

# The American Library in Paris

## Annual Report 2017



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# The year in review

2017

This annual report of the American Library in Paris covers activities and operations during 2017.

This was a year of significant transition in our Library team. After ten years at the helm of the Library, Director Charles Trueheart retired in August 2017. Charlie's decade of leadership dramatically changed the institution, both in terms of physical infrastructure and of orientation. Charlie oversaw the major renovation of the Library, which in summer 2016 transformed our space. He also broadened the outreach of the Library over the course of his tenure, significantly expanding our cultural and programmatic activities. This year also saw the retirement of Administrative and Financial Manager H  l  ne Wiesenfeld, a mainstay of the Library over many years. Both of these leaders contributed immensely to the progress of the Library.

An active home for the thoughtful and curious in Paris, the Library continued in 2017 to attract a wide English-speaking audience. Membership, and revenues from membership fees, both increased over the previous year.

The Library provided a wide range of high-quality services and programs, which proved particularly attractive for members and non-members alike. Our Evenings with an Author speaker series was a strong draw, with literary and journalistic figures like *The Atlantic's* editor-in-chief Jeffrey Goldberg and Pulitzer Prize-winning novelists Colson Whitehead and Viet Thanh Nguyen bringing in standing-room-only crowds. Our Visiting Fellowship program continued to attract top-flight authors, and American Library in Paris Book Award winner David Bellos enthralled the audience at the award ceremony with a discussion of Victor Hugo's *Les Mis  rables*. Children and teens continued to be a major focus of Library attention, with our 2017 Halloween event being the largest we've ever organized.

All of these activities were only possible through the generosity of the donors listed at the end of this report. Some of those donors—most notably the Annenberg Foundation, the Florence Gould Foundation, and the Search Foundation—represent well-established institutions eager to support culture. Others are long-time friends of the Library or members of our active and dedicated Board of Trustees. And still others have chosen to remain anonymous. All are essential parts of our community.

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# Financial Data

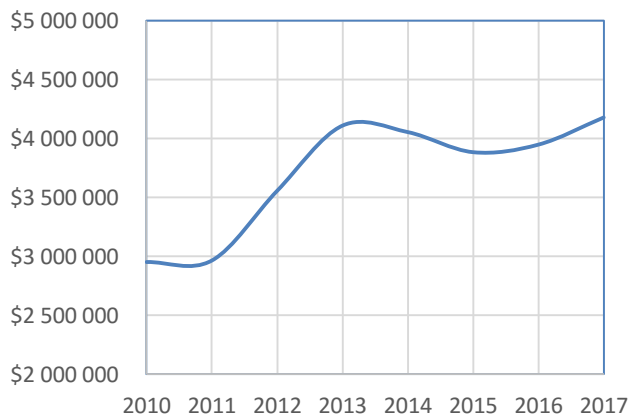
## Statement of income and expenses: The American Library in Paris, Inc.

The American Library in Paris, Inc.			Expenditures in €		
Revenues in €	2016	2017	2016	2017	
1€=\$1,1069			1€=\$1,1069	1€=1,1293	
Membership fees	240 249	270 632	Payroll	736 105	925 442
Operating income	120 027	121 957	Building, Tax	396 955	145 811
Rent (AUP)	289 129	297 765	Depreciation	135 856	214 864
Gift ALP Foundation	142 019	220 984	Professional fees (1)	101 336	57 109
Donations for 2016 renovation	1 340 522	-	Books and periodicals	64 007	85 143
Other donations	354 806	435 877	Marketing (2)	113 059	134 885
Other income (4)	25 655	367 196	Other (3)	80 413	45 972
Total revenues	2 512 407	1 714 411	Total expenditures	1 627 731	1 609 226
...in USD	2 780 983	1 936 085	...in USD	1 801 735	1 817 298

(1) Banking, accounting and insurance fees, (2) Marketing, development and gala, (3) Telephone, equipment rental & maintenance (4) 2017 "Other income" includes USA Foundation granted funds for exceptional personnel expenses (see Payroll 2017)

