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The Morgan Library & Museum Shop Announces New Hours for Holiday Season

Discounts Available to Shoppers on Mondays Beginning December 1

Babar Exhibition Gifts Among Most Popular

New York, NY, October 30, 2008—The shop at The Morgan Library & Museum—considered one of the best shops of its kind in New York City—will be open every day beginning December 1, through Christmas Eve.

Called by Zagat a "well kept secret" with gifts "you can't find anywhere else," the Morgan shop will be open every Monday during this period, even though the museum will be closed. Monday shoppers will be awarded with a ten percent discount on their purchases. The Morgan Library & Museum is located on Madison Avenue between 36 and 37th streets.



Jean de Brunhoff, black-line proof illustration for *Babar et le Père Noël*, 1936, with gouache and ink added by Laurent de Brunhoff. Courtesy of Laurent de Brunhoff.

Of particular interest this holiday season is a wide variety of gifts related to the immensely popular current exhibition *Drawing Babar: Early Drafts and Watercolor*, which celebrates one of the most endearing and enduring characters in children's literature.

Included among the many Babar items offered by the Morgan Shop are plush toys, umbrellas, bookends, lunch boxes, pens, plates, note cards, and more than than fifteen book titles, including the recently published *Babar's USA* and the special catalogue created for the exhibition.



Photography by Michel Denancé

The shop specializes in unusual and hard-to-find items related to the Morgan's renowned collection of medieval and Renaissance manuscripts, drawings, rare books, printed music and music manuscripts, and ancient Near Eastern seals. Given the range of the Morgan collections, the shop offers one of the most diverse selections of gifts among all museum shops in New York.

The Morgan makes shopping online easy for all. Visit www.themorgan.org.

A complex of buildings in the heart of New York City, The Morgan Library & Museum began as the private library of financier Pierpont Morgan, one of the preeminent collectors and cultural benefactors in the United States. Today it is a museum, independent research library, musical venue, architectural landmark, and historic site. A century after its founding, the Morgan maintains a unique position in the cultural life of New York City and is considered one of its greatest treasures. With the 2006 reopening of its newly renovated campus, designed by renowned architect Renzo Piano, the Morgan reaffirmed its role as an important repository for the history, art, and literature of Western civilization from 4000 B.C. to the twenty-first century.

General Information

The Morgan Library & Museum 225 Madison Avenue, at 36th Street, New York, NY 10016-3405 212.685.0008 www.themorgan.org

Hours

Tuesday–Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; extended Friday hours, 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; closed Monday, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. The Morgan closes at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Admission

\$12 for adults; \$8 for students, seniors (65 and over), and children (under 16); free to Members and children, 12 and under accompanied by an adult. Admission is free on Fridays from 7 to 9 p.m. Admission is not required to visit the Morgan Shop.

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The Thaw Collection of Master Drawings	January 23 through May 3, 2009
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Studying Nature: Oil Sketches from the Thaw Collection	January 23 through May 3, 2009