Hard Rock Cafe Paris to Host Rock 'n' Roll Cocktail Party

On Wednesday, February 4, at 7:30 p.m., join us and author Katherine Knorr in the Library for a Rock 'n' Roll Cocktail Party to celebrate Snakeskin Sally, Knorr's novel of the American Southwest. There will be food and drink from the Hard Rock Cafe, a display of the Library's substantial collection on rock 'n' roll, and... rock 'n' roll.

Snakeskin Sally is the story of Sally Miller, an amiable gold digger born on the wrong side of the tracks in the 1950s, who goes with a rock band from the American Southwest all the way to Georgetown and back. Through the many lives that intersect with Sally's, the novel is a history of the American Century.

Katherine Knorr is a deputy editor of the International Herald Tribune and is responsible for the newspaper's cultural pages.

CAMPAIGN 2000: The Good News Continues

In recent months, the CAMPAIGN 2000 fund has grown. As we get closer to the halfway point toward our $3,000,000 goal, we urge those who care about the Library to do what they can to help. During your next trip to the Library, please stop by the CAMPAIGN 2000 display to see the renovation model and pick up a CAMPAIGN 2000 factsheet.

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ALP welcomes Elizabeth Rohatyn as Honorary Trustee

Mrs. Elizabeth Rohatyn, a former President of the Board of the New York Public Library, has graciously accepted a position as Honorary Trustee of the American Library in Paris. On October 14, accompanied by Mrs. Mary Carlin Yates, Cultural Attaché at the U.S. Embassy, she visited the Library for a tour and met the staff.

Mrs. Rohatyn recently arrived in Paris with her husband, the American ambassador to France.

Arts and Civilization Collection and Multimedia Workstation

A generous grant from the Annenberg Foundation enabled the Library to purchase a soon-to-be installed multimedia workstation. The gift also allowed the Library to add CDs, videos and CD-ROMs in the field of arts and civilization and multiculturalism.

Below is a small selection of new titles:

Compact Discs: Sing for Freedom: The Story of the Civil Rights Movement Through Its Songs, African American Gospel: Borderlands, From Conjunto to Chicken Scratch, Cajun Music and Zydeco, Jewish Holiday Songs for Children, Multicultural Children's Songs

Videos: Good Morning Blues: Trying to Get Home (Gospel), The Story of Jazz

Evenings with an Author Series Kicks Off New Year with Jazz and Blues

Evenings with an Author are free and open to the public. Programs begin at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 21
“Rhythmic Celebration of America: Jazz and Blues”
A presentation of jazz and blues by the distinguished American artist James A. Emanuelle, accompanied by Clarence Franks on tenor saxophone. Their performance is a mash of jazz and gospel, in which they evoke the memory of great American jazz musicians and singers. Jazz singer Cynthia McPherson will give a brief history of jazz, blues and gospel with songs and writings. This program is given in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. A documentary about Dr. King will be shown courtesy of the American Embassy.

Wednesday, February 4
Katherine Knoer, Snookeshini Sally
See page one for details.

Wednesday, February 18
John Baxter, Citizen K
The Search for Stanley Kubrick
Stanley Kubrick, director of Paths of Glory, Dr. Strangelove, 2001: A Space Odyssey, Barry Lyndon, The Shining and the forthcoming Eyes Wide Shut, is the world’s most elusive film-maker. He lives in isolation, gives few interviews to journalists or at all, and has no secrets. John Baxter, author of the just published biography of Kubrick, will discuss some of the challenges he encountered and presents extracts from his recent BBC World Service Radio documentary Citizen K.

Wednesday, March 4
Rachel Kaplan, Little-Known Museums In and Around Paris and London, illustrated with slides
Rachel Kaplan will share her discoveries of the social, political and cultural history of two of the world’s great cosmopolitan capitals. She believes that museums provide a rich and fascinating education, which is entertaining, enriching and fun. She will also reveal fascinating aspects of collecting and how some of the world’s finest museum collections were acquired.

Welcome to Nancy Meloche
Stop by and meet Nancy Meloche, who is now responsible for the Children’s and Young Adult services. Nancy has degrees in Communications and Primary/Junior Education and taught children of all ages in Canada before moving to France.

Hachette Donates Three New Series

Introduce a Friend to the Library and Earn An Additional Month of Membership

The membership drive, which began in November and will continue through February, is attracting new friends to the Library. During this period, for each new member you introduce to the library, you will earn an additional month of membership. The new member will also benefit from a one-time introductory offer of an extra month of membership without charge.

