This report of the American Library in Paris covers activities and operations during 2018, a year that saw healthy increases in membership, daily visitors, book borrowing, and digital resource use.

Some highlights of the year include Sir Salman Rushdie addressing a record-breaking crowd at our Annual Gala, the launch of our Writer-in-Residence program with Pulitzer Prize-winning author Viet Thanh Nguyen, our Sponsored Membership program, and workshops offered by experts on writing, including our two Visiting Fellows, novelists Vanessa Manko and Hala Alyan.

Our events saw some of the largest crowds in the Library’s history, with our Halloween Extravaganza—a perennial favorite across all age groups—drawing over five hundred participants, and our programs for children and adults attracting over four thousand attendees. We hosted over seventy speakers, including authors, journalists, actors, filmmakers, and comedians, in our Evenings with an Author series. Audiences were treated to Richard Russo’s skillful rendition of a Bruce Springsteen song during his talk about literature and rock n’ roll. Jim Gaffigan brought down the house in a candid and intimate interview. Young Adult author and star Kwame Alexander captivated kids and adults alike during his appearance. Beyond literature and film, programs also covered food, wine, and travel. And people were also hungry for information about current affairs: discussions on fake news, artificial intelligence, technology, Macron, and foreign policy were particularly popular.

In a time of great change in the way that readers access information, our traditional activities like book lending continue to boom. In 2018, Library members checked and renewed a total of 139,883 books, a thirteen percent increase from the previous year. Incidentally, the most borrowed book was The Bonjour Effect by Julie Barlow and Jean-Benoit Nadeau. The number of daily visits increased as well, with readers and researchers drawn to the multivalent spaces of the Library. Our digital community also continues to grow; for example, our social media audience has grown over forty percent.

On the cusp of the centennial, the Library continues to hold a special place in the minds and hearts of a diverse Paris community. As we reflect on the future of the Library, we look forward to hearing more about what the Library means to our members and how we can best serve our community.

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(1) Banking, accounting and insurance fees, (2) Marketing, development and Gala, (3) Telephone, equipment rental & maintenance, (4) Previous FY reclassifications

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: americanlibraryinparis.org

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**Membership revenues (2010–2018)**

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**Revenue analysis (2018)**

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**Investment assets:**

Print Holdings
Adult book holdings 76,979
Youth book holdings 15,142
Other holdings 3,374
Periodical subscriptions 91
Titles in periodical archive 89

Digital Holdings
Number of e-sources 8
Online periodical subscriptions 23
Titles in periodical databases 4,066
E-books 22,168
E-source logins 10,012

Category Holdings Checkouts
Adult fiction 23,053 30,296
Adult non-fiction 53,663 32,523
Youth fiction 10,943 61,624
Youth non-fiction 3,950 10,318
Audiobooks & CDs 512 1,724
Circulating periodicals 1,395 3,304
Other items 1,979 94
Total 95,495 139,883

Membership and Attendance
Active members 4,224
E-Libris subscribers 6,401
Students attending an orientation session 1,225
Public program attendance 3,168
Children’s and teen’s program attendance 4,523
Number of book group participants 75

Library Operations
Days open 288
Library visits 83,053
Average daily visits 288
Library transactions 225,069
Average daily transactions 782

Programs
Student orientation sessions 34
Book group sessions 80
Exams proctored 102
Evening programs 71
Children’s and teens’ programs 282

Membership by Type
Individual 21%
Institutional 19%
Student 10%
Child 5%
Household 45%

Members by Nationality
US 32%
Other 21%
Dual 22%
UK 5%
French 20%
SPONSORED MEMBERSHIPS

The Sponsored Membership Program was established in 2018 to help individuals and families with official refugee status in France and other underserved populations gain access to the Library’s collection of 100,000 books and magazines, digital resources, study spaces, research assistance, and programs for children, teens, and adults.

To help identify prospective recipients, the Library partnered with four organizations: Association Pierre Claver, AWE Community-wide Refugee Task Force, Wintegreat, and YESAkademia. In 2018, €4,500 was raised to fund 21 new members of the Library.

A special thank you to the following donors who supported the Sponsored Membership program:

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ONLINE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

- 6,722 followers – growth of 49% in 2018 with 1,157 page views per month
- 56 events promoted on Facebook in 2018
- 4,900 responses to events with over 166,000 profiles reached
- 212 posts over 12 month period
- Geographical split: France 2,949 (Paris 2,099) USA 1,603

- 2,136 followers—growth of 42%
- 42% of followers located in USA, 29% in France, and 6% in UK
- Average post reach of 2,347
- 6,629 average monthly impressions

- 6,401 subscribers by the end of 2018—an increase of 15%
- Over 223,000 e-Libris emails delivered
- Open rate of 29%

