

EX LIBRIS

THE ALP NEWSLETTER

10, rue du Général Camou
75007 Paris

Phone: (33) 01 53 59 12 60

Fax: (33) 01 45 50 25 83

Email: alparis@noos.fr

www.americanlibraryinparis.org

Special Thanks to these Book Donors

Agence Sol de Swaan
(children's books)

Mrs. Douglas Auchincloss
(art books)

Prof. John Atherton
(academic titles on U.S.
civilization)

Library Board of Trustees, 2005-2006

Charmaine Donnelly,
Chairman

Marshall Wais, Jr.,
Vice-Chairman

Jonathan Schur, Secretary

Whitney de Courcel,
Assistant Secretary

Sarah de Lencquesaing,
Treasurer

Berna Huebner

Exec. Comm. At-Large
Nancy Webster

Exec. Comm. At-Large

Warren Bierwirth

Linda Emmet

Robert Gogel

Michèle Gompel

Jeffrey Grava

Diane Johnson

Nancy Willard Magaud

Ishtar Méjanès

Robert Pigeon

Dr. Betty Turock

Gregory Weingarten

And a big welcome to our new

Board members:

Sheldon Austin

David Chaffetz

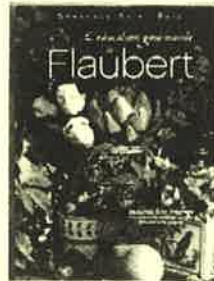
William Torchiana

Liaison with the American
Library Association:

Patricia Glass Schuman

2005 Gala Promises to be a Gastronomic Extravaganza

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.



Presenting guest will be **Gonzague Saint Bris**, author of the sumptuous volume *L'éducation gourmande de Flaubert*, a culinary biography of the great writer that features recipes by **Eric Frechon**, chef de cuisine at the famous restaurant of the Hotel Bristol, a native Norman himself. Frechon's kitchen will serve up some of the delicacies featured in the pages of the lavishly illustrated tome.

This is the Library's premier fundraising event of the year! And it presents an unparalleled opportunity to help the Library continue to bring programs, great books, and online services to the Paris community, while enjoying what will be one of the most delectable feasts of the year. Come help us honor the culinary heritage of this fascinating country.

The date: **Monday, June 20, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. (19.30h)**

The place: **The Hotel Bristol**

Tickets: **Available from the Library at 300 euros or \$400 each. Sponsorships are 5,000, 7,000 and 10,000 euros (table of ten).**

RSVP: to the Library, attention Gala, 01 53 59 12 60 or alparis@noos.fr. Invitations will be mailed around May 15. Confirmation cards will be sent upon receipt of a check.

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@noos.fr to receive the latest updates via e-mail.

And save the date: June 20, 2005, at the Hotel Bristol!

Friends' Author Circle Lunch to Welcome Jennifer Conlin, Author of *The Perfect Parents' Handbook*

Jennifer Conlin's send-up of our current over-the-top culture of parenting has won rave reviews on both sides of the Atlantic. Tongue firmly planted in cheek, she describes in detail nine archetypal family groups, from Hip to Euro, Classic to Sporty, Bohemian to Paranoid—poking fun at how vigilantly we raise our kids today.

Come enjoy lunch and humor with the Friends of the American Library in Paris!

Spring Lunch at Le Cercle Suédois, 242 rue de Rivoli, 75001.

Thursday, May 19th at 12:30.

Lunch is 35 euros; please add a donation of 20 euros for the Library.

Send your checks to the American Library in Paris, 10 rue du Général Camou, 75007 Paris by May 12. For questions, call Kim LeMinh at the Library, 01 53 59 12 60, or e-mail her at alparis@noos.fr.

The Friends' Author Circle events offer a convivial ambience in which to meet well-known writers, enjoy an excellent meal, and support the Library.



EVENING PROGRAMS

EVENINGS WITH AN AUTHOR

History, especially the history of World War II, is tremendously popular with ALP audiences. On March 23, Hal Vaughan read from his book *Doctor to the Resistance*. The large crowd hung on every word and kept him in the Library for nearly an hour of questions and answers. Thank you, Hal, for a fascinating evening!

