

Virtual Adult Storytime

Theme: Tales & Travel Paris

The purpose of the Virtual Adult Storytime is to provide older adults in the Wadsworth Community with content to facilitate sharing and reminiscing during a time we cannot meet in person.

Story/ Book/ Folktale (People of all ages benefit from hearing stories read aloud. For older adults it can be a chance to stir memories and use their imagination)

Interesting Facts about Paris (read aloud to residents):

- Paris is the capital of France and the largest city with a population of 2,190,377.
- Paris was established in 52 B.C. when a group of Romans found a tribe of fisherman living there and created a colony.
- The Seine River flows through the city dividing it into the Left bank and the Right bank.
- The Eiffel Tower was supposed to be a temporary installation, intended to stand for 20 years after being built for the 1889 World Fair. The Eiffel Tower is 276m high and was created by Alexandre Gustav Eiffel in 1889. He is the same person who built the internal frame of the Statue of Liberty in 1885. When the Eiffel tower first went up, people mocked it and called it hideous but otherwise paid it no attention as it was meant to be taken down after the World Fair of 1889. It is weird to think that in hot weather it can expand in height by as much as 6 inches without popping or breaking any of its two and a half million rivets.
- It took 666 years to build the Louvre. It was originally built as a palace but is now the most visited art museum in the world. It houses over 35 thousand works of art and would take ten months to look at every single item housed there.
- Notre Dame Cathedral, which was home to the legendary Hunchback and bell-ringer, Quasimodo, gets even more visitors than the Eiffel tower. The main bell in the tower, called Emmanuel,

weighs more than 3 Indian Elephants, tipping the scales at 13,000kg.

- The Catacombs were created about 200 years ago because the graveyards had become overcrowded and smelly. The bones were all moved by cart at night after being blessed by a priest. They were carefully stacked and arranged in the old limestone mines beneath the city. To visit today, you go down a spiral staircase which takes you 20m (65ft) beneath the City. It is interesting to note that it took over 70 years to move all the bones into the Catacombs.

Video of Books Read: <https://youtu.be/d9R9z2mFw2s>

Zeraffa Giraffa by Dianne Hormeyr

Image of Giraffe Painting attached below

<https://museum.larochelle.fr/un-avant-gout/les-incontournables/zeraffa-la-girafe>

Sylvia's Bookshop by Robert Burleigh

Learn more about Sylvia Beach:

<https://shakespeareandcompany.com/35/history/95/sylvia-beachs-shakespeare-and-company-1919-1941>

“Tell Me a Story” Pictures (A picture can truly say a thousand words; the pictures included here can spur older adults to remember and even be creative in describing a story from the image. After prompting them, let them become the storytellers) *Pictures attached below*

Parisian Landmarks:

1. Eiffel Tower
2. Arc de Triomphe

3. Notre Dame
4. Louvre
5. Palace of Versailles

Video Links (These are provided for enrichment of the theme. Music, dance, etc. enrich auditory, visual, and memory in older adults. Entertainment and engagement are enhanced with these tools)

Romantic French Music:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Ema3wvrtWU>

French Phrases:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iXC1NoxoKcs>

Theme-related Activities (Continued enrichment of the theme provided)

Free Paris Coloring Book PDF:

<https://misadventureswithandi.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Paris-Coloring-Pages-by-Misadventures-with-Andi.pdf>

Try Some Parisian Food:

Classic Crepes: <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/classic-crepes>

Learn more about Parisian Food:

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/top-10-foods-try-paris>

Movies featuring Paris to watch:

- An American in Paris
- Midnight in Paris

- Moulin Rouge
- Funny Face
- Charade
- Les Miserables
- Julia & Julia

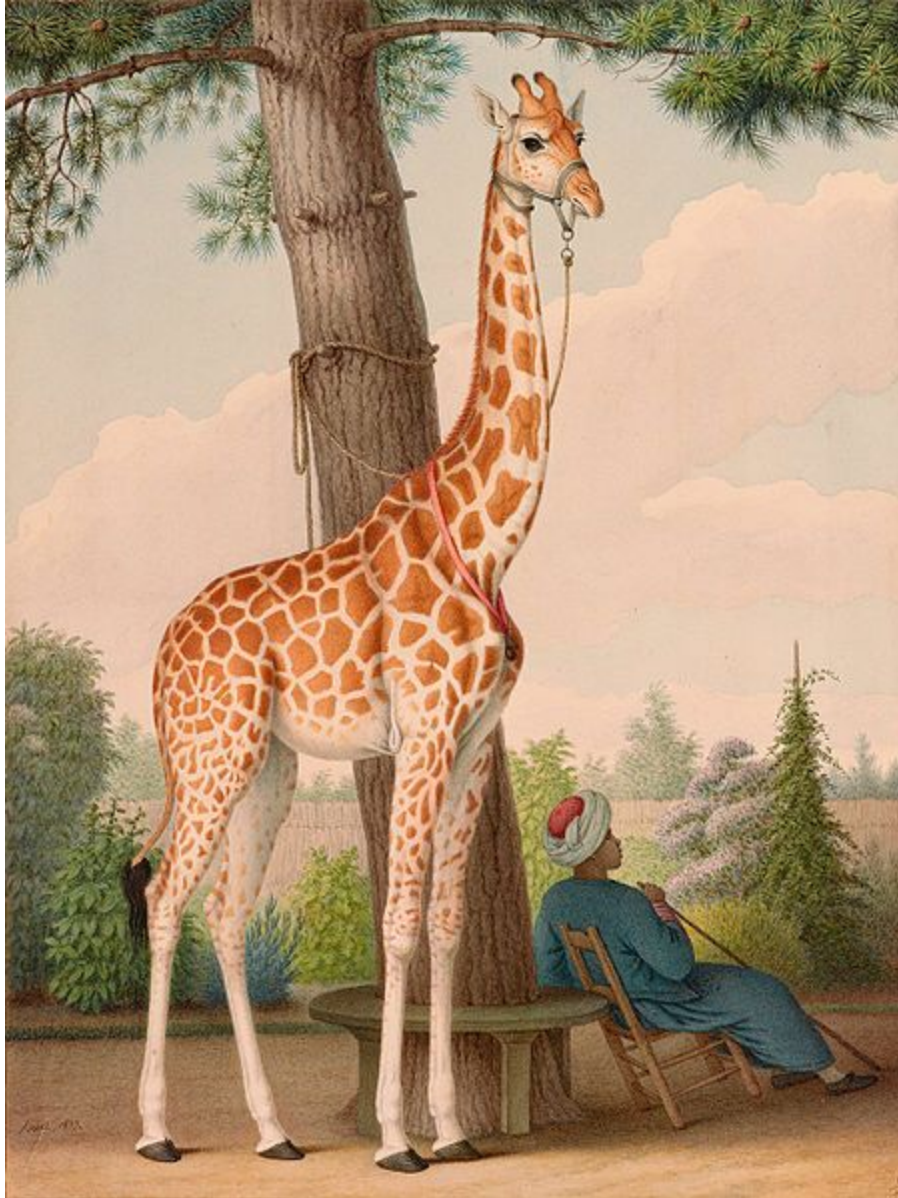












"Study of the Giraffe Given to Charles X by the Viceroy of Egypt," by Nicolas Huet the Younger (1827) A watercolor depiction of the first giraffe ever seen in France, alongside the groom who would look after it for the next eighteen years.