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OUR DEEPEST APPRECIATION  
TO THE SPONSORS OF  
OUR 80TH BIRTHDAY GALA,  
HELD AT  
THE MUSÉE JACQUEMART-ANDRÉ

MAY 19, 2000

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## The Great Millennium Membership Drive!

The number of Library members has increased dramatically during the past several years – and we want more! To attract new members, the Library is celebrating its 80th birthday by making special offers on annual memberships from September 1, 2000 through October 31, 2001.

### A FEW OF THE LIBRARY'S GREAT SERVICES AND RESOURCES

#### NEW Teen Membership

#### NEW Young Adult Collection

#### ACCESS to over 100,000 books

The newly opened mezzanine allows members to browse more of the Library's book collection than ever!

#### Activities for Children and Teens

#### Take Home More Books!

Individual, senior, and donor members may now check out more books.

**Free One-day Member Passes** will be distributed to non-members who attend the Evenings with an Author series during the membership drive.

#### NEW Research Databases

#### FREE Internet Classes

**Current Members:** Renew your membership for a year and get an extra month free.

**Introduce Your Friends to the ALP!** We'll add one month to your annual membership for each new annual member you bring in.

**New Members:** Join the ALP as an annual member and get 13 months for the price of 12!

**Give the Gift of Knowledge!** Buy a gift certificate for an annual membership and get 13 months for the price of 12, plus add one month to your own annual membership!

Throughout the membership drive, we will conduct get-acquainted tours of the Library for anyone who is interested. For information, please contact Anne Lechartier, Development Officer, 01 53 59 12 67, or Andrea Delumeau, Reference Librarian, at 01 53 59 12 62.

### THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

#### Recent gifts to the endowment

The Starr Foundation  
The Felix and Elizabeth  
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#### Major donors who are helping to improve and renovate the Library

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## BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! Free Internet Classes

**BEGINNERS:** An introduction to the Internet, how to start your research and how to evaluate results. Classes will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Sign up for one of the following dates: Thursday, October 5; Friday, October 6; Thursday, November 9; or Friday, November 10

### BEGINNERS CLASSES FOR KIDS

**AGES 8 AND UP:** Classes will be held on Wednesdays, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Sign up for one of the following dates: September 27, October 4, November 22, November 29

**ADVANCED CLASSES:** Special classes for those who understand what the Web is and have a basic knowledge of its use.

#### • Research Techniques

##### Including Academic Research

10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Thursday, October 12,  
or 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Friday, October 13

• **Teaching Resources in Cyberspace**  
Gather ideas for your classroom or home schooling projects.

6:00 - 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 26

#### • Literary Resources on the Web

10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Thursday, November 16

To sign up, please contact Andrea  
Delumeau at 01 53 59 12 62 or e-mail:  
[delumeau@cybercable.fr](mailto:delumeau@cybercable.fr)



### UPSTAIRS AT THE ALP

Check out the treasures on the newly opened mezzanine, including the beautiful oversized books on history, geography, and travel.

### GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

**Plunkett Research, Ltd.**  
Eight new business and career reference books and almanacs, covering industries such as entertainment and media, info tech, the energy industry, the retail industry, and health care

**Merck Sharp & Dohme-Chibret**  
*The Merck Manual 17th edition and The Home Edition of the Merck Manual of Medical Information*

**SoftLine Information**  
*Ethnic Newswatch*, a full-text database on CD-ROM of over 30,000 articles from over 200 newspapers, magazines, and journals of the ethnic, minority and Native American press

**The Florence Gould Foundation**  
*The Complete Stories of Henry James, American Sermons, and American Poetry: the Twentieth Century.*

### FENG SHUI AT THE LIBRARY

Literally translated as "wind and water", Feng Shui is the Chinese art of placement, of balancing and enhancing the environment. Among the Library's resources:

*Feng Shui: How to Achieve the Most Harmonious Arrangement of Your Home and Office*  
Angel Thompson

*The Feng Shui Cookbook: Creating Health and Harmony in Your Kitchen*  
Elizabeth Miles

*Interior Design with Feng Shui*  
Sarah Rossbach

*Clear Your Clutter with Feng Shui*  
Karen Kingston  
*Feng Shui*  
Jon Sandifer

## EVENINGS WITH AN AUTHOR A Library Tradition Since the 1930s

During the Library's membership drive, free one-day membership passes will be distributed to non-members attending the Evenings with an Author programs.

