

### *Hours of Opening*

The library is open every week-day, except holidays, from ten A. M. until ten P. M., for reading, reference, and borrowing books.

It is open every Sunday from two to seven P.M. for reading and reference.

### *Regulations for Borrowing Books*

One book and one magazine may be taken on each card.

New books (stamped *Seven Day Book* on page opposite inside of back cover) may be kept for seven days only, and are not renewable.

All other books may be kept for two weeks, and may be renewed for a similar period, if not in demand.

Magazines may be kept for one week, and are not renewable.

A charge of fifty centimes a day is made for books or magazines kept longer than the time limit.

No books will be issued without borrower's card.

No books will be issued on a card on which there is a fine in excess of five francs.

Readers may reserve non-fiction by filling out a reserve post-card for each book desired. A borrower is held responsible for all books issued on his card.

Cards may not be used by anyone outside the borrower's immediate family.

No cards are kept on file except for annual members.

To renew a book, it is necessary to give the *date due, author, title, and reader's number*. Books may be renewed by mail, if this information is given, but in no case may they be renewed by telephone.

### *A Charge of Two Francs is Made:*

For each extra book.

For each book returned without borrower's card.

For replacing a lost card.

# THE AMERICAN LIBRARY IN PARIS

10, Rue de l'Élysée

October, 1, 1926.

### *Origin*

The American Library in Paris was founded in 1918 by the American Library Association, in connection with its work with the men of the American Expeditionary Forces. In 1920, the book collections and library equipment, together with a contribution of \$25,000 towards endowment, were presented by the A.L.A. to a Society organized for the purpose of making the library a permanent institution. This Society was duly incorporated in May, 1920, and has since had complete control of the library's operations.

### *Objects*

The principal objects of the library are (1) to serve as a memorial to the American soldiers for whom it was first established; (2) to become the recognized center of information about America for Europeans, and to promote among students, journalists, and men of letters in Europe a closer acquaintance with American literature, institutions and thought; and (3) to supplement by its collections the meagre supply of American books available to European readers.

## *Income*

The greater portion of the library's income is derived from an endowment fund, now amounting to Frs 400,000; from a three-year grant by the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial; from pledges made by its friends; from Patrons presenting Frs 10,000 or over; and from Life Members, paying Frs 3,000.

About one-fourth of its income is from Annual Members, and Subscribers who wish to draw books from the library for home use — the charges for which are much less than the cost of the service.

## *Free Use of the Library*

The use of books within the library, for reading or for reference, and of the magazine and newspaper reading-rooms, is free to everyone at all times, and the staff is always glad to be of every possible assistance.

Questions relating to current European economics or politics are handled by the Reference Service on International Affairs, which is especially equipped to cover this field.

## *Free Cards for Students*

Free cards, entitling the holder to draw books from the library for home use, are issued to all teachers and pupils enrolled at any French university or professional school of recognized standing, to students engaged in serious research upon any American subject, and to American educators and teachers studying abroad.

Students and teachers at universities outside of Paris may receive the same service, upon request made through the university librarian.

## *Memberships and Subscriptions*

Persons not included in the categories mentioned above may draw books from the library upon the following terms :

## *Annual Members*

An annual membership costs Frs 300 a year. It entitles the holder, or any member of his immediate family, to participate in the annual meetings of the Association, to borrow six books at a time, to receive upon request the monthly book-lists issued by the library, and to avail himself of the out-of-town service whenever he leaves Paris.

## *Out-of-Town Service*

Patrons, Life Members and Annual Members, who are away from Paris not exceeding four months a year, may have six books at a time mailed to them during that period.

These books may be exchanged as often as desired, and may be kept for one month, but are not renewable.

A list of additions to the library is mailed each month, from which books may be selected, and members are invited to ask for any other books in which they are interested.

All charges for postage must be paid by the borrower.

Those desiring the service for a longer period than four months in any one year may receive it upon payment of an additional twenty francs for each extra month.

## *Subscription Rates*

A card entitling the holder to one book costs :

For one year, 100 francs.

For six months, 75 francs.

For one month, 50 francs, plus a deposit of 50 francs, returnable when card is surrendered.

A subscriber may purchase as many of these cards as he desires, but is not entitled to any of the special privileges of the annual member.

## *Rental Fiction*

Persons wishing to borrow only fiction may do so by making a deposit of fifty francs and paying a rental fee of one franc for each day each book is retained. Two books at a time may be taken.