FALL FUNDRAISING WINNER!
The Library’s Fall Fundraising got under way with the November 9 Gala, and it has been a successful campaign so far (don’t forget—it’s not too late to give).
The Hotel Astor donated a certificate for two dinners to be used as a door prize for the campaign. We drew names from all those who sent in donations by the deadline of February 1, and the winner is the Levieux family, Michel and Eleanor, who have been members for approximately 40 years! Eleanor says that it is because of the Library’s children’s room that her daughter, both learned to read in English—and now her grandchildren participate.
The Levieux family used the Library facilities extensively when their two children were growing up, but Eleanor has also used its resources for research. A translator of “about two dozen books” and author of two more (with her husband), Eleanor says that the Library has always provided the essential information she needed. “I would be lost without the Library,” was her comment.
One daughter, Valérie, who works with Kaplan College Test Preparation, has partnered with the Library with programs for parents and students on gaining admission to American universities. Congratulations to the Levieux family! And many thanks to the Hotel Astor (rated a superlative 24 in Zagat) for this delectable gift.
To keep the momentum going and help us with books and programs for spring, stop by or send your donation to the Library.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY
Join us March 22 when we report on the Library’s past year—ininnovations in programs, acquisition of materials, membership and circulation numbers, and financial data. Add your input! What do you like best, what would you like to see changed? This is your chance to make your voice heard. Meet our Board of Trustees and share your thoughts.
Tuesday, March 22, 7 p.m. in the Dillon Reading Room.

ANNUAL THEATRE EVENT

--WORD FOR WORD--
Mark your calendars for April 13
8:00 p.m. as this famous theatre troupe from San Francisco, returns to perform “Stories from Tobias Wolff.”
This year’s stories are “Lady’s Dream” and “Bullet in the Brain,” both from The Night in Question, and the performances have been sell-outs in the United States. Show Location: Salle Adyar, 4 Square Rapp, around the corner from the Library.

Reception at the Library with the cast to follow the performance.
**Free and open to the public, but seating is limited to 375**
EVENINGS WITH AN AUTHOR

EVENING PROGRAMS
FOCUS ON ART, LITERATURE • WITH A SPLASH OF DRAMA

COMING UP!
-- Wednesdays --

March 2 (20h). Cara Black

March 9 (20h). Brandt Kingsley
presents “The Art of Mexico and the Southwest United States.” Artist and professor Kingsley has a particular expertise in this field and will present a lively commentary, with slides.

What better way to initiate our space as a venue for theatre than to bring to life the passionate letters shared between these two literary icons? The complexity of these two important figures were brilliantly portrayed by Florence Boog and Jacques Lallée against the backdrop of the numerous books in our reading room.

SALE! SALE!

STAFF IS READING

Kim Le Minh, Reference
Follow 12-year-old Lovey Nariyoshi as she tries hard to find an identity of her own in 1970’s Hawaii’s white-only cultural environment. Refreshing and fun! Dialogues in pidgin (Hawaiian Creole). F Y142 [fiction]
The Plot Against America—Philip Roth. What would have happened if Americans had elected populist, isolationist, Hitler-friendly aviacion hero Charles Lindbergh? A mix of alternate history and family drama, from the point of view of fictitious young Philip Roth. F R7423 [New fiction]

Rachel Koblic, Children’s Librarian
Angus, Thongs and Full-Frontal Snogging: Confessions of Georgia Nicolson—Louise Rennison. The first book of confessions from the diary of 14-year-old Georgia Nicolson. Hilariously funny, the entire 4-book series must be read by any teenage girl who has ever had to deal with odd family members, crazy teachers and incredibly attractive older guys!

J. Ren [juvenile fiction]

And…don’t forget about our Evenings With An Expert Series. (See page 6)

JUNE GALA TO CELEBRATE ALP’S 85TH

The American Library in Paris will commemorate its 85th anniversary on June 20 at a gala dinner to be held at the prestigious Hotel Bristol in Paris. In honor of the warm welcome always accorded the Library by the French people, this year’s Gala will celebrate Gustave Flaubert and his Norman origins and his devotion to its cuisine. Pre-sent guest will be Gontran Saint-Bris, author of Education Gourmande de Flaubert, a culinary biography of the great writer.