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



**Wednesday, September 27**  
**Rikki Ducornet,**  
*The Fan-Maker's Inquisition*

This acclaimed novelist presents her latest work, *The Fan-Maker's Inquisition (a novel of the Marquis de Sade)*. Amy Tan has called her "a magic sensualist, a writer's writer, a master of language - a unique voice."  
Co-sponsored by *Le Serpent à Plume and the Village Voice Bookshop. Books available courtesy of the Village Voice Bookshop.*



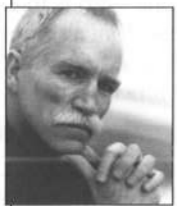
**Wednesday, October 4**  
**Polly Platt,**  
*Savoir Flair!*  
*211 Tips for Enjoying France and the French*

The author of the international best seller *French or Foe?* presents her most recent book about her favorite subject - loving the French. Join Polly Platt for a romp through the Paris you're looking for, and *la France profonde.*  
*Books available for signing.*



**Wednesday, October 18**  
**Alice Notley,**  
*"Poetry in Motion"*

The winner of the Los Angeles Times Book Award for Poetry and Pulitzer Prize finalist reads from past works and new material. Ms. Notley, who teaches creative writing at the British Institute, will also answer questions about the art of writing poetry. "The most challenging and engaging of our contemporary radical female poets." - *San Francisco Chronicle*



**Wednesday, October 25**  
**T.E. Carhart,**  
*The Piano Shop on the Left Bank: the Hidden World of a Paris Atelier*

Nominated for *The Guardian's* Best First Book Award, this novel is a meditation on passion, craftsmanship, and the piano, sparked by one man's discovery of a little traditional piano restorer in Paris. "Perhaps the best recommendation of his book is that it makes you want to reach immediately for Beethoven, Chopin, Mozart, Bach, Scarlatti..." - Stephanie Merritt, *The Observer*  
*Books available courtesy of the Village Voice Bookshop.*

**Wednesday, November 8**

*Upstairs at Duroc* literary magazine  
Join the contributors and editors of *Upstairs at Duroc* for an evening of mingling, poetry, and prose readings, and a small exhibition

of visual art. This event is a great opportunity to meet members of the literary community or get involved in the future of *Upstairs.* *Upstairs at Duroc* is produced by volunteers of the *WICE* creative writing program.

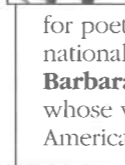


**Wednesday, November 15**  
**PAN Poets**

Readings by members of the Paris Alumni Network:



**Marcia Mead Lèbre** (top left), co-director of the Paris Writers' Workshop, has published poetry in the U.S. and in Paris literary magazines.



**Judith Rosenberg** (bottom left) conducts a weekly workshop

for poets, and is the recipient of several national U.S. awards for poetry. **Barbara Beck** is a poet and translator whose work has appeared in numerous American and French journals.



**Wednesday, November 22**  
**Amram Ducovny,**  
*Coney*

Author of 10 nonfiction books, including *David Ben Gurion*, as well as a playwright and journalist, Mr. Ducovny presents his brilliant debut novel, *Coney* - part thriller, part coming-of-age novel, and part irresistible chronicle of 1930s Coney Island.

*Books available courtesy of the Village Voice Bookshop*



**Wednesday, November 29**  
**Diane Johnson,**  
*Le Mariage*

The award-winning and best selling author of *Le Divorce* presents her most recent novel, *Le Mariage*, a sparkling comedy of contemporary mores and manners that celebrates the paradoxes of marriage as it is perceived on both sides of the Atlantic. "Social commentary at its best" - *Los Angeles Times Book Review*  
*Books available courtesy of the Village Voice Bookshop.*



**Wednesday, December 6**  
**Rachel Kaplan,**  
*"Secrets of Four Great European Capitals"*

Author of the critically acclaimed series of unique guidebooks *Little-Known Museums In and Around Paris, ... London, ... Rome, and ... Berlin*, Rachel Kaplan presents a slide program about the secrets and hidden treasures of each city. Kimberly Robinson of *Travel & Leisure* says, "I love Rachel Kaplan's *Little-Known Museums In and Around London*," citing it as one of her top picks for readers of museum guides.