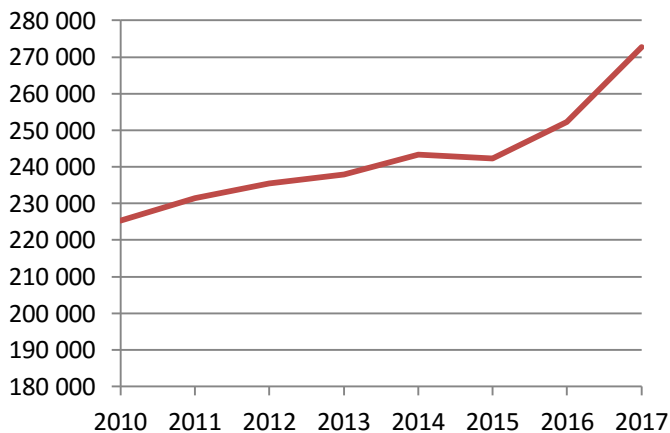
Sources: Audited annual financial statements of the American Library in Paris, Inc. and the American Library in Paris USA Foundation, which are available upon request and on the Library website: [www.americanlibraryinparis.org](http://www.americanlibraryinparis.org)

Amounts in Dollars



Investment Assets: The American Library in Paris (USA) Foundation (2010 – 2017)

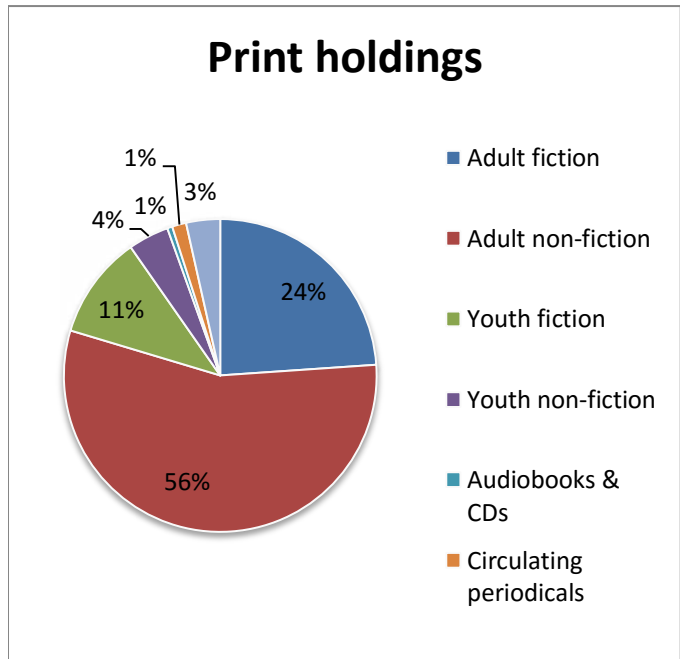
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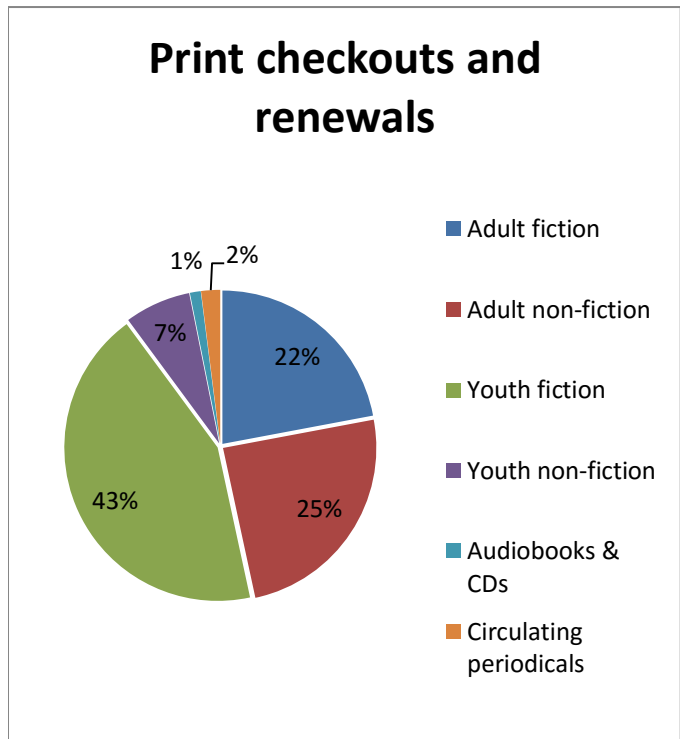
Membership Revenues (2010 – 2017)

