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EARLY CLOSINGS AND HOLIDAYS

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

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)

SIX-MONTH MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

Due to a seeming heavy demand in requests 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.

OPEN HOUSE AND BOOK SALE

The Library will be holding an Open House and Book Sale on Sunday, December 1, 1985, from 1 to 7 P.M. In addition to the several thousand duplicate and discarded titles which will be offered for sale, the Library will be offering, for the first time, a large number of used phonograph records which it has received as gifts during recent years and is not planning to add to its record or cassette lending collection.

Puppeteer Shirley Johannesen Levine will present a special program for children at the Open House featuring music, make-believe, and audience participation. She will offer two programs during the afternoon: at 2:30 P.M. for the 3- to 6-year olds; at 3:30 P.M. for children over six years of age.

Refreshments will be served during the afternoon.

The Open House at ALP has always been an important family event and the library hopes that all of its members will be able to attend.

HEAD LIBRARIAN DEPARTS

Paul McAdam, who has served as Head Librarian at ALP since November 1981, is leaving the library to return to the United States in December 1985. During his four years at the American Library, Mr. McAdam has seen a revival of interest in the institution and has witnessed a steady growth in membership and circulation. He is the "father" of ALP Notes, the initiator of the American Library reading lists, the founder of the ALP volunteer aide program, and has been the "grey eminence" behind many innovations at ALP during recent years.

In addition to resuming his profession in the USA, Mr. McAdam has several writing projects that he would like to pursue once he is on

the other side of the Atlantic.

Mr. McAdam leaves Paris and ALP with regret and hopes to visit both again in the near future.

CHRISTMAS PARTY SCHEDULED!

The American Library's annual Christmas Caroling Party, to benefit the Children's Department, is to take place on Friday, December 6, 1985, at the Hôtel Talleyrand, 2, rue Saint-Florentin, near Place de la Concorde. According to Mrs. Mary Beth Behrent, Party Chairperson, this year, the event will be "grander than ever," and will center around the singing of traditional Christmas carols. A visit from Santa Claus is guaranteed and there will be a gift for every child. There will also be "live entertainment" and, of course, a cocktail buffet.

Reservations must be made before December 4th. The entry fee is 125 FF for adults and 75FF for children. Don't miss celebrating Christmas with the entire American Library family.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT OFFERS FIRST READING LIST

In response to the requests of a number of parents of bi-lingual children, the Children's Department has just published its première reading list of standard children's titles in English. Entitled Classic Children's Books, an English Language Heritage, the list is directed to all children, from toddlers through the age of 12 years, who are attending or will attend French schools, and features the time-tested favorites of English-reading children everywhere. Each of the more than sixty titles included on the list is annotated and keyed to an age level. Ask for your copy of Classic Children's Books in the Children's Department today!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Anyone who is interested in devoting a few hours or more per week to helping your American Library serve you better is requested to contact Mrs. "Jeff" Williams, Volunteer Representative, as soon as possible. Volunteers are needed especially to help in the public service areas on Thursday and Friday afternoons and all day Saturday.