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## AMERICAN LIBRARY HOLIDAYS

The American Library in Paris will be closed on the following holidays during the winter months:

Thursday, November 22, 1984	Thanksgiving Day
Tuesday, December 25, 1984	Christmas Day
Tuesday, January 1, 1985	New Year's Day

## EARLY CLOSINGS

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

Tuesday, November 20, 1984  
 Tuesday, January 15, 1985  
 Tuesday, March 26, 1985

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

This is the 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR of the American Library in Paris and the Library plans to celebrate it with various events both in and out of the Library. We will keep you informed as our plans develop. We hope to have lots of participation from our members in this year-long birthday party.

During 1985, we will be opening additional stacks to the public on our mezzanine, providing much needed extra space for our readers.

ALP's traditional Christmas Carol Party for children will be held at the Hotel Talleyrand of the U.S. Embassy on December 7, at 6 o'clock. All monies raised at this very popular event go to the Children's Room. Make sure that you get your tickets early as this event is always SOLD OUT.

Our annual Paris fund raising appeal is getting underway. Every year we must raise \$50,000 to add to our library materials. This seemingly large amount is a minimum for us to maintain our purchases of materials at current levels. You will receive an appeal from us before the end of the year. As a library user, you know how important the Library is to our community, so please give as generously as you can, and remember, a gift to the Library is now tax deductible under French law.

## CHRISTMAS AT THE HOTEL TALLEYRAND

As mentioned above the annual American Library Christmas Carol Party for the benefit of the Children's Room will be held on Friday, December 7, 1984, from 6 to 8 P.M. at the newly renovated Hotel Talleyrand of the U.S. Embassy, 2 rue St. Florentin, Paris 8<sup>eme</sup>. The event will feature carolling and a visit from Santa Claus. There will be a buffet and bar, included in the admission fee of 100FF per person and 75FF per Child (under the age of 12).

The Embassy requires that reservations be made no later than November 26th, so please send your check to the American Library in Paris without delay.

## CHRISTMAS IDEAS

The American Library would like to put forth several suggestions for those members who are faced with the unenviable task of selecting gifts for the person who "has everything" or is "difficult to please" at Christmastime. The American Library still has in stock a number of its first edition ALP bookbags, available at 35FF each. For the non-member, the perfect gift would be a year's membership in the American Library. Price range from 125 FF to 420FF for a year-long's pleasure in reading. This year, it is also possible to give a book to the Library in the name of someone on your gift list. Just send a check to the Library and the Library will be happy to send notification of your gift to the person in whose name the book is given.

## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS NEEDED

In order to decorate the Library Christmas tree, we are asking the members if they could donate Christmas tree ornaments to the library for the Christmas Season. If you have any tree decorations which you do not plan to use at home, please bring them into the library before December 10th. Thank you.

## NEW BOOKLIST GOES TO PRESS

The staff and volunteers of the American Library have just completed compiling a new American Library Booklist...Books that Changed America which will be available shortly. The list which was suggested by Kenneth C. Davis' recent book Two-Bit Culture: the Paperbacking of America comprises some 40 titles of books which have had a significant impact on American life during the past 40 years.

## "NON-BENEFIT" BENEFIT A "SMASH"

Hosts Art and Ann Buchwald are elated by the success of Spring 1984's American Library "Non-Benefit" Benefit, which brought the Library some 40,000FF in revenue. A large number of friends and members of the Library participated in the non-event. 45.5% of the contributors preferred to sip champagne, 18.8% to eat foie gras, 6.6% to enjoy Springtime in Paris, and 22.2% to do "whatever" rather than attend a formal gala. The Library thanks each and every one who took part in the "non-benefit" Benefit and especially Berna Huebner who came up with the idea of celebrating a "non-event".

## VOLUNTEERS ON THE MARCH

Twenty-seven men and women are currently donating their time to help the American Library run more smoothly. During September and October, the volunteers contributed over 900 hours of work to ALP. Volunteer projects underway are the automation of certain library functions, preparations for the annual book sale, publicizing the library within the Anglophonic community of Paris and executing the annual Paris Fund-Raising Campaign. If you would be interested in helping these people help the Library, please contact Mr. McAdam at your earliest possible convenience.

## SUGGESTION BOX

If you cannot find a book which you are anxious to read at the American Library, why not drop a note containing the book's author and title in the Library's Suggestion Box, which is to be found on the fiction catalogue. All suggestions are seriously considered for purchase.

## REMINDER

This year the American Library requires an ID photo for all membership cards in the individual, student and juvenile categories. The Load Desk recently reported that over 100 members have not yet submitted a photo for their cards. We ask that those who have not yet brought in a photo to do so as soon as possible. Thank you.