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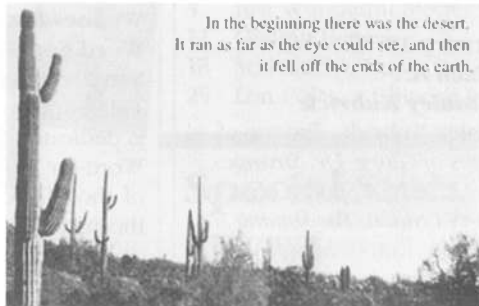
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SIEMENS NIXDORF

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.

The Hard Rock Cafe Paris, at 14, blvd. Montmartre, 75009 Paris, features live music on Thursdays from 10:00 p.m.. Telephone: 01 53 24 60 00

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.

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.

THANK YOU TO RECENT CAMPAIGN 2000 DONORS

The Annenberg Foundation
The Dillon Fund
JP Morgan
The Scaler Foundation
The Scaler Westbury Foundation

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*

CD-ROM's: *Jazz Greats: From Louis Armstrong to Duke Ellington*; *History of American Music*; *History of Country Music*

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GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

Trustee **Nancy Webster** gave the Library a first edition of *Americans in Paris* by George Wickes, published by Paris Review Editions, Doubleday & Company, 1969. The book is inscribed "For Janet Flanner, the American in Paris, with great admiration, George Wickes."

Suzy MacDougall of SMD donated over 800 new books on management, linguistics, economics, and accounting. *The Papers of Woodrow Wilson*, 31 volumes, Princeton University Press, were donated by **Mme Gilberte Mantoux**.

The Reference Press donated the latest editions of Hoover business directories.

Karl Orend donated a collection of books from Alyscamps Press and Carcanet Press, which include: *The Centenary Selected Poems*, by Robert Graves
Mistral, by Rob Lyle
The Shaping of Modern French Poetry, by Roger Little
D. H. Lawrence and New Mexico, edited and with an introduction by Keith Sagar

VIDEOS

The Civil War and *Baseball*, two documentary film series by Ken Burns, donated by **Sheila Malovany-Chevallier**

Favorite feature films from the Warner Home Video series *Legendes d'Hollywood* (original version with French subtitles), a sampling:

42nd Street
High Sierra
The Charge of the Light Brigade
The Sea Hawk
Casablanca
The Maltese Falcon

Sergeant York
The Jazz Singer

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

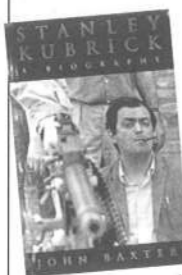
Evenings with an Author are free and open to the public. Programs begin at 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 21 "A Rhythmic Celebration Of America: Jazz and Blues"

A presentation of jazz and blues haiku by the distinguished American poet James A. Emanuel, accompanied by Chansse Evanns on tenor saxophone. Their performance is a hymn to 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 Knorr, *Snakeskin 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 no interviews and works in complete secrecy. John Baxter, author of the just-published biography of Kubrick, will discuss some of the challenges he encountered and present 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, enthralling and fun. She will also reveal fascinating aspects of collecting and how some of the world's finest museum collections were acquired.

"Get old manifestoes of Dada and Surrealism, Steal Good Books from American Library, Write Automatically."

George Wickes, *Americans in Paris*, describing the lists and memoranda that Henry Miller liked to pin on the walls

Wednesday, March 11 Alberto Manguel, "*Borges In Love*"

Alberto Manguel, author of *The History of Reading*, believes Jorge Luis Borges to be the greatest writer of the 20th century and was fortunate to have known the writer for many years. Mr. Manguel also met Estela Canto, with whom Borges was in love, and who published a volume of his love letters to her. Mr. Manguel will speak about her, read from the letters and relate personal stories about Borges and his work.



Wednesday, April 1 Word For Word: San Francisco Theater Troupe

This popular, professional theater company is dedicated to bringing literature to life. Word for Word performs well-known works of short fiction in their entirety, using a theatrical approach in presenting the work as it is written, word for word. This program will feature Langston Hughes's short story, *The Blues I'm Playing*.

The program is made possible by a grant from The Florence Gould Foundation and with the support of Air France.

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 Benefits** for supporting the membership drive.

If you or your organization would like to have a get-acquainted tour of the Library, please contact:

Anne Lechartier, Development Officer, at 01 53 59 12 67, or Kay Rader, Director, at 01 53 59 12 63.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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



Country Topics allows younger children to explore the customs of a country, its geography, games, language and daily activities. The Library has five books in this series: *Japan*, *Germany*, *India*, *France* and *Italy*.

From Sea to Shining Sea (8 to 10 years) is filled with superb photographs and fact-filled pages on the different states which make up the USA. The Library has books on New York, Arkansas, Missouri, Wyoming, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Alaska, Utah and New Jersey.

Craft Topics (8 to 12 years) combines facts and ideas from history, culture and crafts, and the decorative arts. Included among the topics are the Vikings, Explorers, the Egyptians, the Aztecs and the Romans.

SCBWI Events

The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators will present an Illustrators Evening Series with Lisa Cinelli, an 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 32-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 Maria de Heredia, 75007 Paris; tel: 01 42 73 33 75, e-mail: 101564.3273@compuserve.com

Winter Story Hours

Story hours for 3- to 5-year-old children are every Wednesday from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Children will enjoy joining in the fun and discovering the magic of books, poems, finger plays, flannel stories, filmstrips and songs.

JANUARY

- 21 Jack and the Beanstalk
- 28 Chinese New Year

FEBRUARY

- 4 Me 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 Lon PoPo, a Chinese Red Riding Hood

Special Story Hours

FOR TODDLERS FROM 1 TO 3

This winter there will be two special lap-sit programs:
Tuesday, January 20, 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, January 27, 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Parents will be invited to join their children and participate in stories, finger plays, poems, songs and movement.

FOR CHILDREN FROM 6 TO 8

Join us on Saturday, January 24, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for smiles and laughs, friends and fun. Children will be invited to join in the songs, rhymes and stories.

New Paperbacks for the Young Adult Collection

Scholastic Inc. and **Bantam Doubleday** have donated complete sets of *The Baby-Sitters Club* and the *Sweet Valley High* series. Both are suitable for readers from 7 to 15.



FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

The Library's Annual Holiday Party was a great success thanks to the efforts of Trustees **Sarah de Lencquesaing** and **Whitney de Courcel**, 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 caroling. A special thanks to **Jacques Barot** and the children from the association **À Travers la Ville** for their invaluable help with the puppet show.

Thank you to **Mrs. Sandy Gogel** for her entertaining 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 83 children's videos which are always in high demand. If you would like to donate videos, please bring them in.

CYBER.KDZ

The Library has acquired four books in the young adult fiction series *Cyber.Kdz* by Bruce Balan. Children who like computers, the Web, being wired, surfing and chat-lines 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.

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.

Annual Booksale a Big Success!

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



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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