



Bonjour !

Alliance Française de Las Vegas (AFLV)

Newsletter January 2019

The AFLV plays a vital role in the diversity of our community, promoting the French language and French-speaking cultures in the Las Vegas area.

Happy New Year!

President's Preface

Dear members and friends,

New Year's Eve is celebrated in France similarly to the United States. It is often called *la Saint-Sylvestre* or *le Réveillon du Nouvel An*.

It is common for people to have parties with friends (not as much family), often costume parties. Key elements include champagne, fancy food (oysters, goose liver pâté (foie gras or simply pâté), and smoked salmon) and importantly, dancing. Sometimes a full dinner is served and increasingly, people go out to restaurants to celebrate the new year.

At midnight, it is it time to kiss - under the mistletoe!!!

However you celebrate the New Year, we wish you a happy, healthy New Year in 2019.

Today French people eat Kings' Cake! **The Galette des Rois** is a way for French people to celebrate the Epiphany, the arrival of the Three Wise men. Every year, on January 6th, people gather pour tirer les rois, to find the kings. The traditional galette is cut in a very specific number of slices: one slice for each person sitting at the table plus one. The extra slice is symbolic for the first poor person passing by.

The youngest person in the room goes under the table, and announces who gets the next slice. The youngest person is said to be the most innocent one and therefore fair in the distribution of the slices. Such an importance is given to the distribution because of the lucky charm, *la fève*, hidden in the galette. Children look forward to Epiphany Day, because you get to eat cake AND someone is declared King for the day.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we regretfully have to cancel our event Galette des Rois. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Madame Sylvie Boisel, an accomplished French Singer, will be performing French and American jazz classics at various Las Vegas libraries from January 12 through February 17, 2019. Please see the article below for further details.

Best regards,

Marc Zeman

COMING UP IN JANUARY



FRENCH BREAKFAST

Saturdays, January 5 and 19, 2019 at

9:30 AM "[Délices Gourmands](#)"

3620 W Sahara Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89102
(702-331-2526).

Join us to practice your French over an excellent breakfast!

Members of the AFLV receive a 10% discount on their purchase.

NO FRENCH MOVIE NIGHT THIS MONTH



WINTER SESSION OF FRENCH CLASSES

**A resolution worth keeping
this year? Learn French!**

JANUARY 7 - MARCH 3, 2019

It's never too late to learn French, so take the leap and [Sign Up!](#) Not sure of your level? Pas de problème ! Take our free placement test [HERE](#).

Please check our offering [HERE](#) for children and [HERE](#) for adults.

You can join a session anytime if you are not a total beginner.

I LOVE PARIS

FREE PERFORMANCE BY FRENCH SINGER SYLVIE BOISEL

Enjoy French and American jazz classics performed by Sylvie Boisel, and inspired by the City of Lights, including those made famous by Edith Piaf, Maurice Chevalier, Jacques Brel, Charles Aznavour, Barbara. This bilingual solo concert

will transport you to your favorite café along the Champs-Élysées.

More details here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/948692348663897/>



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Saturday, January 12 at 3 p.m.
Sahara West Library | Multipurpose Room | 9600 W. Sahara Ave.
702.507.3631

Sunday, January 13 at 3 p.m.
Summerlin Library | Theater | 1771 Inner Circle Dr.
702.507.3863

Saturday, February 9 at 7:30 p.m.
West Charleston Library | Lecture Hall | 6301 W. Charleston Blvd.
702.507.3964

Sunday, February 17 at 2 p.m.
Clark County Library | Jewel Box Theater | 1401 E. Flamingo Rd.
702.507.3459

Las Vegas-Clark County
LIBRARY DISTRICT
www.lvccld.org

Free and open to the public.
For more information, please call the library branch.

Membership

Not a member of the Alliance Française de Las Vegas yet? It is never too late ...
Become a member and participate in a range of educational, cultural and social activities. You can support a non-profit that promotes cross-cultural understanding, while taking advantage of special member benefits. As a duly registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, all donations made to AFLV are tax deductible. We are very grateful to all our generous contributors! [Join now!](#)

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Merci et à bientôt !

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The Alliance Française de Las Vegas wishes

you a Happy New Year 2019!



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