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Updates from the Philadelphia City Institute Library

By Erin Hoopes

On Fridays this summer from 10 am to 12 pm, stop by the Goat Statue in Rittenhouse Square to sign up for the Free Library of Philadelphia's Summer Reading program. Philadelphia City Institute Library staff will be handing out summer reading materials, stickers, and free books for readers of all ages! We'll also have grab-and-go craft bags for our young friends and special summer-reading challenge cards for teens and adults. This program begins June 11 and ends August 13.

Material pickup services are ongoing at the Philadelphia City Institute Library (1905 Locust Street). You can reserve library materials online with your library card number and pin, then give us a call (215-685-6621) to schedule an appointment to pick them up. In our first eight months of offering pickup services, we checked out 30,481 items for 7,293 pickup appointments. We are so proud of this achievement by our small staff of three librarians, one library assistant, and one municipal guard!

Although we aren't open for browsing yet, our staff is happy to provide personalized recommendations for readers of all ages. Need some extra-engaging reading material to keep your children busy this summer? Want to find books to help start a new hobby or to take on vacation with you? Let us help! For children's titles, email [Liz Heideman](mailto:Liz.Heideman@pcil.org). For teen and adult titles, email [Erin Hoopes](mailto:Erin.Hoopes@pcil.org). For adult titles, email [Dan Kopp](mailto:Dan.Kopp@pcil.org).

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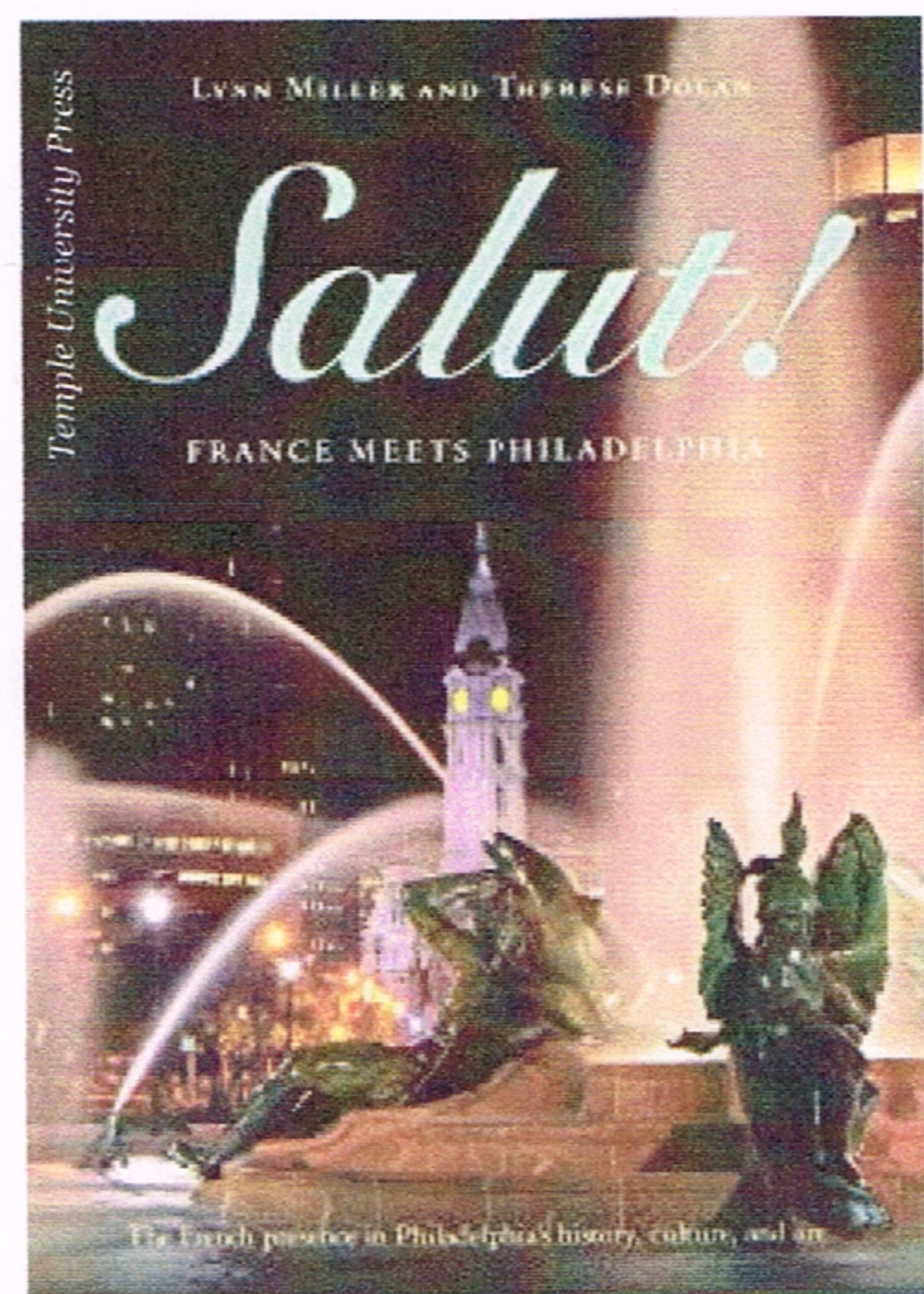
Finding the French Footprint in Philadelphia

By Bonnie Eisenfeld

Philadelphians, art aficionados, history buffs, and fans of all things French will find a valuable resource in *Salut! France Meets Philadelphia* (subtitle: *The French presence in Philadelphia's history, culture, and art*). Readers will learn how France is woven into our political and social history, visual arts, architecture, urban design, and cuisine.

Historically, the book covers the earliest French settlers in colonial times, through France's involvement in the American Revolution, the Federal period and the French Revolution, the French influence during the nineteenth century, all the way to modern times. Beautifully illustrated with 169 full-color photographs, the book is so rich in detail that it makes an ideal reference to have on your bookshelf to consult from time to time.

This thoroughly researched and meticulously detailed work was written by two Temple University Professors Emeriti: Lynn Miller, Political Science; and Therese Dolan, Art History; and published by Temple University Press. Watch their [online presentation](#) on YouTube, sponsored by the Athenaeum of Philadelphia, the Barnes Foundation, Temple University Press, and the Alliance Française.



From the book cover.

Salut! France Meets Philadelphia Wins Athenaeum Award

The Athenaeum of Philadelphia presented its 2020 Art & Architecture Literary Award to *Salut! France Meets Philadelphia* at its Annual Shareholder Meeting on April 12. This award honors the year's most outstanding book on art or architecture by a Philadelphia-area author, selected by a panel of Athenaeum shareholders.

Presenting the award, Daniel Traister remarked, "Unanimous about the book's quality and readability, we also agreed about its ability to attract, interest, and inform a general readership while simultaneously meeting scholarly expectations."

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