

The first book will be:  
**"*Les oubliés du dimanche*", by Valérie Perrin (2015)**

This is a sensitive inter-generational tale, with deep encounters between the a young woman and a centenarian exploring their lives and histories together.

*Les oubliés du dimanche* received 13 prizes, and has been translated into Italian and German.

Come join us, and expand  
your literary and linguistic horizons!

For more information please contact:  
David Hutchinson at [library@afsacramento.org](mailto:library@afsacramento.org)

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**FESTINEMA Junior 2020**  
**March/April 2020**

Festinema Junior is an annual nationwide French film festival and educational program designed for children and adolescents, created by the Alliance Française network in the U.S. Initiated by the Cultural Services of the French Embassy in the U.S. and the FACE Foundation, and now in its 7th year, this **complimentary event** is an opportunity to inspire learning and understanding of international cultures through cinema.

The U.S. Alliance Française Network created a Federal Education Project in the form of a francophone film festival for young audiences, enhanced with extra educational materials. This annual Festival takes place in March/April to celebrate the month of Francophonie.

[Check out the 2020 program here](#)

[\*\*Click here to read more about FESTINEMA!\*\*](#)

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**Job Announcement: Executive Director**

The Alliance Française de Sacramento is seeking a dynamic leader with a passion for the French language and culture and a bold vision for our future. The Executive Director is responsible for the overall direction of the organization, including overseeing the French language program, cultural events, marketing, administration, fundraising, budgeting, and planning. The Executive Director reports to the Board of Directors and serves as the primary liaison between board members, staff, students, members, volunteers, sponsors, donors, and community partners.

[Full job description and application instructions](#)

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## CLARA's Corner

Do you know **CLARA**?  
The Alliance Française is thrilled to be a part of the **CLARA** cultural center!

Check out what our neighbors are up to *en ce moment*:

[Blue Line Arts](#)

[Capital Stage Theater Company](#)

[Brazilian Center for Cultural Exchange of Sacramento](#)

[McKeever School of Irish Dance](#)

[Sacramento Ballet](#)

[Sacramento Preparatory Music Academy](#)

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We hope you enjoy this e-newsletter. Feel free to send us your comments and feedback.

**Bien cordialement,  
Alliance Française de Sacramento**

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