# Collection Data

<b>Print holdings</b>	
Adult book holdings	75,243
Youth book holdings	14,231
Other holdings	4,678
Periodical subscriptions	91
Titles in periodical archive	89
Items checked out & renewed	123,069
Holds placed	4,064



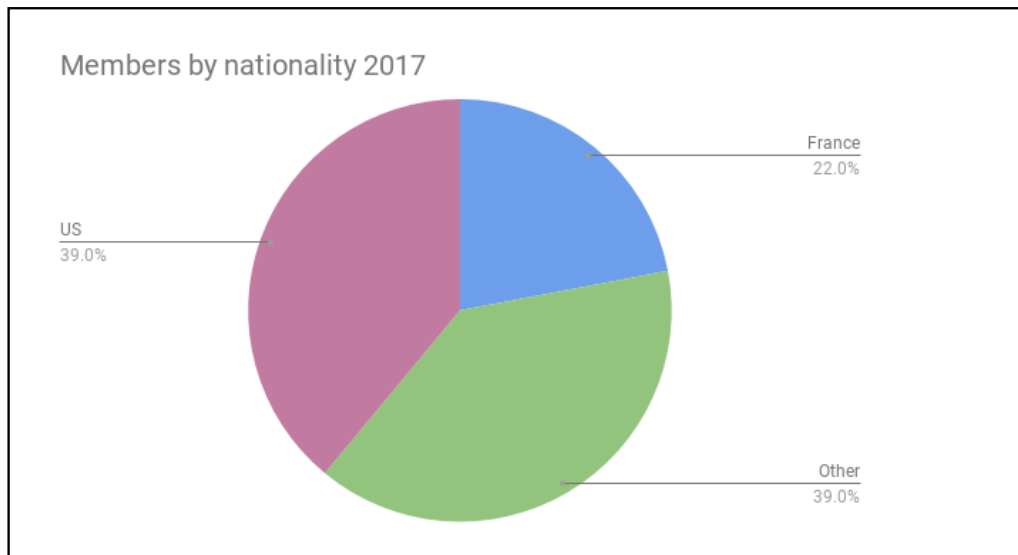
Category	Holdings	Checkouts
Adult fiction	22,515	27,103
Adult non-fiction	52,470	30,203
Youth fiction	10,031	53,209
Youth non-fiction	3,964	8,571
Audiobooks & CDs	494	1,404
Circulating periodicals	1,369	2,465
Other items	3,309	114
<b>Total</b>	<b>94,152</b>	<b>123,069</b>



<b>Electronic holdings</b>	
Number of e-sources	8
Online periodical subscriptions	23
Titles in periodical databases	3,877
E-books	21,815
E-source logins	8,354

# Community Data

Average number of members in 2017	3454
e-Libris subscribers	7587
Number of students attending an orientation session	800
Public program attendance	1750
Children's & teens' program attendance	4600
Number of book group participants	116



## Activity

### Library Operations

Days open	283
Library visits	77,672
Average daily visits	274
Library transactions	204,214
Average daily transactions	722

## Programs

Student orientation sessions	31
Books group sessions	40
Exams proctored	93
Evening programs	63
Children's and teens' programs	271

# Evenings at the Library

Thanks to the support of the Annenberg Foundation and growing gifts from members and supporters, the Library was fortunate to host the following events:

