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ALP NOTES

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EARLY CLOSINGS AND HOLIDAYS

The American Library in Paris will be closed on the following dates in observance of the end of the year holidays:

December 24, 25, 31, 1986 and January 1, 1987  
6 P.M. CLOSING ON JANUARY 13, 1987.

ALP'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROLING BENEFIT TO TAKE PLACE ON DECEMBER 12! RESERVE NOW!!

Reservations are now being taken for the ALP's Annual Christmas Caroling Benefit (the proceeds of which traditionally are allocated to the Children's Room). This is a lively, lovely family party; old fashioned caroling around the grand piano with Stacey McAdam leading us in song; an important excerpt from "FLUFF THE LITTLE PHANTOM" produced by the English theatre group, Galerie 55; a visit from Santa; the luscious cocktail buffet and the festive decorations all combining to make for a full evening of great enjoyment for all ages (including many teenagers!). This party is more successful every year (in spite of its rising cost which we regret but can't help), so please reserve now as the U. S. Embassy needs our guest list on December 8. Send your checks to the American Library in Paris, 10, rue du Général Camou, 75007 Paris specifying the ages of your children. Thank you.

ALP CHRISTMAS CAROLING BENEFIT  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, FROM 6 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.  
SALONS TALLEYRAND, 2, RUE ST. FLORENTIN, PARIS 1er  
ADULTS, 150 Francs - CHILDREN, 85 Francs.

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GREAT GIFTS FROM ALP!!! WHY NOT SEND YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS THE EXCLUSIVE ALP BOOK BAG? HANDY AND CHIC FOR ALL! ONLY 40 FRANCS! AND FOR YOUR FRIENDS IN PARIS, WHY NOT TUCK A NICE CRISP ALP MEMBERSHIP CARD INTO A BEAUTIFUL ALP BOOK BAG?

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NOVEMBER 30 ANNUAL ALP OPEN HOUSE AND BOOK SALE Milder Success Than Last Year.

While all the results are a little lower than last year, perhaps due to very cold weather and many weekend Thanksgiving celebrations, ALP's Annual Open House and Book Sale netted a very worthwhile 11,000 francs from over 300 visitors who enjoyed browsing over the more than 4,000 books offered for sale along with magazines and phonograph records. The ALP Board of Trustees provided refreshments of white wine, fruit juices and many home-made goodies to a musical background from the ALP tape collection. Bravo and thank you to Polly Laviolette for her long hard work organizing this event and to her many helpers: Peter Telfair, Pierre Gérard, Peggy Bond, Marlis Wadley, Janet Tchilinguirian, Janet Beneviste, Annette Amping (who ran the childrens' films all day), Adele Witt, Richard Dawson, Kandice Vettier, Rosemary and Bob Bernier, Nicole Ravier, Nicole Shieber, Duncan Caldwell, Mme. Daudey (cash & lunch for the volunteers), Mani Bharucha, plus Daniel, Harry, Olivier, Xavier, Nancy Webster, Whitney de Courcel, Michèle Gompel, and Philip Pierce.

DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND, THE IMMENSELY SUCCESSFUL "CLASSIC CHILDREN'S BOOKS" LIST HAS BEEN REPRINTED AND IS AVAILABLE NOW IN THE LIBRARY IN THE ENTRY-WAY DISPLAYS.

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INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK CELEBRATED BY AMERICAN LIBRARY IN PARIS

The Children's Room of the ALP celebrated International Children's Book Week by inviting twelve American, International and bilingual schools in Paris to a program of story reading with a book film appropriate to the different age groups. After the program the children looked over the collection and were given a basic lesson in the use of a library. Held between November 18 and 21, this successful event welcomed over 110 children to the ALP.

Because of holiday closings the Wednesday Story Time for 3 to 5 year olds will not be held during the school vacation. Check in the Children's Room for further information concerning the very popular Read Aloud program for over 7's held on Saturday mornings. Be on the lookout for a request for volunteers to spell Margo Burgess in these activities as she will be taking a maternity leave soon!

SUGGESTIONS FROM OUR PATRONS WELCOMED... One of our patrons, who is also a volunteer, wrote to the ALP drawing attention to the little known monument to the Lafayette Squadron which was a corps of American volunteers who served in the French Air Force in World War One. This monument is set in an attractive park in Garches on the edge of Route Nationale 307 near the first exit marked Versailles from the Autoroute de l'Ouest. Literally off the beaten path, a visit to this memorial would enhance any American's stay in Paris with the sense of true friendship and mutual regard that has been the case since our country's beginnings. Thanks to Mr. Nicolas Tripier who took the trouble to tell us this.

There is a Suggestion Box in the entrance to the ALP to welcome your ideas for book purchases or any other aspect of ALP life which could be improved. The ALP recently purchased two very popular computer software handbooks after finding it suggested in the Suggestion Box. Thank You.

From Bob Grattan

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the ALP staff, volunteers, Board of Trustees and library members for all their help and support in 1986. I feel that the transition between directors has been a smooth one, and I appreciate all of the encouragement you have offered me over the past eight months.

1987 should be an exciting year as we get closer to installing the first elements of a fully automated library system. In our first stages of implementation, we ask you to be patient with our growing pains as these changes will, in the long run, make your library more efficient and useful. We are, of course, always open to suggestions; and, I would welcome constructive criticism and new ideas at any time.

I join the entire ALP family in wishing you a happy holiday season and a prosperous new year.

NEXT PAPERBACK SALE !!

Saturday January 24 through Saturday January 31, 1987