In April, another speaker addressed an entirely different topic. On the 100th anniversary of the publication of *Peter Pan*, psychoanalyst Kathleen Kelley-Lainé discussed the psychological background of both the author and his principal character. In her tale of childhood sadness, Kelley-Lainé stressed the impact of loss in childhood and the lingering effects on the adult. She used parallels in her own life to illustrate her points, and again, her listeners were reluctant to see her leave—questions continued well past the normal time limit.

COMING IN JUNE

THURSDAY JUNE 16,

Don't miss our first gastronomic event of June, a prelude to the June 20 Gala! Author David Lebovitz (*The Great Book of Chocolate*) will tell us all about chocolate—how it's made, what makes the best the very best, and how to cook with it. A chocolate tasting will top off the evening, and every attendee (or couple) receives a copy of this luscious book!

Members: Individuals 23 euros/35 euros per couple
Non-members: Individuals 26 euros/38 per couple
Bring your friends!

EVENINGS OF AMERICAN CULTURE

Announcing the SECOND ANNUAL JAZZ NIGHT at the Library. Wednesday, June 1, 2005 (8:00 pm).

Join Steve Browman and his jazz group for this all-American art form as they play classics from the jazz repertoire, as well as some newer compositions. Free and open to the public.

Professor Kingsley Presents Art of the American Southwest and Mexico

On March 9, artist and art teacher Brandt Kingsley provided a fascinating look at the religious symbolism in paintings and folk art from this region. Although strongly influenced by indigenous art, the trace of the Spanish conquerors was easy to see. Kingsley, who has lived in Paris for many years, taught art for "half a lifetime" at the American School (art, history of art, architecture), which he says is "really teaching creative thinking." He now teaches part time at Schiller University and paints in his studio in St. Cloud. Stop by and see his paintings in the Florence Gould space, as well as in the Dillon Reading Room.

During his early years in Paris, he was part of a group that coalesced around the writer James Baldwin, and at that same period, he was fortunate enough to visit with the Brecht family in East Berlin. He still travels widely, sometimes teaching courses in places like Quito, Ecuador. And he is also one of our most faithful Library users!

Top European Medical Expert on Fertility to Speak at ALP

Most of us remember the worldwide sensation caused by the birth of the first "test tube" baby, Louise Brown. Four years later, the first baby born via *in vitro* fertilization was born in France.

The physician in charge? **Dr. René Frydman**, who will be speaking at ALP on Wednesday, May 18, at 8:00 p.m. (20.00h).

Dr. Frydman is Head of the Dept. of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Medicine at l'Hôpital Bichat in Clamart, and also heads a research unit. He has been a member of the Comité National des Droits de l'Homme and the Comité National Consultatif d'Ethique pour les Sciences de la Vie et de la Santé.

Dr. Frydman will speak in English; questions and answers will follow his talk and will be in either English or French.

DO NOT MISS this unique opportunity to hear a renowned expert and pioneer in medical science. The Library is grateful to the **Woodward Foundation** for their sponsorship of this event.

Evening With an Expert

May's program is already on everyone's lips: **the European Constitution!** What does it mean? What is in it? How will it affect the sovereignty of European nations? How will the ratification process unfold? The month's hottest topic, bring friends! Free and open to the public. **Tuesday, May 24, 8:00 p.m.** The expert is **Peter Linton**, the Brussels-based Europe Chairman of BKSJ (the worldwide government relations division of Burson-Marsteller). Moderated by Drew Shagrin.

Tuesday, June 14, 8:00 p.m. "EU Competition Law," with Pierre Kirch, Paris- and Brussels-based head of the EU law/competition law practice group of Paul Hastings Janofsky & Walker. What are the rules, what are the grey areas, what are the battles, and how does all of that affect us? Moderated by Drew Shagrin.

KIDS' KORNER

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS MAY-JULY

Ages 1-3, 10:30-11:00

Mother Goose Lap-Sit

Usually the first and last Thursdays of the month.