# KIDS' PAGE

## Toddler Time!

Mother Goose Lap-sit for 1- to 3-year-olds begins again! Due to last year's enthusiasm for toddler programs, they will now take place every first and last Thursday of the month, 10:30 -11:00 a.m., beginning September 28.



## Story Hour for 3- to 5-year-olds

Children 3 to 5 years old are invited to come to the Library on Wednesdays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. to enjoy stories, poems, songs, and filmstrips. Parents are welcome to join!

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| <b>OCTOBER</b>  | 4  | Purple Party!<br>Wear something purple! |
|                 | 11 | Shh...You're In A Library               |
|                 | 18 | Monkey Business                         |
|                 | 25 | Halloween Party -<br>All are welcome!   |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b> | 8  | Pigs A-Plenty!                          |
|                 | 15 | Giant Steps                             |
|                 | 22 | Thanksgiving                            |
|                 | 29 | Native American Tales                   |
| <b>DECEMBER</b> | 6  | Hat Day! Wear a Hat!                    |
|                 | 13 | Hanukkah Celebration                    |
|                 | 20 | Christmas is Coming!                    |



## PEOPLE FROM PAST TIMES New historical fiction for children

**Scholastic Inc.** donated the complete series of *The Royal Diaries* and *Dear America* books, an award-winning historical fiction series for children 8 to 12 years old.

**Pleasant Company** continues to support the Library by donating the newest books in *The American Girl* collection.

## Special Events for Kids

### THE WIZARD OF OZ TURNS 100!

**Saturday, October 21, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.**  
Follow the yellow brick road and join Dorothy, Toto, the Tin Woodman, and all the characters as they set out on their adventure in Oz. Listen to part of the story, watch parts of the movie, learn some of the songs, and more.

*For children 7 to 10 years old*



### HALLOWEEN SPOOKY TALES

**Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2:00-3:00 p.m.**  
Celebrate Halloween with spooky stories, games, and fun! Get into the Halloween spirit and come in costume!  
*For children 6 and up*



### NATIVE AMERICAN TALES

**Saturday, Nov. 18, 2:00-3:00 p.m.**  
Hear Native American tales and stories, learn some facts, and make a craft.  
*For children 7 and up*



### ELOISE

**Saturday, Dec. 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**  
Join in on Eloise's adventures in New York, Paris, and Moscow. Listen to Eloise stories, play games, and have fun!  
*For 5- to 8-year-olds*

## Drop in for Holiday Fun!

Drop in on Tuesday, October 31, for Halloween fun, and Thursday, November 23, for Thanksgiving celebrations. Activities, treats, entertainment, and crafts for children, and something for adults, too.

## SCBWI Fall Program

The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators sponsors a two-part presentation by children's and young adult author Bruce Coville. Part I: October 17; Part II: October 19. 7:00-10:00 p.m. at the Library.

*For registration, please contact SCBWI-France, 01 42 73 33 75, or e-mail: erzsi@kidbookpros.com*

## Schools, Classes, Groups

Special story times, theme-based programs, library tours, and library skill programs may be arranged for classes and groups of children of all ages. Please call Children's Librarian Nancy Meloche at 01 53 59 12 69 to plan a program.

**If you have children or teens in your family, please help us with programming times by filling out the enclosed survey. Thank you.**



## NEW! TEEN MEMBERSHIP

Teens from 12 to 17 now have their own membership category at the Library. Please ask for details at the Circulation Desk.

## BOOKTALKS AND BAGEL BITS!

Bring some friends and join us at the Library for the first ever teen event. Munch on bagel bits, hear excerpts from great young adult books, and just chat!  
Wednesday, October 11, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

## TEEN READS

Check out the new young adult novels! Whether you're looking for werewolves, whirligigs, or high wheeling, you'll find great reads in the young adult collection.



## CALLING ALL HOMESCHOOLERS!

The Library tries to keep homeschoolers in touch with each other. Please leave your name with Children's Librarian Nancy Meloche if you wish to be included on the homeschooling network list.

