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THOUSANDS OF BOOKS FOR SALE

ALP OPEN HOUSE - MARCH 26th

The library will hold its annual book sale and open house on Sunday, March 26th (yes, that's Easter Sunday and also the 1st day of daylight savings time), from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 pm. If like many of us you have had trouble finding good inexpensive books in Paris, this could be your passport to good reading in 1989.

With over 4000 new

and used hardbacks and paperbacks to choose from, and with subjects ranging from children's books and teen romances to travel guides, science fiction, and books in many of the world's languages, there will be something to interest every member of your family.

The hours from 11:00 - 1:00 are reserved for members only, so get

here early and take advantage of our full selection. The general public is invited from 1:00 - 6:00, so if you have a friend who is new to Paris, or is not familiar with the library, this would be a great time to show them around. Refreshments will be served from 1:00 - 6:00, and there will be film strips for the children from 2:00 - 4:00.

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NEW LOGO FOR THE LIBRARY

(A Joint Project with Parsons Paris School Of Design)

Last September fifteen students in Parsons Editorial Design course were given the work project of designing a new logo for the ALP. A combined Parsons - ALP jury chose three finalists in December, and the ALP Board of Trustees made the final decision at its last meeting, January 24th, 1989.

The winner is Elise Church, a young American artist who

was also chosen as one of the two art students in all of Paris to have her work displayed at the Musée de la Publicité, and who seems to have a very promising career opening up. You can see her winning design, used here for the first time, at the top of this newsletter.

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RAPID TRANSPORTATION FOR ALP BOOKS

The first shipment of books from our U.S. dealer, Baker and Taylor, transported, soon after publication, free of charge by Continental Airlines arrived in late February.

This happy occurrence is due to a standing agreement worked out between ALP and Continental.

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MEET THE BOARD

The March 28th Annual meeting of the Library's Board of Trustees is open to all members of ALP.

The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm in the Library. Anyone interested in finding out more details on how the Library functions is cordially invited to attend.

Rest in Peace
ALP Card Catalog
1920-1988

As part of the ALP's complete automation project, we laid the card catalog to rest on December 31, 1988. It has served us well. For those wishing to pay their last respects, the card catalog will lie in state for another year or so before we remove it completely from the public area.

To our readers, this means that no new books will be listed in the old catalog after its closing date of December 31. Beginning January 1, 1989, all new materials added to the collection will be accessible at the computer terminals only. We will have more terminals available in the near future.

In using the terminals,

you will notice that books are now much easier to locate as the computer offers more access points and cross references than the old card catalog ever did. Now, periodicals are also available by title and subject with listings of which issues are available (and missing) in the library. When the circulation system comes into operation this summer, the computer will be able to tell you whether or not a book has been checked out (and if it's checked out, when it's due back!). The terminal will also list new books which are on order but not yet received.

When the project is completed later this year,

all materials (fiction, non-fiction, periodicals, sound recordings, children's collection, CAPES-AGREG bibliographies, new materials on order) will be available from any one of the terminals in the library.

To get the most from our automated system you will need to take the time to become more acquainted with it. Please feel free to ask for help if you are having problems. Also, as this is a very new system to us as well as to you, we would appreciate any constructive comments you might have to help others understand it and thus help us maximize its use and efficiency.

A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR...

1989 will be an exciting year of transition from the old manual circulation system (book cards, stamps on membership cards, long lines at the Circulation Desk, etc...) to an efficient, almost paperless automated system using optical pens and barcodes. Please bear with us this year as certain technical problems may occur from time to time as we, as well as our members, get familiar with the new system. Thanks in advance for your patience and support.

STORMING THE BASTILLE: AN ALP BOOKLIST

If you have watched TV for more than an hour, or been in France for more than 24, you probably know that 1989 is the Bicentennial anniversary of the French Revolution. Here's a sample of the "revolutionary" books to be found in the library: 1) Anthony, Katherine- Marie Antoinette [B M337A], 2) Kelly, Linda- Women of the French Revolution [944.04 L297w], 3) Elliot, Sir John- The Way of the Tumbrils; Paris during the Revolution and Today [944.04 E157w], 4) Morris, Gouverneur- The diary and letters of Gouverneur Morris [B M832d], 5) Palmer, Robert R. Twelve Who Ruled [944.04 P1824], 6) Scherr, Marie- Charlotte Corday and Certain Men of the Revolutionary Torment [B c81Sch], 7) Tocqueville, Alexis de- The Old Regime and the French Revolution [944.04 T565o], 8) Soboul, Albert- Short History of the French Revolution [944.04], 9) Godechot, Jacques L.- The Taking of the Bastille July 14, 1789 [944.04 G542t], 10) Herold, J. Christopher- Mistress To An Age: A Life of Madame de Staël [B St13He], 11) Loomis, Stanley- Paris in the Terror: June 1793- July 1794 [944.044 L873p], 12) Lefebvre, Georges- The coming of the French Revolution [944.04 L52f].

If you wish to read further, come in to see us at the library. Someone will gladly help you recapture the glorious days of the Revolution.

**Help the library to grow. Ask a friend to join!!!*