Chris Boïcos on **Oscar Wilde** • Photographer **Chris Morris**'s photos of the Trump presidential campaign • Jessica Levine's lessons of **Edith Wharton** • **Lauren Elkin** on her book *La Flâneuse* • **Chris Boïcos** on segregation and African-American artists • **Dan Morrison, Andrew Cairn, and D-L Nelson** panel discussion on writing thrillers • **Hisham Matar** on his memoir *The Return: Fathers, Sons and the Land in Between* • Broadcast of the U.S. presidential inauguration • **John de St. Jorre** for *Darling Baby Mine* • **John Baxter** on the Saint-Germain-des-Prés quartier • **Kati Marton** for *True Believer: Stalin's Last American Spy* • **Sheila Kohler** on her memoir *Once We Were Sisters* • **Mimi Thorisson** on French country cooking • *The Atlantic*'s editor-in-chief **Jeffrey Goldberg** gives a talk entitled *The Obama Doctrine to the Trump Doctrine: What Role Will American Play in the World?* • A screening of *André Villers, Une Vie en Images* • **Sarah Kaminsky** on her father's work, for the book *Adolpho Kaminsky: A Forger's Life* • **Sophie Body-Gendrot** on *Public Disorder and Globalization* • **Kristen Beddard, Emily Dilling, and Jessie Kanelos Weiner** discuss supporting local produce and markets • **Anne Korkeakivi** on her novel *Shining Sea* • Journalist **James Traub** on asylum seekers and refugees in Europe • **Susan Harloe** on two decades of performing **Word for Word** • **Edward Jay Epstein** for his book on Edward Snowden, *How America Lost Its Secrets* • **Joshua Adler**'s wine tastings of Loire reds • **Guillemette Faure and Scott Sayare** on the French presidential election. • **Penny Noyce** presents notable women in science • **Visiting Fellow Jacqueline Woodson** on her literary career • **Will Englund** speaks about the 1917 Russian revolution • A screening of *City of Dreams*, on Detroit's decline • Emmanuelle Day explores **Rodin**'s centennial • **Lindsey Tramuta** presents *The New Paris: The People, Places & Ideas Fueling a Movement* • **Cara Connelly** leads a writing workshop for budding romance writers • **Jude Smith**'s bi-annual informational talk on moving up to *collège* • **Tatiana de Rosnay** for her biography of Daphne du Maurier • A panel of Vietnamese-American women writers on writing, led by **Lan Duong** • **Jamie Kirchick** speaks about rising nationalism in Europe • Chris Dickon on **Alan Seeger**'s war poetry • Adult Spelling Bee • **Susan Suleiman** on Irène Némirovsky's tragic life • A screening of the **Ken Burns**-co-directed *Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War* • **Judge Margaret McKeown** speaks about her work on the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court • **Colson Whitehead** presents *The Underground Railroad* • A screening of *Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age* • **Viet Thanh Nguyen** on his books *The Sympathizer* and *The Refugees* • A Nixon biography by **John Farrell** • **John Palfrey** on his book *BiblioTech: Why Libraries Matter More Than Ever in the Age of Google* • A conversation with novelist **Nicole Krauss** about her book *Forest Dark* • **Marjorie Spruill** presents *Divided We Stand: The Battle Over Women's Rights and Family Values That Polarized American Politics* • **Peter Sokolowski** explores *The Dictionary as Data: What the Online Dictionary Tells Us About English* • A biography of Queen Victoria by **Julia Baird** • **Gerald Shea** recounts the history of deafness and sign language • Visiting Fellow **James Verini** on his time covering the battle of Mosul • **Adam Roberts** talks about modernized India • A creative writing workshop led by **Linda Lappin** and her book *Soul of Place* • A presentation of a biography, *The Great Nadar* by **Adam Begley** • *The Bonjour Effect* by **Jean-Benoît Nadeau** • **Hilary Kaiser** speaks on French war brides • Short story writer **Callan Wink** presents his collection *Dog Run Moon* • **Tom Sancton** unpeels the Bettancourt Affair • Bilingual education is explored by **Fabrice Jaumont** • **Michael Harlan Turkell** tells us about the history of vinegar • **Philip Mansell** on *Aleppo: The Rise and Fall of Syria's Great Merchant City* • A screening of *The Last Ring Home* with Minter Dial • Willa Silverman on the jewelry and life of **Henri Vever** • Poldark's **Robin Ellis** on diet and Mediterranean cooking • Tasting sparkling wines with **Joshua Adler** • **Christopher Sperandio** on the legacy of *The Planet of the Apes* •



# The American Library in Paris Book Award

Gifts from the Florence Gould Foundation made possible the creation of The American Library in Paris Book Award. The literary prize and a \$5,000 cash award go to the author of the most distinguished book of the year, written originally in English, whose subject matter is France and the French, or the longstanding and constantly evolving French-American encounter.

*The Novel of the Century: The Extraordinary Adventure of Les Misérables*, by David Bellos, was the winner of the fifth annual American Library in Paris Book Award. The Award jury was comprised of New Yorker staff writer Adam Gopnik, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Stacy Schiff, and former director of *La Bibliothèque Nationale de France*, Bruno Racine, who reviewed the shortlist selected by a dedicated team of screeners, listed below. Charles Trueheart, director of the American Library in Paris from 2007 to 2017 is now the Award's coordinator.

