

*Newsletter*

**THE AMERICAN LIBRARY IN PARIS**  
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AUTOMATION OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY IN PARIS.

Early in 1989, you will be able to use computer terminals to locate books in the American Library in Paris. Just as with a card catalog, you will be able to search under author, title, or subject. But with the terminal, your searches will be quicker and more thorough than ever.

A few weeks from now, we hope to offer members a preview of this system to come. Yes, by the end of June, the general fiction, mystery, and science fiction collections will be accessible to you through the new computer catalog. And by early 1989, the staff plans to begin a totally automated system: full book catalog, periodicals list, and circulation system.

Since January, we have installed a Hewlett-Packard Micro 3000 XE computer with the Virginia Tech Library System software and begun the conversion to automation. You may have observed some signs of our progress:

- an inventory of the collection
- revision of labels on all fiction books, replacing the alphabetical labels with author numbers (novels are still shelved alphabetically by author, of course.)
- the addition of a barcode in the back of each book, to be used for rapid checkout and check-in.

The ultimate benefactor of the new system will be you, the members and friends of the library. Once in operation, the automated system will allow you much quicker and more thorough access to the books, magazines, and other materials in the library, and more efficient service from the staff.

We anticipate a smooth transition period, in which we will be able to offer you, our members, the good service you have come to expect.

AUGUST HOURS.

This summer, in August, the American Library in Paris will be open for more convenient and longer hours than last summer. The Library will be open:

Tuesday- Friday 12 noon - 6:00 p. m.  
Saturday 10:00 a. m. - 2:00 p. m.

In July, the library will be open on the regular schedule:

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 2:00 p. m. - 7:00 p. m.  
Wednesday & Saturday 10:00 a. m. - 7:00 p. m.

The Library will be closed on Thursday, July 14th and the first week of September.

This is the third summer when the library has been open in August. Based on the statistics from two previous summers, we expect a large number of members to be using the library. For this reason, we will no longer be able to offer extended loan privileges to members leaving Paris for more than 3 weeks. However, to serve those members who plan to be away during August, we will attempt to add more selections to the paperback collection and extend its loan period to more than three weeks during the summer.