- 4,144 followers—Growth of 9%
- 128 posts over 12 month period
- 350,100 tweet impressions over 12 month period.
Comedian **Jim Gaffigan** in a candid interview • Vincent Bouvet on writers of the *Lost Generation* • Julia Mickenberg exploring *American Girls in Red Russia* • Ellen Hampton and John Crawford on *American doctors* in WWI • BAFTA-winning actress Kristin Scott Thomas in candid conversation with journalist Alan Riding • Princeton professor Helen Milner on foreign policy in the age of Trump • Alistair Nolan on technological revolutions • Alice Feiring reveals the secrets of natural wines • Carolle Thibaut-Pomerantz following surprising historic trends in wallpaper • Adam Plowright on the rise and risk of Macron • Young Adult author Kwame Alexander on his vibrant career • Journalist Natalie Moore on *Chicago’s South Side* • Nigerian Cabinet Minister Rotimi Amaechi • David Lebovitz presenting his newest book *L’Appart* with critic Alec Lobrano • John Lowe, Ariane Bernard, Peter Barnet, and Alissa Rubin discussing the disturbing rise of fake news • Nilofer Merchant on *The Power of Onlyness* • Isabel Vincent presenting her book *Dinners with Edward* • Visiting Fellow Vanessa Manko on her novel about Loïe Fuller • Clotilde Dusoulier on *Tasting Paris* • French author Karine Tuil presenting her novel *L’insouciance* • Journalist Wendell Steavenson reading from her acclaimed novel *Paris Metro* • Agnès Poirier speaking about her book *Left Bank* with NPR’s Eleanor Beardsley • New York Times columnist Pamela Druckerman presenting her book *There Are No Grown-ups* • A panel on artificial intelligence with Stuart Russell and Gérard Berry • Writer-in-Residence Viet Thanh Nguyen on immigration and immigrant stories in *The Displaced* • François Bujon de l’Estang • Malcolm Nance on *The Plot to Destroy Democracy* • Richard Russo speaking about his career and singing Bruce Springsteen • Novelist Rachel Kushner in conversation with Grant Rosenberg • Sebastian Faulks speaking about his latest novel *Paris Echo* • Merriam-Webster editor Peter Sokolowski, back by popular demand, on the invention of the modern dictionary • Visiting Fellow Hala Alyan on poetry and her upcoming novel *The Arsonists’ City* • Charles Brasart and Anne-Florence Quaireau on the joys and quirks of bilingualism • Emilio Williams revealing secrets of the 7th arrondissement • Paris Bureau Chief of the Economist Sophie Pedder on her biography of Emmanuel Macron • Laura Spinney explores the history of the Spanish Flu • Iraq War veteran Brian Van Reet on American war writing • Bryan Pirollo on travel journalism • Curtis Young on African-American soldiers in WWI • Stephen Clarke in conversation with Brian Spence • Lindsey Tramuta interviewing Rebekah Peppler on her book *Apéritif: Cocktail Hour the French Way* • Renowned food writer Susan Hermann Loomis • Coline Houssais on mapping *Arab Paris* • Diana Cooper-Richet on the British in France • Filmmaker Michael House on his moving documentary *Braille Music* • Annabel Simms on traveling outside Paris •

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Gifts from the Florence Gould Foundation made possible the creation of The American Library in Paris Book Award in 2013. 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 or the French.

A Certain Idea of France: The Life of Charles de Gaulle, by Julian Jackson, was the winner of the sixth annual American Library in Paris Book Award. The Award jury was comprised of Diane Johnson, novelist, essayist, critic, and chairman of the Library’s Writers Council; David Bellos, Princeton professor, translator, and author of last year’s winning book, The Novel of the Century; and Pierre Assouline, biographer, novelist, critic, and editor of larepubliqueslivres.com, who reviewed the shortlist selected by a dedicated team of screeners. The other four books on the 2018 shortlist were Caesar’s Footprints: A Cultural Excursion to Ancient France: Journeys Through Roman Gaul by Bijan Omrani, The Great Nadar: The Man Behind the Camera by Adam Begley, Never Anyone But You by Rupert Thomson, Proust’s Duchess: How Three Celebrated Women Captured the Imagination of Fin-de-Siècle Paris by Caroline Weber.

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American Library in Paris staff at the ceremony at The George Marshall Center. Special thanks to the US Embassy for hosting the event.

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The Visiting Fellowship, established in 2013, consists of a $5,000 stipend for a writer or a scholar desiring to deepen his or her research on a French-related topic with a month in Paris. The Writer-in-Residence program was created in 2018 to foster cultural and artistic exchange between prominent writers and the Library community.

During their stay, Writers-in-Residence and Visiting Fellows speak to Library audiences, conduct workshops, consult with Library’s staff about its collections, and engage in the life of the Library community. The Visiting Fellowship and the Writer-in-Residence programs are both generously sponsored by The de Groot Foundation.