## NUTS ABOUT READING PARTY!

The 2000 summer reading program has come to an end and now it's time to celebrate! All 120 participants in the program are invited to the party on Saturday, Sept. 23, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Games, prizes, and special certificates for all reading program participants.

## BE A FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY

### ADOP-T-A-MAGAZINE

If you are looking for an inexpensive way to support the Library, consider donating a magazine subscription. Thank you to the following members for their donations:

#### Gail Lopez

*The Metropolitan Museum of Art Bulletin*

#### Carol Leimroth

*Brill's Content*

#### Phyllis Michaux

*Everton's Genealogical Helper*

#### Rebecca Brite

*Champs-Élysées*

If you would like to see the Library's "wish list" or have a suggestion, please contact

Reference Librarian

Andrea Delumeau

at 01 53 59 12 62 or e-mail:

delumeau@cybercable.fr

### GIVE THE GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE

Just in time for the holidays! Buy a gift certificate for an annual membership and get 13 months for the price of 12, plus add one month to your own annual membership!

Ask for details at the Circulation Desk.

### BAG YOUR BOOKS!

Buy an American Library in Paris bookbag.

Only 50 FF

at the Circulation Desk

### BOOKS FOR SALE! 5 FF EACH

It's the best deal in town on hardcover and paperback books.

### IF YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS

If there's something you'd like us to order, or if you have an idea on how we can improve our services, or if you just want to make a comment, please fill out a form and drop it in the crystal ball located at the front of the Library.

We value your opinions!

### HOURS

Tuesday-Saturday  
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### HOLIDAYS

Wednesday, November 1

Toussaint

Saturday, November 11

Armistice

Saturday, December 23

Christmas Holidays



**Rough Guides** recently donated seven of its well-known guides to the Library:

*French Hotels and Restaurants, Provence, Barcelona, Ireland, Corsica, Sicily, and Mexico*, as well as mini-guides to London and Rome, and a guide to the Internet.



**HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE LIBRARY'S CD COLLECTION? Choose from over 500 titles... classics, pop, jazz, and lots more.**



Photo: Peggy Ford-Pyffe-King

### A New Face Up Front

We all welcome Sharon Gouhier as the new head of the Circulation Department. Sharon received a Masters Degree in Library Studies from Victoria University in New Zealand and worked for a variety of libraries before traveling around the world and finally settling in France. Be sure to stop by the Circulation Desk to meet Sharon during your next visit to the Library.

#### AMERICAN LIBRARY IN PARIS STAFF

DIRECTOR: Kay Rader

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: Adele D. Witt

ACCOUNTANT: Monique Bidinger

CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN: Nancy Meloche

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT: Sharon Gouhier (Head),  
Armelle Aymonin, Carol Leimroth

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT LIBRARIAN: Simon Gallo

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER: Anne Lechartier

REFERENCE LIBRARIAN: Andrea Delumeau.



Photo: Peggy Ford-Pyffe-King

### CAPES/Agrégation Collection

The 2001 CAPES/Agrégation collection is available in the Library Reference Room. Organized by Andrea Delumeau and Simon Gallo, this collection includes books, audio-visual materials, and over 600 articles of criticism on American and English literature and civilization.

The topics are:

Manifest Destiny

*Poems*, Ted Hughes

*Dubliners*, James Joyce

*Antony and Cleopatra*,

William Shakespeare

*The Custom of the Country*,

Edith Wharton

*Great Expectations*, Charles Dickens

*Joseph Andrews*, Henry Fielding

*Carpenter's Gothic*, William Gaddis

If you would like to know more

about the Library's popular

CAPES/Agrégation collection, contact

Andrea Delumeau (seen above left with a Library member).



Photo: Peggy Ford-Pyffe-King

Dr. Anne Scott MacLeod (left) and Library Director Kay Rader

### Visiting Scholar Program

Dr. Anne Scott MacLeod (left), Professor in the College of Library and Information Services at the University of Maryland, was recently in Paris as part of the Library's Visiting Scholar Program. A widely recognized scholar in children's literature, Dr. MacLeod worked with Kay Rader and Nancy Meloche on issues concerning the children's and young adult collections.

### ATTENTION MOVIE LOVERS: RECENT ARRIVALS IN THE VIDEO COLLECTION!