Eric Freshen, chef de cuisine at the famous restaurant of the Hotel Bristol, a native Norman himself, provided the recipes for this biography/cockbook. He will be in charge of the preparations for the gala dinner, which will be based on these recipes.

Also on tap: two weeks of gastronomic events all year! The American Library in Paris houses the famous Gregory Usher Culinary Collection, donated ten years ago, and this superb collection continues to circulate as more and more of our members adopt a French attitude toward cuisine. The Library has sponsored a number of culinary events in the past, and we hope this year will continue the tradition in style.

Watch for news at the Library, or contact us at alparis@auflon.fr to receive the latest updates via e-mail. Help us honor the cultural heritage of this fascinating country.

Save the date: June 20, 2005, at the Hotel Bristol!

DON’T MISS OUT ON OUR EXCITING CHILD DEVELOPMENT LECTURE SERIES too!
(A grant funded by the Woodward Foundation)
(See page 5)
KID'S KORNER

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS
FEBRUARY-APRIL

Ages 1-3, 10:30-11:00
Mother Goose Lap-Sit

English rhymes, songs & stories
Children must have an adult lap to sit on! Sign up is necessary!
Thursday, February 24th
Thursdays, March 3, 17 and 31
Thursdays, April 7 and 28

Ages 3-5
Wednesday Story Hours from
12:30-11:30 & 14:30-15:30

FEBRUARY
23 - Hello, My Name is...

MARCH
2 - Pyjama Party! (everyone come wearing PJs)
9 - Where Are You From?
15 - St. Patrick’s Day
23 - Easter
30 - On the Farm

APRIL
6 - Spring Has Sprung
13 - Fliberty Ribbit!
20 - A Spire in Paree
27 - My Favorite Book

BOOKWORMS

Sessions will be held Tuesday evenings from 17th to 18 - March 1, 8, 15 & 22.

The reading club resumes in March! We will be reading Madeleine L'Engle's, A Wrinkle in Time.

Sign up by FEBRUARY 12 so we can order enough books for everyone.

**Warning: The program is free for members but each book will cost about $5.

You're a Poet & You Didn't Know It

Special workshops on poetry

Tuesday, April 12th and 17th, 18th, 23th April is poetry month! Come learn about great poets old and new, and what it is that makes them so great. We'll read some poetry together and even write some of our own!

RESCHEDULED FOR PARENTS

Raising Children In France: How To Get Through Culture Shock

A presentation and community discussion facilitated by Marine de Labriolle and Laurence Sicot.

Tuesday, March 8th, 19:00
Space is limited, sign up is necessary.
All events are free to ALP members, $8 Euros for non-members.

EVERYONE

Spring Party!

Saturday, April 16th, 15:00-16:30

Spring Party with "Cabbages & Kings"

Primarily for children ages 3-9, but older children welcome as well. It's time to celebrate the return of spring!

Come enjoy a theatrical presentation, balloon animals, juggling, games and more, with children's entertainment group, "Cabbages & Kings!" Sure to be a super-fun time for all.

SIGN UP SOON, SPACE IS LIMITED

EXTRA, EXTRA! SANTA SIGHTED AT THE AMERICAN CHURCH OF PARIS!!

By Rachel Koblic

This year's holiday party was a glue-and-glitter-filled success! Nearly 150 children and adults joined us at the American Church on December 5th for a fun-filled evening of crafts, stories, carols and an extra special visit from Santa Claus himself. Children paraded their carefully crafted tissue paper wreaths, sequin-adorned ornaments and paper bag reindeer, while parents enjoyed each other's company. Everyone lingered near one of the main attractions - the fabulous feast provided by the Friends of the American Library and caterer extraordinaire Tamara Prevost (the frosted Christmas tree cookies were the first to go!)

Thanks to the many people who volunteered their time and effort to help make this year's holiday party a fantastic evening. Staff members Shirley Lambert, Kristin Duncombe, and Rachel Koblic worked behind the scenes and on-the-spot. A special thank you to Sandra Craig and Elizabeth Hochman, co-Chairs of the Friends, for helping organize the event and to guest stars Bob Gogel, Christian LeConte, Nancy Magaud, and Michael Gogel.