Interactive songs, rhymes, stories and more – for you and your toddler.

May 12 and 19 (Exceptional scheduling)

June 2nd and 30th

July 7th and 28th

Sign up is necessary

Ages 3-5

Weekly Wednesday Story Time

10h30-11:30h and 14h30-15h30

May

4 – Mother's Day

11 – Let's Be Friends

18 – Best of the Bugs

25 – Award Winning Stories

June

1 – What a Pretty Kitty

8 – Nuts and Bolts

15 – Father's Day

22 – School's Out For Summer!

29 – Oh Say Can You See? It's the 4th of July!

July

6 – My Name Is...

13 – Under the Sun

20 – Rainbow Bright

27 – Oh the Places You'll Go!

OLDER CHILDREN

Saturday, May 7, 14h-15h

AGES 6-10

Kiwi Tales (Stories from New Zealand) Special Guest, Poppi Tims

Saturday, May 14, 15h-16h

AGES 6-12

Stories with Christian LeConte
Imaginative fables and bongo beats

Saturday, May 21, 14h-15h

AGES 6-8

Tony Tells a Tale

Saturday, May 21, 15h30-16h30

AGES 9-12

I Love Shakespeare

An introduction to the bard

Saturday, June 4, 15h30-16h30

AGES 9+ "The Secret of Shabaz"

Fantasy and Fantastical Creatures with author Jennifer Macaire

Saturday, June 11, 14h-15h

AGES 6-8

It's All Greek to Me!

Greek myths and mosaic for children

Saturday, June 18, 15h-16h

AGES 5-12, parents welcome

Author and Illustrator Alice McLerran

A discussion of her work, and how to create a book

Saturday, June 25, 14h-15h

AGES 6-8

"Sticking It All Together"

A workshop on collage

Saturday, June 25, 15h30-16h30

AGES 9-12

A BOOKWORMS EVENT

"My Favorite Book"

Sharing our favorite reads with each other

Saturday, July 2, 15h-16h

AGES 6-12

"Red, White and Blue: Part One – America"

Saturday, July 9, 15h-16h

AGES 6-12

"Red, White and Blue: Part Two – France"

Saturday, June 4, 14h-15h

PARENTS AND CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

"Poetry with Father Goose"

Award-winning author and poet, Charles Ghigna, presents poetry for all ages.

TEENS!

Teenagers (Ages 12+)

Saturday, May 14, 19h30-21h

"The Library Code"

A Scavenger Hunt Mystery Game

Saturday, June 11, 17h30-19h

Poetry Cafe

More Events TBA, including an evening of teen yoga and a research skills workshop. For more information, or to make suggestions, please contact Rachel at rkoblic@gmail.com

Everyone!

KIDS' BOOK SALE

Books and videos for children and young adults at great prices! Get set for summer reading!

Saturday, May 21, 2005

ALL DAY (10h-19h)

Teen Nights Prove Popular

In March, twelve young adults gathered together to compete in our very own version of Jeopardy.

In April, a cast of a dozen girls met on three

Saturdays for our Theatre Series. On the final night, the cast performed five comical scenes for a live audience. Bravo!



SPRING PARTY



What's better than a Saturday afternoon at the American Library? A Saturday afternoon at the American Library with children's entertainment group, *Cabbages and Kings!*



The trio of performers began the afternoon with a special adaptation of "Little Red Riding Hood" that had both children and parents laughing out loud. Afterwards came a competition to create the best toilet paper mummy! With the toilet paper cleaned up, the partiers were free to wander from the juggling station, to the balloon animal area, and to the face-painting table.



