

## ALP NOTES

## THE AMERICAN LIBRARY IN PARIS NEWSLETTER

The American Library in Paris will be closed on the following holidays during the next quarter:

Saturday, April 6, 1985

## EARLY CLOSINGS:

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

Tuesday, March 26, 1985

Tuesday, April 23, 1985

## BOOK SALE AND OPEN HOUSE:

On Sunday, April 14, 1985 the American Library will hold its ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE AND BOOK SALE from 1 PM to 7 PM. On sale to library members and the general public will be hundreds of books which the library has received as gifts which it is not planning to add to the collection as well as a number of titles which have been withdrawn from the collection in recent years. This spring's sale is being organized by a group of the library's volunteers under the direction of Jeff Williams, Library trustee and volunteer. Refreshments will be served.

## THE WORD ON TAPE

Recently, the library has added 50 spoken word cassettes to its collection of sound recordings. Among the titles in the adult selection are Ernest Hemingway Reading, Jack London's The Call of the Wild (read by Ed Begly) Gwendolyn Brooks Reading Her Poetry, two volumes of The Tales of Edgar Allen Poe (read by Basil Rathbone) and The Poetry of Langston Hughes (read by Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis).

For younger listeners, there are The Poems of A.A. Milne (read by Dame Judith Anderson), Ludwig Bemelman's Madeleine (told by Carol Channing), the Little Toot stories (read by Hans Conreid), Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland (with Stanley Holloway as Narrator and Joan Greenwood as Alice) and The Story of Babar and The Travels of Babar (read by Louis Jourdan).

All of the spoken word cassettes are available for home listening to library members.

## LIBRARY BOOK BAGS...A FASHION MUST

The American Library Book Bag seems to have become an important fashion accessory since its introduction six months ago. Over 180 bags have been sold to date! And the demand continues! Don't forget to ask for yours at the Service Desk at the entrance to the library. The cost is still only 35 FF!

## BIRTHDAY PRESENTS

In celebration of the 65th Anniversary of the American Library in Paris, several U.S. publishers have sent gifts to the library to commemorate the library's founding in 1920. Among the publishers are represented: Ashley Books, Inc., The Photography Book Club, the American Artist Book Club (divisions of Watson-Guption Publications) and Verbatim Book Club (a subsidiary of Verbatim, the Language Quarterly) and the Doubleday Book Clubs.

## COLLECTIONS STILL ACCESSIBLE TO ALP RESEARCHERS

Although the American College in Paris has taken possession of the two collections which it purchased from the American Library in Paris, the American Historical Collection and the American Literature Collection, and is integrating them into its own library collections, individual titles are still available to researchers at the American Library in Paris on a delayed-paging basis via inter-library loan from the American College Library for in-house use. For further details, please see the ALP staff member at the Information Desk.

## CHRISTMAS CAROL PARTY A SUCCESS

The Annual American Library Christmas Carol Party for the benefit of the Children's Room, held at the newly-renovated Hotel Tallyrand on December 7, 1984, was once again a success. Some 165 merry-makers appeared at the Hotel Tallyrand to sing carols, exchange Season's Greetings with other members of the library community, enjoy the lavish buffet prepared by the U.S. Embassy caterers and to await the visit of Santa Claus. A "surprise" extra was the performance of excerpts from The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by the players of the Paris English Language Theater. The party netted 4000 FF for the acquisition of new materials for the Children's Room. The Library wants to thank everyone involved in the event, and especially Mme Yves Gompel and Mme Jacques Vettier who coordinated the entire evening's entertainment.

## VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

The library is still looking for volunteers who would like to devote some of their spare time to helping the American Library serve its members. If you should be interested in helping-out at the library, please contact Mr. McAdam at your earliest possible convenience.

## THE XT AND YOU

The Library is pleased to announce that its current membership list has been entered into its IBM-XT computer. This marks the completion of the first phase of automation at the American Library in Paris.

## FILM UNIT VISITS ALP

The staff of the American Library was quite surprised when it received a call from members of ABC Films who were scouting locations for the upcoming ABC television film War and Remembrance which will be shot in Europe commencing Autumn 1985. The American Library figures in an episode of the Herman Wouk novel, so ABC Films was looking for photographs of the American Library from the period 1939-1945.

## AMERICAN LIBRARY STILL A BARGAIN

A stroll along the rue de Rivoli on a bright, clear but cold Monday afternoon in February, and a pause to window shop at H.W.Smith's, revealed that membership at the American Library is still one of the great bargains in Paris. Current U.S. bestsellers were advertised at Smith's at the following prices:

Stephen King	The Talisman	173,50 FF
Mary Clark	Stillwatch	157,70 FF
Len Deighton	Mexico Set	156,70 FF
Sidney Sheldon	If Tomorrow Comes	165,90 FF
Mario Puzo	The Sicilian	235,00 FF
Belva Plain	Crescent City	156,70 FF
Graham Greene	The Tenth Man	156,70 FF
Frank Herbert	Charter House Dune	156,70 FF
Erica Jong	Parachutes & Kisses	157,70 FF
Helen MacInnes	Ride a Pale Horse	156,70 FF
Joseph Heller	God Knows	156,70 FF
Dick Francis	Proof	156,70 FF

For the price of any two of the books featured above, a reader can have a full year's membership in the American Library and be able to read all twelve...and many more...throughout the year. Now if that isn't a bargain, what is?