

ALP NOTES

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This is the first issue of an American Library in Paris Newsletter which the library hopes to issue three times a year to its members. Its purpose is, of course, to keep you up-to-date on changes and new developments at the library. We hope that you will enjoy this issue and will be looking forward to the next which should appear in the winter.

AMERICAN LIBRARY HOLIDAYS

During the remainder of 1984 the American Library in Paris will be closed on the following holidays :

*Thursday, November 1, 1984 All Saints Day
Saturday, November 10, 1984 Armistice Day
Thursday, November 22, 1984 Thanksgiving Day
Tuesday, December 25, 1984 Christmas Day.*

EARLY CLOSINGS

Due to meetings of its Board Trustees, the American Library in Paris will close at 6 PM on the following Tuesday evenings during 1984 :

*Tuesday, September 25, 1984
Tuesday, November 20, 1984*

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience which these early closings may cause our readers.

WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

Beginning in September 1984, all membership applications must be accompanied by a photograph of the member. The library regrets the necessity for this new membership requirement, but it has been our experience that too many of the non-transferable membership cards were being used by non-members.

1984 RATE INCREASE

Membership rates for the American Library were increased on July 1, 1984. It was the first increase since January, 1983 for FAMILY, INDIVIDUAL and JUVENILE memberships. The Board of Trustees approved the rate increase due to the increased strength of the US dollar, which makes the purchase of American materials more and more expensive for the library.

NEW AT THE LIBRARY

This fall the American Library in Paris is inaugurating a new membership card... the Reader's Card. This card entitles the bearer access to the library for a period of six months, as often as he wishes, upon payment of 150 FF. The card does not, however, include borrowing privileges. Ask about it at the Circulation Desk.

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FASHION NOTE

Tired of hunting around the house for a Monoprix plastic bag in which to carry your books to and from the American Library? Why not glamorize your toting with an official American Library in Paris book bag? The "totes" are made of sturdy canvas and are decorated with the Eiffel Tower and "The American Library in Paris". This new accessory is available at the Loan Desk and costs a mere 35 FF.

A FIRST FOR THE AMERICAN LIBRARY

The American Library in Paris is the first library outside of the 50 United States to be recipient of a gift set of the available volumes of the Library of America, according to Executive Director of the Library, Cheryl Hurley, who personally sought sponsors to provide the set to the American Library. The sponsors are Dr Franklin Murphy of the Times Mirror Corporation and Joan Palevsky, both of Los Angeles.

The Library of America, which published its first volume in 1980, intends to include in its series, for the first time in U.S. publishing history, in a uniform format, all of the works of Hawthorne, James, Emerson, Thoreau, and the writings of the other notable American novelists, historians, poets, philosophers and essayists.

ALP AUTOMATES..... IN PART

Thanks to the generosity of IBM, the American Library in Paris has received as a gift an IBM XT personal computer. Mr McAdam, Mme Daudey, and Volunteers "Jeff" and Bob Williams and ALP Board President Stephen Pierce spent most of the month of August trying to master the new equipment and to adapt its software for library use. During the coming year, the Library hopes to automate its membership lists and its bookkeeping function.

WORKSHOP FOR LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS HELD

On September 6, 1984, The American Library held its first workshop for its volunteer corps, which was attended by fourteen of the devoted group of men and women, who, by donating their time to the library, help us to provide you with better, more efficient library service.

The program included an overview of the volunteer program here at the American Library, a critique of volunteer service during 1983-1984, and plans for the extension of the program during 1984-1985. The afternoon also included a complete tour of the library and an explanation of the activities of each section of the library.

Attendees were presented with a copy of ALP's Volunteer Handbook.

Any members of the library who would like to structure their leisure time by becoming an ALP Volunteer are asked to contact Mr McAdam at the library.