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The Library this Month

The Library will be closed January 17 for Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

The session of the "Tea and Trollope" reading group originally scheduled for January 16 has been moved to January 23.

Visit the Fifth Floor

If you haven't yet taken a look at the Library's renovated fifth floor, which reopened on November 1, we highly recommend it. What used to be two individual study rooms is now six, complete with full internet access and framed art from the Library's collections. The Large Study Room, now named the Hornblower Room, has added seats and amenities as well as DSL and wireless internet.



The fifth floor spaces are for quiet use by writers and readers. Guidelines for their use [can be found here](#). For help with internet on that floor, pick up a pamphlet at the Circulation Desk; for booking rooms and lockers, speak to a circulation staff member.

Happy reading and writing--

A Special Invitation



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Susan Henshaw Jones, *Ronay Menschel* President and Director of the Museum of the City of New York;
Dr. Louise Mirrer, *President and Chief Executive Officer of the New-York Historical Society*; and
Ambassador François Barras, *Consul General of Switzerland in New York*
Are pleased to invite you to a lecture, reception, and book signing on

THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ALBERT GALLATIN

From Geneva to New York



The Life and Legacy of Albert Gallatin

From Geneva to New York

Wednesday, January 12

Lecture at 6:30 pm

Reception sponsored by UBS at 7:30 pm

Museum of the City of New York

1220 Fifth Avenue at 103rd Street

Albert Gallatin, "America's Swiss Founding Father" and longest-serving U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, was also one of New York City's more influential civic and intellectual leaders. Introductory remarks by **Ambassador Francois Barras**, Consul General of Switzerland in New York, followed by a lecture by biographer **Nicholas Dungan**, author of *Gallatin: America's Swiss Founding Father* (NYU Press, 2010), discussing this fascinating and forgotten historical figure.

Reservations required. Call 917-492-3395 or email programs@mcny.org

\$6 museum members and New York Society Library members; \$8 seniors and students; \$12 nonmembers

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January Events

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Simon Winchester

[Atlantic: Great Sea Battles, Heroic Discoveries, Titanic Storms, and a Vast Ocean of a Million Stories](#)

Wednesday, January 19, 6:30 p.m., Members' Room
\$10 with [advance registration](#)/\$15 at the door

New York Times bestselling author Simon Winchester blends history and anecdote, geography and reminiscence, science and exposition to present the Atlantic Ocean's breathtaking saga as natural phenomenon and subject of human intellectual evolution.



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Kenneth T. Jackson

[The Encyclopedia of New York City, Second Edition](#)

Thursday, January 27, 6:30 p.m., Members' Room

\$10 with [advance registration](#)/\$15 at the door

Quintessential New York City historian Kenneth T. Jackson brings the whole city to you in the enlarged edition of the bestselling encyclopedia--everything from Air Train to E-ZPass.



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Ruth Wolff

[Notable Women--And a Few Equally Notable Men](#)

Nine Plays by Ruth Wolff, with scenes performed by Simon Jones and actors from The Actors Company Theatre, guest appearance by Tina Chen

Monday, January 31, 6:30 p.m., Members' Rom

\$20 with [advance registration](#)/\$25 at the door

In connection with the publication of nine of her biographically based plays, playwright and screenwriter Ruth Wolff shares insights into the art of dramatizing lives, plus anecdotes of personalities onstage and off. With subjects as diverse as Christina of Sweden, Mary and Percy Shelley, Sarah Bernhardt, George Sand, Frederic Chopin, Edith and Woodrow Wilson, Hallie Flanagan, Joshua Slocum and Tzu-hsi, Dowager Empress of China, Wolff's plays have been performed throughout the US and around the world.



The Writing Life

FOR MEMBERS ONLY

The Writing Life Daytime Talk Series

[Finding a Literary Agent](#)

Tuesday, January 11, 10:00 a.m., Whitridge Room

free of charge; [registration required](#)

You've finished your book, and now you need a literary agent. (And you thought the hard part was over!) Our distinguished panel of agents tells us how they find clients and what writers should and shouldn't do to get their attention.

With **Elisabeth Weed** of **The Weed Literary Agency**
Sharon Bowers of **The Miller Agency**
Zoe Pagnamenta of **The Zoe Pagnamenta Agency**

FOR MEMBERS ONLY

Ongoing Writers Groups

The Library hosts five ongoing monthly discussion groups for member writers. No registration is necessary, but for space availability and more information, contact Carolyn Waters at cwaters@nysoclib.org. All sessions take place in the Whitridge Room on the third floor.

Nonfiction Writers Group: Monday, January 10, 3:00-4:45 pm

Fiction Group I: Tuesday, January 18, 5:00-6:45 pm

Memoir Writers Group: Monday, January 24, 3:00-4:45 pm

Poets Group: Tuesday, January 25, 4:30-6:30 pm

Fiction Group II: Wednesday, January 26, 11:00 am-1:00 pm

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