

## ALP NOTES

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THE ALP BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF NEW HEAD LIBRARIAN

The Board of Trustees of the ALP is very pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Robert Grattan, III to the position of Head Librarian of the American Library in Paris. Mr. Grattan is from Ashland, Virginia where he is currently Director of the Learning Resources Center at J. Sargent Reynolds Community College, a library which serves a large student body as well as being open to the general public who share the same privileges as students. Mr. Grattan's second language is French and he has lived a total of three years in France as well as making regular visits since the mid-60's. The first six months of 1985 having been spent in Tunisia on a Fulbright grant to teach information science (in French), Mr. Grattan was able to learn much about the Tunisian library system which is closely based on the French system. A micro-computer enthusiast in his professional life, he also spends much of his leisure time working with computers and is an amateur radio operation too having built much of the equipment used in these two activities himself. Mr. Grattan and his wife, Mary, who is an associate professor at J. Sargent Reynolds Community College and a librarian too, will be in Paris at the beginning of April when he will assume his new duties with us.

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TWO SUCCESSFUL EVENTS ROUND OUT ALP ACTIVITIES FOR 1985The Book Sale and Open House:

A welcome swarm of over 100 people surged through the ALP portals at the one o'clock opening of the December 1st Book Sale and Open House, and this exceptional turnout was the order of the day as the crowd was such that real browsing was only possible after five o'clock! Well timed, just before the Christmas vacation, well publicized, thank you Morag Laviolette, blessed with bright sunny weather, the sale offered an excellent selection of books, records and magazines. Another special attraction was of Shirley Lavine's puppet program which was appreciated by the children (perhaps even as much as by their parent?), and generously offered to us by Shirley. The sale was topped off with free flowing wine and juice to accompany the many delicious home-made refreshments. A record-breaking 21,000francs was the result.

Bravo and hearty thanks to Jeff Williams who organized it all as well as to the following who contributed and average of six hours each to this effort: Duncan Caldwell, Ann Herndon, Morag Laviolette, Gail Rapoport, Nicole Ravier, Sweta Sawant, Melissa Stacchini, Miwa Stewart, Peter Telfair, Bob Williams, Maria Winning, Lynn Lindstrom, Regine Theriez and very special volunteer that day, Mr. Paul E. McAdam. Many thanks also to trustee Nancy Webster who was Refreshments and Hospitality chairman and to the Trustee who contribute their time, home-made goodies or funds for purchasing the beverages.

The Christmas Caroling Benefit:

For over 175 members of the ALP family, Christmas celebrations merrily began on December 6th in the elegant Talleyrand salons of the United States Embassy with the Library's seventh annual Christmas Caroling Benefit. The caroling was around the grand piano to the lively accompaniment of Stacey McAdam whom we thank for donating his talent and time to this event. Carols, cocktails and canapés satisfied the older

convivialists, but it was the arrival of Santa Claus in person with a Mattel toy for each child which capped off the lovely evening for everybody

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VOLUNTEERS DONATE 2,500 HOURS OF SERVICE TO AMERICAN LIBRARY

The ALP Volunteers, a force of more than thirty persons, have contributed a total of 2,500 hours to the various departments of the Alp since its re-opening in September to December 31, 1985. The Board of Trustees and the Staff of the ALP sincerely thank each one of them because without their help many of our services would not so readily be available to our growing membership.

If you would like to join this efficient and helpful group we are always in need of new volunteers. Volunteers need to have at last four hours a week to give us and to be a member of the Library. Please apply to Jeff Willimas who is in charge of the Volunteer program.

We are looking specifically for a volunteer to do secretarial work three times a week as there is a great need for help in this area. We are also seeking a similar schedual for help at the circulation desk. Thank you.

READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY? THE ALP VOLUNTEERS HAVE

A new book list has just been added to our in-house annotated Book Lists "Have You Read These--Books Suggested by the Volunteers of ALP". Ask for it at the desk if not displayed as well as our other lists:

Classic Children's Books: An English Language Heritage  
The Best of the Best: Contemporary Classics, 1944-1981  
Best Books of 1984  
Tales of the Unexpected: Novels of Horror and Fantasy  
Books That Changed America  
Glimpses of America

It has been suggested by some of our patrons that it would be interesting to have a "Readers' Preference List" and for this we need several of your favorite books. The library must have them in its collection. Leave your name, title and author and the date of publication if possible at the Circulation Desk. Thank you for your cooperation.

POLAROID CAMERAS AVAILABLE FOR RENT FROM THE ALP DESK

For the small sum of 25 francs for a three week period, ALP members can rent Polaroid 630 or Pronto cameras against a refundable deposit made at the time of the loan. The cameras can be loaned for up to three week at a time.

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