The Art Lending Service of the Museum of Modern Art, 21 West 53 Street, will mark its re-opening in enlarged quarters on Wednesday, October 15 with a special selection of American watercolors which recently returned from a tour of five French cities. The 6-year old service was suspended during the summer months while the Museum was closed for remodeling.

The watercolors were chosen by Dorothy C. Miller, Curator of Museum Collections, for the French tour which was organized by the Museum’s International Program. They are now for rent or sale along with approximately 500 paintings, drawings, prints and sculpture selected from more than 70 New York galleries. Rental fees, which start at $5 for two months may be applied to the purchase price if the borrower decides he would like to own the work of art after having it in his house during the rental period. Top sales prices for any work in the Lending Service is $750.

Among the watercolorists represented in the specially selected group are Charles Oscar, John Hultberg, Philip Guston, Franz Kline, Neil Blaine, Michael Goldberg, Robert Andrew Parker and Robert Conover. In all about 400 American and European artists are represented in the Lending Service in various media.

The Lending Service is sponsored by the Junior Council of the Museum. Mrs. Armad P. Bartos and Mr. Arthur M. Bullova are co-Chairmen. During 1957-58 almost 600 rentals of more than 400 works of art and 166 sales were made.

The gallery and offices of the Lending Service are on the 6th floor of the Museum. Although only Museum members may rent works of art, the gallery and its are open to the public. In addition Museum membership is open to everyone.

The Art Lending Service is open daily from 12:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.

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