The spring 2018 Visiting Fellow was Vanessa Manko, the author of The Invention of Exile. She earned her MFA from Hunter College where she was the recipient of a Hertog Fellowship. Her work has appeared in Granta, the New York Times Magazine, the Barnes & Noble Review, and on NPR’s Selected Shorts. She has taught writing at Wesleyan University, New York University, and SUNY Purchase. While in residence, she worked on a novel called A Question of Illumination, inspired by the life of Loïe Fuller, the late 19th-century modern dancer in Paris.

Visiting Fellow Hala Alyan arrived in the fall of 2018 to work on her novel, The Arsonists’ City, about a family that unravels as its members come together to sell their ancestral home in Beirut. She is the author of several poetry books and the novel Salt Houses. Alyan lives in New York and is also a licensed psychologist.

The inaugural Writer-in-Residence was Viet Thanh Nguyen. He is the Aerol Arnold Chair of English and Professor of English, American Studies and Ethnicity, and Comparative Literature at the University of Southern California. Nguyen’s debut novel The Sympathizer was published in 2015 and won the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, as well as the Center for Fiction First Novel Prize and the Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction from the American Library Association. He is the author of a collection of short stories entitled The Refugees as well as a work of non-fiction Nothing Ever Dies: Vietnam and the Memory of War. In addition to teaching and writing, Nguyen also serves as culture critic-at-large for The Los Angeles Times and is co-director of the Diasporic Vietnamese Artists Network (DVAN) which stages film and literary festivals and events that center around the voices of Vietnamese in the diaspora.

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The spring 2018 Fellow Vanessa Manko

The fall 2018 Fellow Hala Alyan

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The Children’s and Teens’ Services department is one of the Library’s busiest corners, having hosted over 250 programs for ages 0–18 in 2018. The department’s two librarians are supported by a team of volunteers including retired librarians, former teachers, artists, high school students, and English-speakers from around the world. The Library continues to offer its youngest members recommendations, research help, and programs ranging from arts-integrated activities to theater workshops, as well as traditional story times and opportunities to meet authors and illustrators. The year 2018 saw the addition of new programs for babies, yoga for toddlers, more weekend workshops and college preparatory activities for teens, and the beginnings of a reorganization of the collections for children and teens, to prepare for a planned expansion in 2020.

Children’s Programs (for ages 0–12)

Wednesday Story Hour • Thursday Toddler Time • Booklovers Crafternoon • Brain Day with Gifted in France • Bright Ideas and Creative Mistakes • Character Creations • Day at the Beach • Disguised • Costume Swap • Draw & Doodle • Earth Day • Escape from the Library • Exploring Paris Through Books • Fairy Tale Tea Party • Fantastic Fascinating Creatures • Rhyme, Repeat, Remember with Fluency MC • From East to West • Game Day • Halloween Extravaganza • Happy Birthday to the Library • How to Draw a Monster • Inspiring Artists • Kid Lit Madness • Kindness and Caring • LEGO Creations • Mad Middle Ages • Mad Scientists • Magic Class with Eric the Magician • Map Mania • Marielle in Paris with Jeanne B. de Saint Marie and Maxine Rose Schur • Money Matters • Music Exploration • Mythology Madness • Ocean Exploration • Pen Pals Club • Pop-Up Book Making • Read-a-thon • Red White and Blue • Ridiculous Rhymes • A Visit with Rosemary Wells • Scary Stories Writing Workshop • Science Explorers • Silly Poetry Writing Workshop • Spell-O-Rama • Story Mapping • Story Scavenger Hunt • Storytelling with Sylvie Mambo • Summer Reading Kick-Off Party • Summer Reading Finale Party • Thank You Letter Writing • Thanksgiving Thank-O-Rama • The Making of a Bilingual Book with Karen Eisenweig • Upside Down Fairy Tales • Valentine’s Cards • What is Kindness? • Baby Yoga with Munira Ebrahim • Music Together with Stacey Pavesi Debré

Teen Programs (for ages 12–18)

Instant Images • Teen Advisory Group • Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program • Master Shot Film Club • Teens Write Letters to Famous Authors and Ask them to Visit the Library • Inspiring African Americans with Cheryl Bolden • Cookie Decorating with @katmakescookies • Capture the Flag • College Goals Workshop • An Evening with author Kwame Alexander • Poster Making • Writing From the Heart (Crossword Puzzles) with Jane Mobille • Word for Word Workshop with Susan Harloe • The 6th Annual Literary Reaping • Word Wars • Career Day • Young Authors Fiction Festival Celebration • Summer Reading Challenge Kickoff Party • Writing Your Personal Statement • An Afternoon with author Laini Taylor • Summer Reading Challenge Finale • Throwback to the 90s • UK College Admissions • A Conversation with author Clementine Beauvais • Halloween Decorating Party • Zombie Fashion Show • Word Wars • Love in a Box Wrapping Party • Worldbuilding with author Amy Plum •

Workshops for Parents and Guardians

Roni Beth Towers: Exploring Paris with Kids • From Conflict to Collaboration: A Parenting Framework That Brings Out the Best in You and Your Child/Teen with Karen Kraut •