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ALP NOTES

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EARLY CLOSINGS AND HOLIDAYS

During the remainder of 1986 the American Library in Paris will observe the following holidays and early closings:

November 1, 11, 27, 1986

December 24, 25, 31, 1986 and, of course, January 1, 1987

6 P.M. CLOSING ON NOVEMBER 18, 1986

AUGUST OPENING

For the first time in seventeen years the Library was open for the month of August. The hours were reduced from those of the normal schedule, but with the help of a reduced staff and nine volunteers we were able to serve 1,322 patrons and answer more than 270 telephone calls in only 53 hours. The hours for August may be extended in 1987. The schedule for July and August will be announced in late spring.

NEW ARRANGEMENT OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE AREA

The circulation desk and the periodical section have been rearranged to centralize services. Traffic patterns will be studied to determine any further changes that may be necessary.

SECURITY

A security desk has been posted near the entrance door, manned (rather womaned) by staff and volunteers, to check bags and membership cards. Also for reasons of security, no ALP membership card will be honored (except Family Cards) without a photograph.

MINITEL

Beginning January, 1987, the ALP will have three pages of information on MINITEL. We will be able to update information six times a year. For those of us who do not know, Minitel is a new sort of electronic telephone book which, among other services, will eventually replace the clumsy "annuaire".

THE PAPERBACK BOOK SALE

The Paperback Book Sale will be held in the library during normal library hours from Tuesday, October, 14th to Saturday, October 18th. The books shall be in categories including "easy-reading" romances and children's paperbacks.

THE ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE AND BOOK SALE

The Library will be holding its Annual Open House and Book Sale on Sunday, November 30, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. The hour from one until two will be for members only. In addition the several thousand duplicate and discarded titles which will be offered for sale, the Library will be selling magazines and a number of used phonograph records which it is not planning to add to its lending collection. AND for forty

Francs you may carry all the above treasures home in one of our heavy duty ALP BOOK BAGS.

Refreshments will be served until 6:00 by the board members who are also the welcoming committee. If you haven't yet met our Head Librarian, Bob Grattan, the Open House will provide the opportunity.

The Chairman of the Book Sales, Polly Laviolette, is eager to have more donations of hard cover and paperbacks for the coming sales. Some of your donations may, however, be kept for the Library's collection or for sharing with the five ALP branches in the rest of France.

A NEW ANNOTATED BOOK LIST

"Have You Read These? Our Patrons' Suggestions" has been added to our other book lists which have just been reprinted. Ask at the Circulation Desk for any which you do not see displayed.

PUBLICITY

The Library's Publicity Committee would be grateful for any suggestion or help from members in its effort to ensure that the Library is known to as an extensive number of people and organizations as possible.

USING THE SUGGESTION BOX

Our Suggestion Box is taken seriously. It is checked everyday and responses are quickly made if required. Not only requests for books which would suit our collection and/or be popular, but also comments that may be useful to the ALP in any way. ex.--ideas for publicity as mentioned above are welcomed.

STORY TIME FOR THE UNDER-SEVENS EVERY WEDNESDAY

2:30 to 3:00 for the 3 to 5 year-olds

3:00 to 3:30 for the over-fours (Film Strips)

Margot Burgess, who has a degree in Early Childhood Education and teaching experience, has helped considerably in making the Story Time for the nursery school group popular. This year she is sharing the fun by encouraging the mothers to join in the program as readers. The Story Time is also a good time for the other mothers to pick out books for themselves in the adult part of the library

Margot is also hoping to have more of you sign up on the sheet in the Children's Room for the Read-Aloud Program for the school-age child on Saturdays.

REQUESTS FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Library has an average of 30 volunteers at any one time. But because of the somewhat transient nature of life in Paris, we always need to replace someone who has "gone back home." Then there are special projects which need the people who do not want to be committed to a weekly schedule. The need for volunteers to help at the Security Desk, the two Book Sales, and the coming Publicity Campaign is urgent. See Jeff Williams, Volunteer Coordinator, is in the library on Wednesday or Friday afternoons). You may also leave a note in the Suggestion Box with your telephone number.