

Dear Patrons,

We wish you beautiful month of May with many inspiring events in the library!

New books! Among the many newly arrived books, we'd like to pick out two:

Salman Rushdie's *Victory City* – his first book after the attack; he had finished it before. An impressive novel on courage, the power of words, language, literature.

Stephen King's *Fairy Tale* – a boy who lost his mother as a child, an old man with dark secrets, and, of course: the magic of storytelling.

Story Time Special: Pakistan - Wednesday, May 4, 4-5pm

Since January we have a country special on each first Wednesday of a month. In this one, we will tell stories about Pakistan and about Malala's magic brush – and of course there will be a typical Asian dish ☺

Drama Group: The Wild Things – every Thursday, 4:30 – 6:30 pm

Kids aged 8 to 14 and trained theatre teacher Wael Oudeh choose and rehearse one play in English per year with the goal to perform it on stage at the end of the year. Lots of fun! Please contact Ingrid Stolz, ies@dai-Heidelberg.de, for details.

German Conversation Club – NEW – starting in June

Do you want to start learning everyday German? Then join our DAI Conversation Club, a meeting hub for all those who wish to practice German for everyday situations. A great opportunity to meet like-minded learners, make friends, inspire each other and learn the language in a fun and relaxed environment. Please contact Nadine, nadine.heikamp@dai-heidelberg.de, for details.

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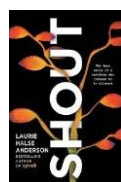
Young Discussion Group – starting on Monday, June 12, 4-5pm, weekly

Many young people are eager to discuss political and societal issues and are very conscious about what is going on in the world. Topics will include: gender and LGBTQ; environment; race; xenophobia, everything else that's weighing on your heart can be included! For teenagers between 13 and 17. The group will be facilitated by HCA student Lilli Baum; please contact jutta.wagner@dai-Heidelberg.de

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Literature in the Library

Laurie Halse Anderson – May 8, as of 10 am



Renowned US-American author Laurie Halse Anderson will receive the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award in Stockholm next week and agreed to stop by in Heidelberg.

Halse Anderson first worked as a journalist before publishing her breakout with the award-winning *Speak* (1999), later adapted into a film starring Kristen Stewart. The novel's honest depiction of surviving sexual assault was partly based on Halse Anderson's experience. Her other key titles include *Wintergirls*, about two girls' eating disorders; and *The Impossible*

Knife of Memory, about a girl who hides her father's PTSD and alcoholism from others. Please contact Ingrid Stolz, ies@dai-Heidelberg.de, for details.

Ayanna Lloyd Banwo: *When We Were Birds* – Tuesday, May 2, 8pm

A girl with a family legacy of women communicating with ghosts, and a gravedigger down on his luck, meet on a graveyard in Trinidad. Around this unconventional meeting Ayanna Lloyd Banwo weaves a tale about love and grief, matriarchal societies and cultural heritage that has inspired critics all around the world. The Guardian's review finds echoes of Dickens in this debut novel, that masterfully tells us about the ordinary life in Trinidad through the genre of magic realism.

Please click [here](#) for tickets.

