



THE AMERICAN LIBRARY IN PARIS

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ALP NOTES

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EARLY CLOSINGS AND HOLIDAYS

During the remainder of 1985, the American Library in Paris will observe the following holidays:

Friday, November 1, 1985 (All Saints' Day)
Thursday, November 28, 1985 (Thanksgiving)
Tuesday, December 24, 1985 (Christmas Eve)
Wednesday, December 25, 1985 (Christmas Day)
Tuesday, December 31, 1985 (New Year's Eve)

The Library will close at 6 P.M. rather than 7 P.M. on the following Tuesday evening for a meeting of its Board of Trustees:

Tuesday, November 19, 1985

RECORDINGS COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTED

American Library Trustee Helen Walters, currently residing in Chicago, Illinois, recently made another sizeable donation to the music fund of the American Library in Paris in order to assure the continued growth of the recordings collection. The first purchase for the collection has been made from these funds and a number of familiar titles are making their reappearance in the collection in disc and/or cassette format: Verdi's Aida, Orff's Carmina Burana, Mozart's Don Giovanni, Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsodies, and Chopin's 24 Preludes. Titles appearing in the collection for the first time are: Puccini's Gianni Schicchi and Fanciulla del West and Rossini's Tancredi. The new cassette jazz collection contains performances by such incomparable U.S. jazz greats as Billie Holiday, Duke Ellington, Oscar Peterson, and Dave Brubeck.

The American Library Recordings Collection is, in large part, the gift to the Library and its readers of Miss Walters. The classical collection was selected by Mme Elisabeth Schwarzkopf and was given to the library in recognition of the achievements of Mme Schwarzkopf and her husband Walter Legge in the field of music.

An inscribed color portrait of Mme Schwarzkopf in academic regalia, taken upon the occasion of her receipt of an honorary doctorate from Cambridge University, has been hung in the American Library above the recordings catalogue.

ALP BOOKBAGS SELLING OUT!

The stock of the first edition of the official American Library in Paris bookbag is fast being depleted. At last count only thirty bookbags remain to be sold. Don't be among the disappointed. Purchase your ALP bookbag today.

SIX-MONTH MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

Due to a seeming heavy demand in requested for the service, the American Library Trustees at their last meeting O.K'd the offering of memberships of six-months duration to new readers. The short-term memberships will be available only in the student and individual categories and will cost 200 and 260 FF respectively.

READING ALOUD GROUP FORMS AT ALP

Mothers who would be interested in participating in a "read aloud" group are asked to contact Head Librarian Paul E. McAdam.

The group, which would meet on Saturday mornings in the Children's Department of the Library, would take turns in reading stories to the younger members of the Library's community. It is hoped that there are enough members of the ALP community who would be interested in participating in "reading aloud" to assure a successful series for the 1985-86 season.

LOAN PERIOD CHANGES

The Library has found it necessary to change the length of the loan period. Since September 1983, ALP has been experimenting with a flexible loan period with a single due date for materials each week. Although the single due date system is in effect at many U.S. libraries and seems to be successful, the American Library found the system confusing to the readers and hard-going for the staff which was faced with extremely heavy returns on Tuesday afternoons.

Since the autumn re-opening of the Library on September 10, the loan period has been changed: a 3-week loan for all non-fiction (including recordings) apart from the CAPES/Agrégation collection and older fiction; a 7-day loan for new fiction and the CAPES/Agrégation collection.

DONOR FUNDS GIFT TO LIBRARY:

Ms Joan Palevsky, Vice President of The Immaculate Heart Center, Los Angeles, recently informed the Library of America that IHC will underwrite the donation of the future volumes of The Library of America to the American Library in Paris. The Library and Staff are quite pleased to receive this news and thank both IHC and The Library of America for their continued interest in ALP.

INTO THE BOX!

All members of the library are encouraged to place their suggestions for book purchases in the red suggestion box on the fiction catalog. All suggestions are welcome, but make sure before suggesting a title for the library that the library doesn't already own the titles in question.

IN PROGRESS...

Due to popular demand, the American Library is presently preparing reading lists of the best-loved children's books of all time. The lists are being compiled especially to help introduce bi-lingual children, raised abroad, to some of the classics of English-language children's literature.

OPEN HOUSE AND BOOK SALE SCHEDULED

The Volunteer Aides of the American Library in Paris recently announced that the Library will hold its autumn Open House and Book Sale on Sunday afternoon, December 1, 1985, from 1 P.M. to 7 P.M. The entire ALP community is invited to attend the event which should provide a pleasant conclusion to the Thanksgiving weekend. Further details will appear in the November ALP notes.