There are several new membership categories, senior citizen, under 26, unemployed, six-month, and three-month memberships. Our thanks go to European Books for supporting the membership drive.

If you or your organization would like to have a get-acquainted tour of the library, please contact: Anne Leclercq, Development Officer, at 01 55 59 12 67, or Kay Rader, Director, at 01 55 59 12 63.

Winter Story Hours
Story hours for 4- to 5-year-old children are every Wednesday from 2:40 to 3:00 p.m. Children will enjoy joining in the hunt and discovering the magic of books, poems, finger plays, ballad stories, rhymes and songs.

January
21 Jack and the Beanstalk
28 Chinese New Year

February
4 Mr. and My Shadow - Groundhog Day
11 Be My Valentine
18 Animal Tales
25 George Washington’s Birthday

March
4 Just Wonderful Stories
11 Getting Better
18 St. Patrick’s Day
25 Lion Pov, a Chinese Red Riding Hood

SCBWI Events
The Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators will present an Illustration Evening with Lisa Gioelson, illustrator and professor of children’s book illustration at the Art Institute of Chicago. The series takes place from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Library.

Thursday, January 29
“How to Produce a 12-page Picture Book”
Friday, January 30
“So Your Artwork Is Ready to Go... Where?”

For more information concerning these events, contact SCBWI France, 8, rue José Marie de Mercier, 75007 Paris, tel 01-40-73-15-75, e-mail: 103542.27@compuserve.com

Friends of the Children’s Room
The Library’s Annual Holiday Party was a great success thanks to the efforts of Trustees Sarah de Lirriquet and Whitney de Conreui, co-chairs of the event. We also thank the many volunteers, Trustees, staff and, of course, our guest of honor, Mr. S. Claus. Our appreciation goes to Nancy Willard Magaud and Mimi Horne who provided the piano accompaniment to the Christmas carol. A special thanks to Jacques Barot and the children from the association A Travers le Ville for their invaluable help with the puppet show.

Thank you to Mrs. Sandy Gogel for her entertainment and informative Hanukkah story hour in December.

Thank you to Sarah Gogel for her dedication and help as a volunteer each week in the Children’s Room.

A Call for Children’s Videos
The Library would like to expand the Children’s Room video collection. We currently have 106 children’s videos which are always in high demand. If you would like to donate videos, please bring them in.

CyberKDZ
The Library has acquired four books in the young adult fiction series CyberKDZ by Brian Yoon. Children who like computers, the Web, being wired, surfing and chat-rooms will be greatly entertained by these books.
WINTER HOURS
Tuesday - Saturday
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
EARLY CLOSING HOURS
Tuesday, March 17
at 6:00 p.m.
for the Annual Meeting

IF YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS
...about how we can improve Library services, please leave
a note in the suggestion box located near the
Welcome Desk or
call Library Director
Kay Rader at 01 53 59 12 63
or Assistant Director Adele
Witt at 01 53 59 12 65.

Be a Part of the Annual ALP “Town” Meeting

The ALP Annual Meeting will take place
on Tuesday, March 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the
Library. Please join the staff and Trustees
for a wine reception at 6:15 p.m.

The meeting will include a review of 1997,
plans for 1998 and an update on CAMPAIGN
2000. We hope the “town meeting” format
will give you a better chance to express
your opinions. We urge you to participate
in this important meeting about your Library.
Your ideas are important to us.

Annual Booksale a Big Success!

Thanks to the efforts of Assistant Director
Adele Witt and 23 volunteers, the November 16 booksale was a great success.
We would like to thank all those who gave
their time and energy to support this increas-
singly popular event.

NEW PERIODICALS
Amerasia Journal:
The National Interdisciplinary
Journal of Scholarship, Criticism,
and Literature on
Asian & Pacific Americans
American Indian Quarterly
Americas Review:
A Review of Hispanic Literature
and Art in the USA

The Internet is Coming to the ALP!

Beginning early in 1998, the Library will
offer a new Internet service which will ex-
tend our current reference service to include
Web sites from around the world.
Reference Librarian Andrea Deluneau is
identifying useful Web sites which will be
easily accessible through a user-friendly
menu.

A Treasure in the Reference Collection

Thanks to Library Trustee Arthur Marchet, the ALP now
owns Patrimoine des Bibliothèques de France: un Guide
des Régions, a 10-volume guide to French libraries.
The guide presents the treasures of French libraries, and
describes the extraordinary diversity of their collections and
contains over 3,000 color reproductions.

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