The other five books on the 2017 shortlist were:

- *The Inquisitor's Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog* by Adam Gidwitz
- *Mad Enchantment: Claude Monet and the Painting of the Water Lilies* by Ross King
- *Duck Season: Eating, Drinking, and Other Misadventures in Gascony — France's Last Best Place* by David McAninch
- *I'm Supposed to Protect You from All This: A memoir* by Nadja Spiegelman
- *The Némirovsky Question: The Life, Death, and Legacy of a Jewish Writer in Twentieth-Century France* by Susan Suleiman



David Bellos receiving the 2017 Book Award from Diane Johnson, Chairman of the Library's Writers Council, at the Marshall Center.

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# Visiting Fellowship



Journalist James Verini



Novelist and memoirist  
Jacqueline Woodson

Gifts from The de Groot Foundation make possible the American Library in Paris Visiting Fellowship, consisting of a \$5,000 stipend for a writer or scholar desiring to deepen his or her research on a French-related topic with a month in Paris.

Visiting Fellows also speak to Library audiences, conduct workshops for Library members, consult with Library staff about its collections, and engage in the life of the Library community.

In 2017, its fifth year, the Visiting Fellowship went to Jacqueline Woodson, an award-winning writer of books for children and young adults and the recipient of the Margaret Edwards Award and the National Book Award, and James Verini, a magazine journalist who has reported for *New York Times Magazine*, *National Geographic*, *The New Yorker*, *The Atavist Magazine*, and others.

Past Visiting Fellows of the Library are Megan Mayhew Bergman, Anna Leahy and Douglas Dechow, Anthony Flint, Ta-Nehisi Coates, Susan Hiner, the late Alex Danchev, and Lan Samantha Chang.

## Book groups and programs

Volunteer-led monthly book groups continued in 2017 to attract diverse and enthusiastic members, with returning groups discussing genres such as memoirs and mysteries; new books in French; Communist states and Eastern countries; life on the homefront in France, Germany, and the U.S. during WWII; the ongoing debates around the U.S. healthcare system; rock star memoirs; readings on the Middle East; international voices of the Library's evening programs; Shakespeare's plays; and more.

Book group leaders in 2017 were Laurie Calvet, Graciela Carrasco, Leslie de Galbert, Clydette de Groot, John Gridley, Janet Hulstrand, Marjorie Lallemand, Maurice Lanman, Mary Harries Magnusson, Philippe Mélot, Maureen Paget, Grant Rosenberg, Deborah Singleton, Morgan Thomas, and Ed Turner.

Library members were also offered workshops on wine, land art of the American Southwest, getting a French driver's license, a look at the making of Paris, along with a walking tour of American Revolution sites in Paris. These offerings were led, respectively, by Joshua Adler, Jane Weissman, Joe Start, Russell Kelley, and Mary Jo Padgett.

# Children's and Teens' Services

The children's and teens' services department remains popular, with just over 50 percent of circulating items originating from the children's and teens' collections in 2017. With the addition of our new Teen Advisory Group, and the Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program (YLP) program, the Library hosted 92 teen events in 2017. Thanks to workshops from volunteers such as Laura Hershey (Young Writers Literary Club) and Munira Ebrahim (Baby Yoga) who worked with children's and teens' services manager Celeste Rhoads to provide new programs to complement the existing schedule of Story Hours, Saturday events for ages 6-10, children's book groups and Toddler Time storytimes, we hosted 179 events for children in 2017. That's a total of 271 events for children and teens!



## Highlights of 2017:

- 1: The Library paired up with Toastmasters 75 to sponsor the Toastmasters Youth Leadership program – a public speaking series for teens.
- 2: The Library hosted our first ever Zombie Fashion show for ages 12 -adult as part of our annual Halloween Extravaganza.
- 3: Children and teens raised 350 euros for the Library during our 2017 Read-A-Thon.
- 4: The Library received over 500 original story submissions for the Young Authors Fiction Festival!
- 5: The Teen Advisory Group was launched to advise the children's and teens' services manager on new items for teen collections, with 10 founding members between the ages of 12 and 18.
- 6: Wednesday Story Hours were so popular that the afternoon sessions were moved to the lower level reading room to accommodate the 35+ children and parents in attendance each week.

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