The many volunteers deserve a special thank you—Juliette Tmst, Mary Scheuneman, the Estill family, Kelley Buchanan, Anne Rayraud, Yael Kropsky, Rachel Forsier, Ian Nelson-Roehl, Claire Craig, Charlotte Kagan, Bahis Mejanis, Alex Chevalier, and Kevin Galdino, as well as Trustees Berni Hueber, Nancy Webster, Whitney de Courcel, and Ishitar Mejanis.

To ensure space availability, don't forget to sign up for the toddlers' Mother Goose Lap-Sit program.

EVENINGS ON CHILD DEVELOPMENT

WELL-KNOWN EUROPEAN SPECIALISTS

Sponsored by the Woodward foundation

On January 19, Dr. Bénédicte de Boysson-Bardies presented an engaging account of the cognitive functions required to learn to speak. At a presentation on February 16, which was attended by many non-parents, Dr. Michel Morange, a preeminent expert on genes and heredity, discussed how genes transmit capabilities rather than specific well-defined behaviors.

Upcoming Lectures

March 16 (20h): Dr. Alain Baccouner

Psychological Problems of Puberty

Puberty is certainly the most challenging age for parents to deal with, but it is also difficult for the child. Rebelled behavior, problems in school—what is normal, and what is not?

In French, questions in either language. Dr. Baccouner is one of the leading French experts in adolescent behavior.

April 6 (20h): Dr. Paul Czarnecki

Physical Problems of Puberty

Puberty does not just bring ups and downs in emotional behavior—it is a time when certain physical problems manifest themselves. What are these problems? What should parents do?

In English, questions in either language. Dr. Czarnecki is Professor of Endocrinology at the Robert Debre Hospital.

May 18 (20h): Prof. René Friedmann

Alternative Ways of Making Babies

From test tube to human being...there are now many alternatives for infertile couples, but each presents its own set of problems. An expert will discuss the issues, probabilities and provide insight into making informed choices.

In English, questions in either language. Prof. Friedmann practices gynecology and obstetrics at the Hôpital Antoine Becler.

Welcome to Wonderland

March 12 & 19 (14:00-15:00)

Come read (or read aloud) Lewis Carroll's wonderful classic tale, Alice in Wonderland and discover what makes it such a popular book. Come learn all sorts of interesting new information—and there may even be tea involved!

The Art of Origami

April 9 (14:00-15:00)
Special workshop on Japanese paper-folding
SPRING HOURS
Tuesday-Saturday
10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Extended Hours: Wednesdays
10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
(Except during school vacations)

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ALP VOLUNTEER FEATURED IN BOSTON GLOBE

David Witter, primo volunteer at the circulation desk and loyal ALP supporter, was profiled in the January 13 edition of the Boston Globe, as the American who gives classes in wine tasting in Paris! David, whose career in wine sales in the U.S. spanned 25 years, has developed classes for anglophones over the past year and a half, and he must have impressed the Globe reporter as much as he impresses his students! So, if you are looking for a recommendation on wine from a pro, stop by on a Wednesday!

WICE HOLDS CONFERENCE ON WOMEN AND FINANCE

Join WICE and the American University of Paris for a one-day conference designed for globally mobile women who want to better understand their current financial situations and learn how to intelligently plan for their futures. The conference will be held March 15, 2005, at AUP, 6 rue Colonel Combos, 75007.

WICE members: 75 euros; non-members: 100 euros. Registration includes keynote speaker, panels, coffee breaks, luncheon, and networking cocktail at the South African Embassy.

Sign up now! For more information, visit: www.moneymattersforwomen.org

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EVENINGS WITH AN EXPERT

Featuring Europe’s prominent experts on a topic of general interest, Evenings With An Expert is free and open to the public. Programs are Tuesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. The format will be a moderator, Drew Shagrin, and a principal speaker, with questions afterwards from the audience.

March 15. “Corporate Social Responsibility: How Europeans and Americans Understand This Term Differently.” The expert is Kate Fish, the Paris representative of the San Francisco-based consultancy Business for Social Responsibility.


May 24. “The European Union.” How is it governed now, what would the proposed constitution change, and how is the ratification progress going to unfold? The expert is Peter Linton, the Brussels-based Europe Chairman of BKSH (the worldwide government relations division of Burson-Marsteller).

June 4. “EU Competition Law.” What are the rules, what are the gray areas, what are the battles, and how does all of that affect us? The expert is Pierre Kirch, Paris- and Brussels-based head of the EU law/competition law practice group of Paul Hastings, Janofsky & Walker.