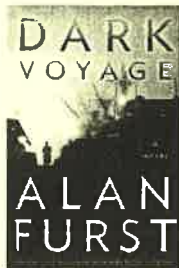
Our thanks to *Cabbages and Kings!*

STAFF IS READING

Dark Voyage – Alan Furst

[New fiction]

An exciting WWII novel describing how commercial shippers helped the British Navy carry out many clandestine operations. The story starts in the Mediterranean and ends in the Baltic. There is the “femme fatale” which adds more spice. A great book right to the very end. – **Adele Witt**



The Unredeemed Captive: Family Story from Early America – John Demos



The well-documented telling of the kidnapping of a Puritan family by Native Americans and the captivity of 4-year-old Eunice, the only one not

released. A fascinating journey to early America and a deep study of its major issues: religion, race, and political conflict with the French. – **Kim Lê Minh**

Citizen Girl: A Novel – Nicola Kraus & Emma McLaughlin
[New Fiction]



Welcome to cruel corporate America and follow Girl through unemployment, interviews, and eventually a top position at a women-

oriented non-profit. The tone is less light than in *The Nanny Diaries*, but the criticism is just as harsh. – **Kim Lê Minh**

New Videos at the Library

More than 200 new videos, DVDs, and children's videos have been added to our multimedia collection. Come and check them out!



Ray: A Tribute to the Movie, the Music and the Man – Taylor Hackford

Ray's director takes us behind the scenes and reveals how he adapted the genius's life to the big screen.

For those who loved the movie, plenty of pictures, the complete screenplay, storyboards... – **Kim Lê Minh**

Evening in the Palace of Reason -James Gaines



After hearing Jim Gaines's presentation for the Friends of ALP, I had to read this book. Good decision. Superbly written, humorous, insightful, Gaines weaves a musical

biography of Johann Sebastian Bach into a narrative that brings alive the history, personalities, and conflicting philosophies with utmost clarity. –**Shirley Lambert**

Gaines Stars in First Author Circle Night for the Friends

The Friends of ALP, chaired by Elizabeth Hochman and Sandra Craig, welcomed Jim Gaines, author of *Evening in the Palace of Reason*, as its first Author Circle guest. Attendees met at the Library for champagne and listened to Jim's description of the meeting of Johann Sebastian Bach and Frederick the Great., and the challenge posed by Frederick to “old Bach.” Gaines performed several pieces to illustrate the concepts he described, to the delight of his listeners.

After the lecture and concert, guests walked over to the Craigs' nearby apartment for a superb dinner and an opportunity to socialize and discuss plans for upcoming Friends' events (*see next column for our exciting September announcement*).

Our thanks to the Friends for a lovely evening, special thanks to Sandra and Grenville Craig, and thanks to all the supporters for their donations to the Library.

“Word for Word”

Brings Another Hit to Paris

April 13 was marked by several hundred theater-lovers making their way to the Salle Adyar for another magical evening with the famed theater troupe from San Francisco. **Word for Word**. The two short stories presented were by Tobias Wolff: “Lady's Dream” and “Bullet in the Brain.” Both featured inventive acting, using past and present juxtaposed in creative harmony.

Everyone agreed, however, that the scene where actors portrayed the ceiling of a bank was both hilarious and a remarkable *mise en scène*. We hope to welcome this fantastic group back again next year.

Our thanks to the **Annenberg Foundation**, the **Starr Foundation**, the **Florence Gould Foundation**, **Air France** and **RailEurope**, who made the evening possible.

Special Collection of Management and Finance Textbooks

The Ecole Supérieure Libre des Sciences Commerciales Appliquées (ESLSCA) has donated two collections (over 200 books) of up-to-date texts used in many top management programs worldwide. A number of titles are on reserve for their students, but the majority are in the regular collection and available to all Library users. Our thanks to ESLSCA, and particularly to Professor Eric Guevorkian, for helping to broaden our business collection.

David Sedaris to Speak at ALP in September

Author and humorist David Sedaris will be the honored speaker at a cocktail party at ALP, September 21. The best-selling author (*Barrel Fever*, *Naked*, *Me Talk Pretty One Day*, *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim*) is known for his radio presentations as well as the written word.

“Original, acid, and wild. . .wacky writing par excellence.” - Los Angeles Times.

Special Author Circle event sponsored by the Friends of ALP:

**Admission 20 euros per person
Wed., Sept. 20, 8:00 p.m. (20.00h)**